

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 AN UPDATE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of Davidson College Presbyterian Church,

It has been over fifteen months since our May 1, 2022 capital campaign celebration and I cannot thank you enough for continuing to embody the theme of our campaign, Opening Doors. It has been so gratifying to see everyone open wide the doors of our life together in the past year and three months. All along we said that our campaign was about more than money and you showed it, including the grace you have shown to one another as we have worshiped in the Congregation House while the Sanctuary and Chapel are being renovated.

We have reached some important milestones in our campaign, including reaching **\$6,541,000 in pledges and gifts for Opening Doors and its projects**. Thank you! Those gifts and commitments are coming from over 350 households- members, visitors, and friends. Again, thank you!

Many of you know that our original goal was \$5,750,000. In response to the generosity of our members and friends, at its June 2022 meeting the Session voted to increase the amount of money going to affordable housing. Thank you for blessing our neighbors with your generosity!

We continue to work our architect and engineers to determine the final scope of our renovations. Meanwhile all of the Sanctuary and Chapel work are done, except for the windows. That work took place from August 2022 - November 2022. If all goes well with the Town of Davidson's Historical Preservation Commission this month, we will be able to replace the windows in our worship spaces in late winter 2024. Meanwhile we know that the renovation of the main building will take place from April 1, 2024 - August 24, 2024.

On November 20th, 2022 we announced our first mission gift of the campaign, a donation of \$200,000 to [Hope House Foundation](#) so that they can break ground on the Journey House for families transitioning from homeless to self-sufficiency. There were some zoning delays with the Town of Huntersville but ground-breaking has happened and the first family in the Journey House should be moved in by late winter 2024.

On September 10, in worship, we announced the next \$200,000 gift for affordable housing. This gift is for Habitat for Humanity and will help

secure 19 new affordable housing units just north of Davidson, in Mooresville, off of Shearer Road.

We also announced that we have not invested \$541,000 of the eventual \$1,500,000 endowment for our campus ministry position. Interest from those initial deposits will be available in 2024 and help to fund our campus ministry position.

[A little more information about giving, renovation timeline and the Habitat for Humanity project can be found here in the slide deck from our September 10 update in worship.](#)

Again, thank you for your faithful and generous giving. Throughout this campaign your Opening Doors Committee could feel the promise of Ephesians 2 coming to fruition, that we were joined together and growing into a dwelling place for God's Spirit. Thank you for your part in that.

Grace and peace,

Peter Henry

On behalf of the Opening Doors Committee:

Chris Ahearn and David Houle, co-chairs; Ann Browning, Rebecca Chaffin, Jay Harris, Karen Fesperman and Ed Wadsworth

*In Jesus the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.
Ephesians 2: 21-22*