

A Note from Our Pastors

We are "In Greeley For Good." This has been at the heart of our faith community from the time it was founded more than 150 years ago. Over the years, those who have called First Congregational Church "home" have honored the past, lived faithfully in the present, and invested in the future.

While many things have changed over the generations in Greeley, one thing has remained the same: the presence of First Congregational Church as source of God's inclusive and transforming love.

God's calling for our community is as compelling and necessary today as it was 150 years ago. We hope you will consider participating in this exciting opportunity to invest in the future of our faith community. I have faith that together, with God's help, we will ensure that First Congregational Church continues to be "In Greeley For Good."

With Great Hope,
Rev. Ben & Rev. Tamara

Outdoor Space Revitalization

Estimated Cost: \$350,000

***We will apply for local grants to help offset a portion of the cost of these projects.**

- Landscape with native Xeric plants
- Create an amphitheater space in courtyard
- Create a prayer garden and labyrinth area
- Upgrade sprinklers to a water-efficient system
- Create a natural playscape for children
- New signage along 16th Street

Facility Repairs and Upgrades

Estimated Cost: \$675,000

***We are in final negotiations with our insurance company for hail damage to the roof and windows**

- Roof repairs: insurance settlement + \$100,000 additional
- Insulate & weatherproof windows: insurance settlement + \$150,000 additional
- Convert workspace into garage for church van: \$25,000 (a special gift has already been received and designated for this project)
- New HVAC unit serving the west wing of the church: \$50,000
- Smart thermostats throughout building: \$15,000
- Converting to solar power by creating or buying into solar farm: \$300,000
- Security system upgrades so all entrances are protected: \$35,000

Interior Improvements and Upgrades

Estimated Cost: \$647,000

- Refresh sanctuary with new flooring, create wheelchair accessible chancel, and reset existing pews: \$85,000
- Upgrade sanctuary sound system, install new LOOP hearing system, and add to existing livestream system: \$25,000
- Remodel Chadwick Hall: \$118,000
- Remodel west entryway, labyrinth area, office entrance, and hallway leading to narthex: \$145,000
- Remodel narthex: \$34,000
- Remodel & expand bathrooms: \$90,000
- Remodel & secure children and youth spaces: \$50,000
- Remodel Slighter Hall, Hope Room, and Faith Room: \$50,000
- Refinish locker room & gym floors: \$50,000

Goals & Logistics

Please note that the costs of the projects for the capital campaign are still being fine-tuned through estimates and consultation with industry professionals. The first-step goal of the campaign is \$1.5 million. This amount will enable us to complete many of the identified projects. Priority will be given to the projects that ranked highest on the congregational survey. Congregational feedback will continue to be sought as we move towards the construction phase of projects. Completion of all the identified projects will likely be closer to our second-step goal of \$1.8 million. Church leadership, in consultation with the congregation, will determine how to utilize funds that exceed the scope of the current identified projects.

The Dream

The bigger we dream, the more we can do!

From the time First Congregational Church was founded 150 years ago, congregants have invested themselves in its mission of being a community that embodies God's loving presence in Greeley. We stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. As stewards of our resources for future generations, we are being called, once again, to dream of all the ways we can imagine being "In Greeley for Good." We hope to be here well beyond another 150 years, and that we will continue to live into our promise of extravagant welcome to everyone in our community. We are capable of so much more than we could dream of on our own!

Dates to Remember

Sunday, October 17, 2021, 11:30am

Growing as An Inclusive Christian Presence In Northern Colorado and Beyond:

A dream of who we can become

Join us for a mac & cheese potluck, s'mores, and kickoff celebration outdoors

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 11:30am

Nourished on Our Spiritual Journeys:

A celebration of who we are

Learn how we arrived at the decision to undergo a campaign, the list of current project priorities, where God keeps surprising us, and how you can make your gift. Zoom available - a link will be included in an upcoming capital campaign email.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:30pm

Rooted in God's Love:

An exploration of who we've been

During Wednesday Night Live we'll show the renderings for our interior spaces and offer a time for questions and conversation about projects, timeline, etc. Zoom available - a link will be included in an upcoming capital campaign email.

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Rooted in God's Love:

An exploration of who we've been

Trick-or-treat to each of the major areas included in our capital campaign vision, see the renderings in those spaces, ask questions, and spend some time in prayer in each of those spaces, praying "God, what are you calling us to in this space?"

Sunday, November 7, 2021

We Are the Ones:

Commitment Sunday celebration

You're invited to join us for an indoor prize raffle and an outdoor or to-go chili lunch. We will also ask for your prayerful consideration in turning two pledge cards: one for your annual stewardship pledge and the other for your commitment to the capital campaign. This is a time to celebrate all the ways God is working in our community!

*God can do anything,
you know—far more
than you could ever
imagine or guess or
request in your
wildest dreams!
-Ephesians 3:20*

*Questions?
Please reach
out!*

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Honoring the Past

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Living Faithfully In the Present

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Investing In the Future



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