

# The Herald

*First Congregational Church of Tallmadge UCC*

*"Making God the Foundation of Every Day Living"  
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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## **For Sunday Service of March 6, 2011**

*March Special Benevolence: OGHS*

*(One Great Hour of Sharing)*

*Communion Sunday and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion*

**8:30 a.m. Worship Service**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – all ages

9:00 a.m. Confirmation I & II

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10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & younger

The Rev. Dr. John Schluep will be giving the message.

**Ushers** Christie Speicher, Cindie Anderson  
Ken and Diane Caldwell

**Greeters** *Atrium* Karen Jones, Beth Schluep  
*Narthex* Denny and Chris Thompson

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11:00 a.m. Soup Challenge – FH (*Boston Trip Fundraiser*)

1:00 p.m. Stephen Min. Training – D.Bacon Rm.200

1 to 4 p.m. Sr. High Whirlyball Outing

6:00 p.m. WJHM

**Both Vases of Altar Flowers for today are from:**

Bill and Ann Emmitt in memory of Ann's dad, Ernest  
Vineyard. *Thank you.*

**The next HERALD Newsletter :**



The next *Herald* mailing date will be *Tuesday, March 15th, 2011*. The deadline for Lori to receive articles is *Friday, March 11, 2011*. *Thank You!*

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 9, 2011**

**7 PM Worship Service in the Sanctuary, with  
communion and the imposition of ashes.**

**Ushers** John and Jane Huffman

**Greeters** Larry and Brenda Bagnoli



## **4<sup>th</sup> grade Communion**

On Sunday, **March 6**, we will have our 4<sup>th</sup> grade Communion Service. We offer some classes to make sure that all children have the opportunity to discuss and share questions about communion. We have had those 2 Sundays of discussion and questions and this Sunday, we will celebrate with them and their parents. The children that are taking part in 4<sup>th</sup> grade communion are:

Zachary Brown	Zacc Markulis	Parker Ramp
Hannah Carlton	Hannah McConihe	Sam Seeker
Ryan Heerema	Conner Mullins	Alexis Shainoff
Nicholas Joyner	Nathan Mullins	Riley Williams
Delaney Lucas	Madalyn Parry	Hope Young

## **Scholarship Applications**

Applications for the Congregation's Scholarship Program are now available in the church Atrium, or on the church website. Church members of all ages are invited to apply for scholarships toward all forms of higher education. Applications must be submitted by **May 1 at noon**. They will be evaluated on a wide range of criteria, including involvement in the church and wider community.



## PASTOR'S SIDEBAR

*Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.*

I took a weekend off because I needed to. I heard a story about a bow, as in bow and arrow. In the story it was explained that the bow remains effective only when it is unstrung when not in use. Many of us live a hectic and demanding schedule and may feel like a strung bow – tense all the time – and when we begin to be ineffective we need to become “unstrung.” Just something to think about and consider.

March 15<sup>th</sup> I will start a **Lenten Bible Study** using the Gospel of Matthew and a book titled, “The Gospel of Matthew” from a series of books in the “Immersion” curriculum. If you would like to be in this study as a part of your Lenten Journey please register through the office of turn in a **Registration Slip (available in this Herald)** through the offering plate at worship on Sunday. The study will focus on the life and teachings of Jesus and living as followers of Christ in our modern world. The cost for the book is \$7.50 and I will need the registration by March 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday.

There will be two class offerings: Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the same class on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will finish the study on April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. So please make your reservation for the day most convenient for you!

Jesus reminds us that the “Sabbath was made for man (woman)” and “not man (woman) for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27. In my understanding of this teaching by Jesus we are not to become “slaves” to our religion and the keeping of holy days and seasons; but we are to become closer and more aware of God. Sabbath keeping is intended to provide for us time with God. This time can be spent in prayer, in worship, in devotion or meditation. However the Sabbath is spent it ought to be with a sense of awareness of God presence in our life; and our life in God’s creation.

I want to invite and encourage you to keep the Sabbath holy and sacred, and maybe this Lenten season is a perfect time to step back and do something different that creates sensitivity to Spirit. These are the thoughts from my office where I await the next winter storm!

Blessings and Peace,

Dr. J

### Lenten Journey

Lent will begin on *Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>*, with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. We will celebrate Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. This is a very moving, quiet ceremony to facilitate our beginning of this holy season. Another facet this year is our selection of scripture and sermons from March 13 through April 24<sup>th</sup> which will be provided for your reading and reflection each Sunday for the following Sunday. In the bulletin each week we will provide a focus question extrapolated from the preaching text. The following is the schedule:

March 6 <sup>th</sup> for March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 32
March 13 <sup>th</sup> for March 20 <sup>th</sup>	John 3: 1-17
March 20 <sup>th</sup> for March 27 <sup>th</sup>	John 4: 5-42
March 27 <sup>th</sup> for April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John 9: 1-41
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> for April 10 <sup>th</sup>	John 11: 1-45
April 10 <sup>th</sup> for April 17 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Palm Sunday</i> )	John 12:44-13:17
April 17 <sup>th</sup> for April 24 <sup>th</sup> ( <i>Easter Sunday</i> )	John 20:1-18

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship

March 6, 1:00-4:00 PM

Whirly Ball outing. Play the greatest game ever invented for bumper cars! Cost is \$10.

### Youth Mission Tour Meeting

March 13, 11:15 AM

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship

March 13, 7:00-8:30 PM at the church.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lunch Club

March 20, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the church.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

### Fellowship and Youth Ringers -- Wednesdays

6:00-7:00 PM **Middle School Fellowship** in the Youth Room 100

7:00-7:45 PM **Youth Ringers** in the Sanctuary

### *Fellowship Themes:*

March 2 Quidditch

March 9 What is Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday worship service begins at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

March 16 Playground Games

March 23 No Fellowship meeting

March 30 No Fellowship meeting

April 6 Around the World



## Trailmarkers

How do you picture someone you have known for most of your life? How do you picture someone whom you know very, very well?

I recently listened to a talk by the Scottish theologian John Bell, from the Iona community. He described how, in a strange way, the better we know someone, the harder it is to have a clear picture of that person, because we have been together in so many different ways. For instance, a woman who has been married to someone for fifty years might picture him in vacation clothes or work-out clothes, or working around the house clothes. She might see him in a military uniform, or a business suit, or his birthday suit. She remembers him at age 35, or age 55, or age 75; with a beard and without, eating, sleeping, ill, tanned, worried, glad, and a thousand other ways. It is impossible for her to hold a simple description of him in her mind.

Why wouldn't it be the same with God? In the history of human experience, and certainly in the Bible, people have known God in many different ways. And the better we know God, the more complex and surprising we find God to be. John Bell said that he doesn't worry about people who have a lot of questioning and confusion about God, because they have room to grow. Instead, he worries about people who say that they are very sure of who God is and what God wants. Such certainty suggests that they don't know God very well.

God appeared as a wind that swept over the face of the deep in Genesis 1:1, before the creation of light. God appeared as a burning pillar of flame to lead the Hebrews in the wilderness. God appeared as the shaking of the earth when Moses met God at the top of the mountain.

And then, when Elijah went to the mountainside to look for God, Elijah saw wind, and fire, and an earthquake, and expected to see God in each of them (because that's how God had appeared to people in the scriptures of Genesis and Exodus). But this time, God wasn't in the wind, the fire, or the earthquake. God was in the still small voice that came in the silence after. The better we know God, the more we expect to be surprised at how God comes to us.

May God's peace be with you,  
Matt

### Registration Slip for Lenten Bible Study

March 15/16, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Order a book for \$7.50

Please make check payable to **FCC of Tallmadge.**



To Register, please fill out this slip, cut it out, and return it into the collection plate or to Nancy in the office.

## REMINDER!



March 12 – set **CLOCKS AHEAD 1 hour** this night  
March 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

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Narthex

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Jerry, Sharon, Linda in memory of Cathy Feezel.  
*Thank you.*

*and from*

Toni Bowen. *Thank you, Toni.*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soup Challenge



### Confirmation Class Boston Tour Fundraiser March 6, 11:00 AM

Soup is on for lunch. Enjoy a variety of soups and vote for your favorite one (the competition will be friendly, but fierce). Confirmation students will auction their services for yard work, babysitting, and more. Help our young people make the trip to Boston, and enjoy a great event with your church family.

## WNI "Swap 'till You Drop!"

Monday, March 7 6:30 pm

You've heard the adage that *one woman's trash is another woman's treasure*. Here's your chance to "swap" your new or nearly new items for something that you've always wanted without spending a dime. We are asking that you bring up to 5 items to swap. Consider accessories, kitchen items, decorating pieces, books, etc. You will have the chance to shop and sign up for any item that you would like. If more than one person signs up for the same item, it will be the "luck-of-the-draw"! Sign up at the Welcome Center in the Atrium. We will also be collecting for "The Salvation Army, so please bring an extra item for them.

*Any questions, contact Chris Thompson at 330-633-6878.*



## Golfers! It's that Time!!

Time to sign-up for the Golf League!

Play begins Mon., April 4, Brookledge Golf Course, 5 PM

The league runs through August 29<sup>th</sup>. We need at least 16 golfers, both male and female. The sign-up sheet is in the Atrium. Payment is due (*in advance*) no later than March 14.

Contact Tom Letzler with any questions:  
330-697-8884 tletzler@neo.rr.com



~~ SCRAPBOOKING ~~



Mark your calendars! Join *Cherie Wade and Lori Heath* for the next night of *Scrapbooking!*

***Friday night, March 18, 2011 6 p.m. 'till whenever!***  
here at First Congregational Church ~in the Fellowship Hall  
**Call Cherie at 330-630-3448 or Lori at 330-633-3853**  
**if you have any questions!**



## Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction March 12

Wheels4Change Cassie Schumacher's  
RACE Across America June, 2011

For Veterans, their families, and the Community  
At First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

Donation: \$10.00

4:30 Door & Bidding Open \* 5 – 7pm Dinner Served

### Adult Mission Project

Have you ever wanted to be a part of an adult mission tour but not able to take the time off for a week? This is an opportunity for you to be a part of a mission team for a one-day blitz on Sat., April 30. Our church will be working with the local unit of the national nonprofit organization "Rebuilding Together" to repair a house in Summit County. Low-income elderly and disabled homeowners and families with children often have no place to turn when the roof begins to leak or the front steps crumble. "Rebuilding Together's" goal is to preserve these houses and neighborhoods and assure a warm, healthy, safe and dry home for people in need. Unskilled volunteers join with skilled tradespeople, painting, cleaning, landscaping and weatherizing and doing carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. If you are interested in being a part of this mission project, contact Dee West at 330-633-4421 as soon as possible.

**Fund Raiser Church Treasure** If you have an item for donation, or are looking for a specific item to purchase, watch *The Herald* or call Jim/Kathy Harris at 330-630-9627 or e-mail [kharris375@hotmail.com](mailto:kharris375@hotmail.com). There will also be an ongoing list of items available for donation and/or requests in the Atrium.

#### Items available for sale:

Wilbert & Pat Zimmerman have New model #2273 Singer Sewing Machine – never used – asking \$100. Call them at 330-928-0252.

#### Items Wanted:

Kendal Taylor is looking for Quilt tops. Please call her at 330-676-9986 if you can help her!

Wilbert Zimmerman is looking for a regular old typewriter to buy. Call him at 330-928-0252.

Remember --- **To donate or put in your request:**  
Call Kathy / Jim Harris at 330-630-9627  
or email them at [kharris375@hotmail.com](mailto:kharris375@hotmail.com).

**TO LOAN:** Bath Tub Seat, Potty Chair, Walker-2 wheels  
Call Jerry Feezel to inquire about these items 330-633-7465

### **\*\* Starlight Room \*\***

What do tilapia, stuffed portabella mushrooms, chicken Sinatra, and Hope Mitchell have in common? You'll find them all at the Starlight Room on April 9! Reservations will be taken soon – keep your eyes peeled for the table in the Atrium!

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### Yarning for Peace . . .

. . . will meet on Monday, March 14  
At 7:00 p.m. in the David Bacon Room.

### Valor Home Euchre Tournament



Friday, March 25th  
Doors Open 7pm / Cards 8pm  
At Fraternal Order of Eagles #555  
89 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Oh 44319  
\$25.00 per ticket

Contact: MaryAnn @330-388-8443 or 330-703-2585  
**\*\*to Benefit the Valor Home\*\***



### Atrium Coffee Corner

*Overheard: "I love our church. When you come in (to the Atrium) it's like a Comedy Club where everyone is smiling and happy."*

### Church Attendance

#### February 20, 2011

8:30 a.m. Worship	35
10:00 a.m. Worship	278

#### February 27, 2011

8:30 a.m. Worship	30
10:00 a.m. Worship	272



Please Remember in Prayer

- Margaret Bumpas
- Carol Carter
- Rev. Ed Carter
- Joe Cheslock (*friend of Hope Mitchell*)
- Burt Duze (*Peggy Schenley's brother-in-law*)
- Ryan Encinas
- Joan Haby
- Cathy Harper (*aunt of Rev. Matt Wooster*)
- David Huth (*Jane Huth's son*)
- Grace Kish
- Judy Lacey
- Zell Lambert
- Nina Miller
- Ray Mohr
- Jill Newmen (*daughter of Esther Maconachy*)
- Stephen Parker
- M. J. Pickett
- Vicky Rambler
- Gary Rambler
- Janet Scoville
- Ralph Sharpnack
- Margretta Stocker
- Sherri Whittington (*Sandee Markulis' relation*)
- Wheels4Change
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 145<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment (Ohio Nat'l. Guard)

Prayers for a closer walk with God and with each other during Lent.  
*(Father, as in heart and mind, we follow step by step the path that Jesus trod. Help us to see more clearly the full extent of your love. Amen.)*

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**NOTE: The 2011 FLOWER CHART still has “open spots” for Altar Flower sign-ups throughout the year. The chart and sign-up forms are in the hallway next to the church office. Vases are \$22 each. Thank you.**

**As Stephen Ministry Training Continues,  
 Let's Look at the Caregiver's Compass**



*The Caregiver's Compass is a common thread in the training and service of our Stephen Ministers. The symbol in the center of the compass is a Chi-Rho, an ancient symbol for Christ. It reminds Stephen Ministers of the Christ-centered nature of their caring ministry. The four points of the compass guide Stephen Ministers to be compassionate, full of faith, skilled and trustworthy. For the next few months we will be looking at the different parts of the compass.*

**For March let's Look at Serving Full of Faith  
 How can we know our faith is effective?**

*Faith depends in God...total dependence and a willingness to do his will—complete and humble obedience to God's will. Effective Faith is more concerned with its life than its size. Like a tiny seed, a small amount of genuine faith in God will take root and grow—almost invisible at first—although each change will be gradual and imperceptible, soon this faith will have produced major results that will uproot and destroy competing loyalties.*

*We don't need more faith; a tiny seed of faith is enough, if it is alive and growing!!!*

*“So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”  
 (Romans 5:1)*

Scripture References and Comments  
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*continued . . .*

To all our Church Family and Friends,  
Please accept *heartfelt thanks* from the Victor/Hayes family. In October, we mourned the loss of Paula's mother, Wilma Glover. Your prayers and support offered comfort in that hour of sorrow. On February 6, Paula's father, James Glover, passed. Once again, you came together to surround us with love and compassion as we mourned the loss of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Thank you for the cards and words of encouragement during these times. Thanks, also, to Rev. Matt for the words spoken on behalf of Wilma and Dr. John on the words spoken on behalf of Jim. Your words reached the hearts of the family.  
*Chuck and Paula Victor*

Rev. Dr. John Schluep,  
The flowers from the church were *beautiful* and the Service and the meal. Everybody loved it. *Love, Donna Burnside*

Dear Friends,  
I would like to *thank you for the donation* of food to Freedom House on February 13. We receive these gifts to provide service to veterans who are facing a housing crisis. Freedom House is the only shelter in Portage County which provides emergency shelter to homeless veterans. I thank you for recognizing the great need our community has to serve homeless veterans. Your support is needed and appreciated.  
*Gratefully, Ryan Everett, FH Program Coordinator*

Dear Members & Friends of Miller Ave. UCC,  
We look back on 2010 and thank God for the way in which we have been able to minister to the Summit Lake Community. We have been blessed to partner with numerous churches and other organizations, providing a meal every Thursday, lunch the last two Saturdays of each month, and other food distributions on special occasions throughout the year. This equates to thousands of healthy meals for people in this community. We have been able to furnish clothing, Christmas gifts and other necessities to persons in need. None of these blessings would exist if it were not for your gracious and benevolent gifts to the ongoing ministry of this Church. This congregation, this community and God appreciates all that you have done in service and in financial giving to support this Mission Ministry. Your steadfast love and support has made secure this vital ministry. We thank you for your financial support in the amount of \$1,541.25. Again, *thank you* for your consecrated effort to see this ministry succeed.  
*In ministry together, Rev. Tom Gerstenlauer and the Miller Avenue Mission Board.*

Dear Church Members,  
*Thank you* for your prayers and support on my behalf during my recent operation and recovery. The prayer shawl was very much appreciated! Thanks to Dr. John and Rev. Matt for their visits. I am doing well here in Florida and look forward to returning to my church family in April.  
*In Christian Love, Alan Peterson*

Dear Friends of ACCESS:  
*Thank you very much* for your generous support of ACCESS, Inc. On behalf of the entire staff and Board of Directors I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$72.00. Your support is truly appreciated and will directly impact the lives of our residents. In addition to offering a safe, secure emergency shelter for mothers and their children we also provide nutritious meals, on-site health assessments, transportation, children's programming, laundry facilities, one-on-one support counseling and so much more.  
*Warmest regards, Lynn Budnick, Executive Director*

I can't *thank the congregation* of the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge enough for all the prayers, cards, visits, etc. for my wife, Sally, during her lengthy illness, especially Dr. John and Rev. Wooster, David and Jackie Parker (Stephen Ministers) and Barbara Rowles (Hearts in Service) for their calls and visits to Akron General Hospital and our home. Thanks, Dr. John, for the wonderful memorial service and homily. A special thanks to the women's group for the wonderful dinner following the service. Thanks to Larry Bagnoli for planning all the funeral arrangements and lovely flower arrangements. *Lovingly, Fred & son, Steven Mong, & daughter, Sharon O'Neill.*

Dear Friends,  
I wish to thank everyone for the kind words and cards I received upon the tragic death of my nephew, Donald Wayne Kay. The funeral service given by Dr. John was beautiful and moving, thank you Dr. John. To those who provided the food for the dinner after the funeral and the fantastic crew who served us, thank you. What a blessing it is to belong to a caring, loving church family. *God Bless, Karen Sauerbrey.*

# CALENDAR



MARCH 3 -- MARCH 17, 2011



Thurs., March 3	8:00 a.m.	Financial Advisory Ministry – Library
	10:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship – D.Bacon
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg.
	12:00 noon	WF Luncheon - FH
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir & 8:00pm Chancel Ringers
Friday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Grade 3, 4, 5 Lock-In – FH (overnight)
Sat., March 5	9:00 a.m.	Church Introduction ( <i>New Members</i> )Class -Mike Collins – Narthex
	10:00 a.m.	Genesis Class – D.Bacon Rm.200

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	6:00 p.m.	WJHM

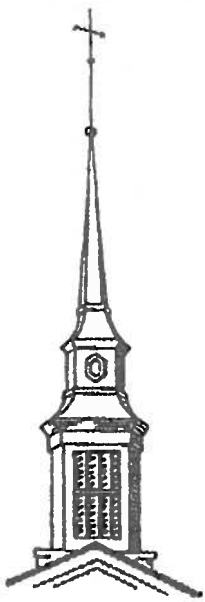
Monday, March 7	6:30 p.m.	WNI Program - FH
	7:30 p.m.	Heritage AA – Rm.100
Tuesday, March 8	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study – Bagnoli home
	12:15 p.m.	Pastor's Lectionary Study
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training – Library
	7:00 p.m.	Board Meetings
	8:15 p.m.	Executive Council – D.Bacon Rm.200
<b>Wed., March 9</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thurs., March 10	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir & 8:00 pm Chancel Ringers

Friday, March 11	-----	
Saturday, March 12	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministers – D.Bacon Rm. 200
	4:30 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

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<i>St.Patrick's Day</i>	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir & 8pm Chancel Ringers





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*United Church of Christ Congregation*

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March 1, 2011

## **"From Building to Excitement"**

When my family and I began to attend First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, we were amazed by the positive attitude towards growth displayed by the church's leadership and its congregation. Not only were there plans to expand our congregation through non-traditional services and classes for "underserved" members and visitors, but also plans to expand the physical church through the addition of an Atrium. We watched in wonder as the project began, with the campaign called "The Excitement Is Building", and by the time we officially joined the church the Atrium was completed, and we were all sharing in the wonderful difference it has made to our use of the facilities. It is truly amazing to enter the Atrium on Sunday morning and see so many relaxing, talking, having refreshments, and congregating. Come to the church on any other day or evening of the week, and you see the same.

The Bridge Committee recently closed out the initial Capital Campaign for the building of the Atrium, and in their letter to the congregation they stated "It is a legacy you approved, supported and built for this generation and those yet to come." As we begin the next phase of the project, we need the congregation to once again show its support to complete the project financially. The theme of our next phase of the Atrium project is "The Building IS Excitement." The project has gone from an exciting time of funding and watching the Atrium take place to now a true excitement from the congregation as they use the facility and spent time inside the beautiful, airy expanse.

Our initial capital campaign is finished and we are grateful for your faithfulness and God's rich blessings. We currently owe just under \$680,000 on the mortgage. During the coming weeks we'll share more information with you, leading up to our Atrium Sunday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, when you'll have the opportunity to make your commitment to "The Building IS Excitement". Until then – keep enjoying the wonderful blessing that the Atrium has become. May God bless and keep you and together we "Make God the Foundation of Everyday Living."

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