



UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE

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"Teamwork makes the dream work" Bang Gae

The following is a brief update on the progress of the New Home Project (NHP). To read news that is more current, check the weekly ACE and the updates in the New Home section of the UUFCO website.

By the beginning of December we anticipate having permits issued to allow Kirby Nagelhout to pour the foundation of the building. If you walk or drive by the land and see activity, you know it has happened and we're progressing as planned.

Through the ongoing research of several diligent volunteers, we are likely to qualify our new home for the platinum level of Earth Advantage certification. This certification is not only about the highest achievement of green standard, but it's also about a building that is healthier and more productive to live and work in, and is financially more beneficial.

The Design Committee, along with other volunteers, has been scouring THA's 75% complete construction drawings, focusing especially on the architectural pages. This was our last chance for minor refinements and for confirming details. So, after nearly two years of considering literally thousands of questions and ideas--from how to make our new home as warm and welcoming as possible, to providing a flexible space for every activity we can imagine, to where candles can go in the sanctuary and to how revolving art exhibits will be hung--our work is beginning to wind down.

In November, we had our last big all-day meeting with the architects to tie up loose ends, such as signage at the driveway and at the front entrance, the design of site walls made from rock off our own property, the huge sliding doors between the gathering and sanctuary, modeling of how sunlight will affect the sanctuary at different times of day on different days of the year, seating in the fireside room and the fireplace itself, and the cuts and finish of the concrete slab floor. It is all getting very real!

In the months ahead, we will be looking at more chairs and other furnishings, planning some custom pieces, and making decisions about colors and fabrics. When Alex first came to Bend, he mentioned that in his experience at other churches, decisions about chairs and colors proved to be the most challenging. It seems we aren't the exception! We will continue that exploration as the spaces of the building develop during construction.

This is an exciting time for UUFCO. You can stay current with the NHP activities in one or all of these ways: 1) the New Home table at Sunday service where you'll see a printout of THA's presentation and the latest drawings, 2) on the public page of the UUFCO website (under the "About Us" tab), 3) in the members' area of the UUFCO website, 4) in All Congregation Emails (ACE) when we have date sensitive information to share and 5) by asking a member of the Steering Committee or subcommittees. (See list on the display board.)

New Home Project Steering Committee: Dale Clark, Design Committee; John Coltman, Finance Committee; Don Hartsough, Capital Campaign Committee; Melissa Hochschild, Communications Advisor; Jerrie Jones, Secretary and Website Update Coordinator; Leslie Koc, Chair; Dave MacGurn, Land & Site Committee; Vernon Threlkeld, Construction & Technical Advisory Committee

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