

## **UUFCO NEW HOME STEERING COMMITTEE**

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"When we build, let us think that we build forever." John Ruskin

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.

We received formal approval of the addition of the Multipurpose room from the City this month. This action will allow construction of the Multipurpose room to begin and to be completed at the same time as the rest of the building.

Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC) did their first concrete pour on December 18! The footings extend from the northeast corner of the Sanctuary (at the edge of the Multipurpose room), around the Sanctuary, including the trombe wall on the south side, and the south Gathering space footing. While KNCC poured concrete, the excavator continued digging footings through our Religious Education area. Their plan is to hopscotch around the building, digging, building forms, and installing rebar. The next concrete pour was scheduled for December 31. They keep both the ground and the concrete covered with insulated blankets, and won't pour if the temperatures fall too low.

December was a month of tying up loose ends for the Design Committee as the architects prepared the final construction drawings, which were submitted to the City on December 13. Construction and Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC) and the Design Committee (DC) continue to review this "Permit Set" to refine them for the contractor who is putting the drawings out to subcontractors for bidding. Topics have included the large sliding doors between the Sanctuary and the Gathering space, the fireplace in the Fireside room, an outdoor fire ring, a bicycle shelter, lighting, and much more. The DC met with THA via GoTo meetings over the internet to look at drawings and details. Chair selection, colors, and other furnishings will wait until spring. A group of parents and teachers will be forming to discuss the design of a future play area. If you're interested in participating or have ideas to share, please contact Martha Lussenhop in January or Grace Kennedy in February.

If all this interests you to know where these areas are, stop by the New Home table to take a look at the some of the drawings.

Your New Home Capital Campaign pledge is appreciated and hard at work already. Thank you for your support of our future!

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.

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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