Celebrating Fellowship Hall's 10th Anniversary!

October 2026

Dear Congregation and Friends of CITP,

Forward in Faith—Celebrating Fellowship Hall's 10th Anniversary is this year's theme as we collectively reflect on the vision and financial support of our 2016 congregation to add a Fellowship Hall for generations to enjoy. The *2016 Pillars of Faith Capital Campaign* raised over $800,000 for construction, for sanctuary mortgage payments, and to pave the gravel parking lot. Blessings to that faithful community, many with us today!

In September, after careful consideration and consultation with its Finance & Administration committee, our Session established a Stewardship Campaign goal of $575,000 for CITP's 2027 operating budget.

This 3.6% increase over the current year's pledges is appropriate based on the historical generosity of our annual membership growth.

Enclosed is a message from Pastor Andrew Taylor-Troutman, pledge card, and return envelope. We ask that, after prayerful consideration, you return your 2027 pledge by Dedication Sunday, November 8, when the Rev. Dr. Bob Dunham will lead us in worship and celebrate our ministries in our community and beyond.

For new members, the vision for a Presbyterian church in northern Chatham County was Bob's when it was obvious that University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, where he was senior pastor, would soon have two full Sunday services with no ability to expand. We are thrilled that Bob, who is now retired, is available for our Dedication Sunday celebration. *Plan to help us welcome him back to Chapel in the Pines*.

Gifts and pledges of all amounts are welcomed. We pray that our participation rate of members will be high this year. 100% participation would be so amazing. May it be so.

We are all in this effort together. ***Forward in Faith!*** Indeed.

Please see reverse side of this letter. Peace be with you and your loved ones.

Stewardship Campaign Committee
Stan Campbell, Jan Herboth, Lynne Hoerter, Deborah Kay Hughes, Sam Jackson, Andrew Taylor-Troutman, Jerry Wehmueller, Lynn White, Tim White

P.S.: Pledges may be paid in 2027 via direct contributions to the church; via IRA qualified charitable distributions; with appreciated securities that are transferred to CITP (do not sell them); from donor-advised charitable funds; and via other means. Please contact Treasurer Tim White for assistance regarding non-cash gifts (treasurer@citppc.org).

2027 OPERATING BUDGET CAMPAIGN

FORWARD in Faith

Historic Timeline of Chapel in the Pines

- **Late 1990s:** vision of University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill to organize a new congregation in north Chatham County
- **2002:** new church development approved by Salem Presbytery
- **2005:** began meeting for study and worship at Sunday vespers services, including outdoors at Jordan Lake Educational State Forest
- **2006:** The Rev. Mindy Douglas Adams hired as Organizing Pastor
- **2006:** morning worship services began at Dockside seafood restaurant in north Chatham County
- **2007:** worship moved to larger space at North Chatham School
- **2008:** church chartered by Salem Presbytery and received its 100th member
- **2009:** twelve acres of land purchased on Great Ridge Parkway
- **2011:** construction of sanctuary and classroom/office after successful capital campaign
- **2011:** first worship service held in the new building on December 11
- **2016:** Mindy Douglas accepts a call to serve First Presbyterian Church of Durham; The Rev. Lynn Stall named interim pastor
- **2016:** ground-breaking for Fellowship Hall after successful capital campaign
- **2017:** Fellowship Hall completed
- **2018:** The Rev. Andrew Taylor-Troutman welcomed as new pastor
- **2020:** first online worship services in response to COVID-19 pandemic
- **2023:** successful POMS (Program for Outdoor Ministry Spaces) campaign to improve the playground, build a garden gazebo for special occasions, and construct an outdoor pavilion for services of all types
- **2025:** celebration of 20 years of worship
- **2026: celebration of Fellowship Hall's groundbreaking a decade ago**

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