

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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Each of us has been blessed in so many ways by Unity Palo Alto. This Sunday, our church gathers in our annual meeting to give thanks for past blessings and to anticipate future blessings.

We hope you will join us!

The annual meeting will take place after the Sunday service. We will discuss issues relevant to our church... and we'll kick off our capital campaign.

We hope you will join us!

The campaign is not just a fund raising activity, although certainly we hope to obtain pledges to take care of needed improvements. It's primarily a spiritual activity, a response in gratitude for the blessings we have received from God and from our church community. This Sunday, we celebrate those blessings and look forward to those yet to come.

We hope you will join us!

One reason the capital campaign is a spiritual activity is because it involves the entire community. Each person is invited to participate. Each person will be invited to attend an event in March and April to learn more about the campaign. Each person will be invited to make a pledge in support of the campaign. And each person will be invited to join one of six volunteer Teams that will be the backbone of the

campaign. This Sunday, you will have an opportunity to learn about these Teams... and decide if one of them sounds just right for you.

We hope you will join us!

Abundant blessings. When we think about Unity Palo Alto, most of us think about abundant blessings. This Sunday, our church family celebrates these blessings.

We hope you will join us!

Thank you,

**Lynette Ross
and Casey Wicker**
Campaign Co-Chairs

DO ONE OF THESE TEAMS SOUND JUST RIGHT FOR YOU?

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team's task is to focus the campaign on prayer so that pledges to the campaign are made out of a Prayer and Discernment process. The Prayer Team plans activities to encourage members to pray throughout the campaign, both individually and as a community.

Events Team

The Events are church-wide informational meetings with opportunities for Q&A's. Each event will include a brief presentation about the campaign projects. This is an important time to ask questions, get answers and voice concerns.

Thanks Team

This team develops and executes a process to thank each person and family who makes a pledge or gift to the campaign.

Youth / Children's Team

This team is made up of adults and youth and assists the church and the other campaign teams with the inclusion of children and youth in the process of the capital campaign.

Ambassadors Team

The Ambassadors Team contacts each church household prior to Commitment Sunday to ensure they received all campaign materials, as well as answer any questions they may have.

Communications Team

The Communications Team develops and executes a process to communicate the campaign to the church. This could include signage, posters, banners, and the like to generate excitement among members.



I've attended Unity Palo Alto since 2010. I served on the board for three years, and have been involved in various volunteer opportunities over the past 6 years. There is a deep gratitude in serving my spiritual community, a community that has

enriched my life in so many ways. From the lessons and principles that guide me to the friendships and laughter that carry me, I am truly blessed and giving back is a sacred THANK YOU! I hope that this Capital Campaign lights a spark in others to acknowledge the amazing community we have in the way of our facilities and people; to unite us in caring for what we have. And, that as a community we move forward knowing we hold a vibrant space for all those yet to walk on our campus and continue to create the total awesomeness...the Divine Awesomeness that is Unity Palo Alto.

Blessings,
Casey



I've been attending Unity Palo Alto for over 15 years. I've enjoyed serving on the board for two 3 year terms and am excited to continue serving with my spiritual family by co-chairing the Capital Campaign with Casey Wicker. We are looking forward to a

super successful campaign this year which will allow us to replace and update aging infrastructure that help make Unity Palo Alto a world class spiritual center. I was involved in the last campaign we had several years ago and loved getting to know my co-volunteers. I look forward to creating new lasting connections with our volunteer team members as we go through the steps leading to a successful campaign.

Best regards,
Lynette

Why a Capital Campaign?

Our campus is justifiably considered an inviting facility of welcome and prayer... a building that uplifts and encourages... a place of peace and joy. Built in 1992, it has served us well, and will continue to do so if well maintained.

To manage that, ministry leadership regularly updates the Major Projects list. This collection of needed improvements, fixes and face-lifts includes roof repairs, bathroom remodeling, landscape upgrades, office equipment replacement, new carpet and much more. The costs total more than \$600,000.

Like most other churches, Unity Palo Alto relies on capital campaigns for major (and a lot of minor) improvements, including debt reduction which was addressed by the 2009 capital campaign. As a result, Unity Palo Alto is in the very enviable position of being debt-free and well able to raise the funds needed to maintain its facility.

During the course of this capital campaign (Commitment Sunday is April 24th), the projects to be addressed will be presented, discussed, reviewed. The campaign Steering Committee and Management

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Team will offer a preliminary priority list. At a number of campaign Events, attendees will have plenty of opportunity to offer suggestions, ask questions, present alternative ideas. We feel strongly that a successful capital campaign requires the involvement, prayer and combined wisdom of the entire congregation.

We invite you to join us in this capital campaign. You can take part by pledging (of course!) on April 24th. You can take part by joining one of the six Teams. You can join us by participating in the annual meeting and campaign kick off on Feb 21st. You can join us in prayer and affirmation for the success of this campaign. In whatever way you join us, thank you!