

## **CUMC Sanctuary and Your 2005 Building Fund Pledge**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last year we have moved forward toward building a sanctuary at CUMC through a process which has provided better definition of where we are going and what it will take to get us there. This letter is intended to let you know what you can do to help us make good decisions in the coming weeks.

We believe that God is calling us to this project to help spread the Good News to the Frederick community and through our missionaries around the world. This sanctuary should have a lasting impact on our community in this generation and the next.

Steps we have taken so far include:

1. Conducting a capital fund raising campaign to expand our Building Fund. It stands at about \$560,000 today thanks to your efforts.
2. Hiring an architect and working with a construction company to develop a preliminary design and site plan. Drawings have been on display for the last month.
3. Submitting the plan for review by the county. Their review should be completed in the near future.
4. Developing an estimate of the cost of the facility. The estimate is for \$1.2 million if we build now.
5. Reviewing our ability to finance the difference between the sanctuary cost and our current Building Fund balance without impacting existing programs.
6. Holding a series of meetings with the congregation to review where we are in preparation for making a congregation-wide decision to proceed or not.
7. Scheduling a meeting with the UMC Conference to obtain their consent to the design
8. Planning for a congregational meeting to make a decision.

We are fast approaching this decision point. However, in reviewing our financial ability to pursue the construction, it is clear that we do not now have the resources in-hand to move forward. We are close and need to know how much you are willing and able to contribute in 2005 – 2007 to the Building Fund. Our goal is to receive in pledges an amount equivalent to the average annual amount received in 2001-2003.

Please help us to make a spiritually wise and financially sound decision by filling in the enclosed Pledge Card and drop it in the offering plate or church office by March 6th. Our intention is to contact everyone we do not hear from to make sure nobody misses the opportunity to contribute so please help us by responding.

Building the family of Christ,

Ray Barnes, Bill House & Dave Jarvis,

