

## *Marsh Building Project Summary*

### **Chapter 1 – Brief History**

- Built in the 1950s.
- Wind began worshiping in Keith Jones Hall (KJH) in Nov. 2001.
- Updates to the kitchen, bathrooms, and resizing of rooms were the only improvements until now.
- Current project started in 2004 with a gift of \$10,000 for curtains.
- Church Board authorized expanding the project to include the entire building.
- Early focus was on KJH as the permanent home for Wind.
- There was a growing concern regarding moisture in the basement causing mold in walls, stairwells, carpets and rotting wood in windows and frames.
- The basement became uninhabitable and could only be used for storage.
- One-third of the building space was being wasted.
- A preliminary design was created, utilizing input from focus groups and the church staff.
- This design still focused on KJH being the home for Wind.
- In 2008 the stock market crashed and the project was suspended for 18 months.
- During this time Wind began to grow, and it became apparent that it would outgrow KJH.

### **Chapter 2 – Dark Days**

- Fire code limits the number of people that can occupy KJH.
- When the project resumed, the design was revisited based on the premise that Wind would outgrow KJH.
- Still many problems existed, both with indoor air quality due to mold and mildew, and code issues that were not in compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act regulations

### **Chapter 3 – The Task**

- To cure the mold problem, we had to stop the water from coming into the basement. This has been done.
- Now the basement needs to be equipped with a sprinkler system, full heating, A/C, and fresh air introduction, just like the upper two floors.
- All windows need to be replaced with energy-efficient windows.
- Considerable work is needed to the outside to address brick and mortar issues.
- Code and fire regulation issues need to be addressed.

### **Chapter 4 – The Value**

- KJH will have greater utility.
- Choir Room will be upgraded.
- Chapel will be more useful.
- The entire building will have a habitable environment.
- More habitable rooms means room for growth.
- Building will be fully compliant with ADA code and fire regulations.
- This 1950s building, which at one time was an asset but over the years has become a liability, will be restored and improved to once again be an asset that will enable First Church to better serve the congregation and the community in which we live.
- In March, 2015 the congregation overwhelmingly voted to approve this project.