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Dear Members and Friends:

We have just launched the 100th year of ministry in our building. The book of Ezra tells the story of the building of the temple in Jerusalem where we read, "And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid." (Ezra 3:11) In uncovering our cornerstone, we are reminded that this church was built on our common faith in the Word revealed to us in Christ. The foundation of our church is not brick and mortar, but that Word written on our hearts as proclaimed by the prophet Jeremiah: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Jer. 31:33) We are not only a community with that Word on our hearts, but a church in the HEART of our community.

In 2007, the congregation went through a visioning process that re-confirmed our 1991 decision to stay in our historic downtown location. Again we considered the cost factors of staying in our aging, downtown building, and after much deliberation and prayer decided our downtown location best serves our mission of helping those in need. The value of history and heritage of our current building is irreplaceable. Therefore, we chose to remain here – in the heart of Eugene.

Now we are at another crossroad. EWEB is closing its steam plant, and soon we will no longer have steam available to heat our current building. We established a Steam Transition Team to determine how we might proceed. Arbor South Architecture prepared a sustainability study – what could be done to make our energy use most efficient and ensure that whatever we do lasts as long as possible. Based on Arbor South's report, we are adding more insulation. We determined that more efficient windows and solar energy options were not currently cost effective but may be future projects.

After further deliberation, we selected Comfort Flow Heating to design and propose a system for us. You will find the details of that system on the attached pages. *The total cost of the project and the amount to be raised is \$450,000.*

The Capital Campaign Committee has determined that we need to raise the \$450,000 through a three-year Capital Campaign named the *Warming Hearts Campaign*. Pledges from the Capital Campaign Committee members and early pledges have resulted in over \$200,000 at this time! We are now seeking YOUR support for the remaining balance. We invite you to show your ongoing support for our ministries by making a three-year pledge to the Warming Hearts Campaign. Look for your pledge card in the mail or pick one up in the church office and help warm hearts here at First Christian!

Sincerely,

Your Capital Campaign Committee

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