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There is a historical path that has brought us to this time and place in the life of Centenary United Methodist Church.

As a church of believers Centenary has been unwavering in seeking God's guidance and direction. Most recently we answered God's call to move our ministry to the Perryville Road campus. And, again, seeking God's Will we have elected to move forward with building a new Sanctuary and educational wing on this site.

It has been stated numerous times, throughout this whole process that in everything we have attempted to be open and transparent – keeping folks informed as well as taking into consideration the ideas, thoughts, concerns, and suggestions that have been presented. That openness continues as we move forward.

What is our next step?

Our next step is to determine how much money we have – what our budget can be – to undertake such a project as building a new sanctuary and educational space for our church.

We will conduct a Capital Campaign to see how much money we can raise for this project.

We have in place a consulting firm (Generis) and Dr. Tom Melzoni – their consultant assigned to us – to guide us and direct us through this process.

We have begun to organize teams and start the process of leadership training to structure and carry out a Capital Campaign for our church.

Grace Springs Forward is our theme around which we will focus our efforts to engage every aspect of our church and church family and keep everyone informed.

The Campaign will begin to pick up steam and momentum in March and will run through April with a close out and culmination of the campaign on May 16th.

Throughout this process there will be events, gatherings, training, Bible study and meetings to keep everyone involved and up to date – growing our church in what God would have us to do.

This is a wonderful and exciting time for our church – we are not just building a building – we have the opportunity to build a Sanctuary – where people for generations will encounter God!

It is a tremendous task – but we have been in prayer to God for His guidance and He has brought us to this time and place.

We have not been brought to this point in our lives and the life of our church by coincidence or chance – in Esther 4:14 Esther wonders, fearing for her life, if she is the person to go before the king to plead for him to spare the Jews. Mordecai says to her, “who but God knows that you were brought here for such a time as this”? Ester responds, “I will go unto the king..... and if I perish, I perish”.

We cannot shrink from this opportunity that is before us – we are here because we are servants of God and God wants each one of us right here, right now “for such a time as this”!

In II Timothy: God has not given us a spirit of meekness, but of power and of might. We are to boldly pursue the Will of God with power and might because He has told us throughout the Bible that “He will never leave us nor forsake us”.

We have prayed “Thy will be done”, careful in our hearts to not say “my will be done”. We are earnestly seeking to do what God would have us to do for the future of Centenary United Methodist Church and the ministry of this church in our community and surrounding areas.

We will be working throughout this whole process of the Capital Campaign on “faith raising” as much or more so than fund raising to see where God leads us and what He would have us as His Church to do.

Continue to be in prayer, earnestly asking God what He would have us to do and to show us how we can do it. Join in when asked to participate. And, just watch the great and mighty things that God will do through His people. Our praise will be “To God be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done”!

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