



AN OPEN LETTER TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF
HENNING MEMORIAL UMC
FROM MARK McMURRY AND MATT VINCENT,
CO-CHAIRS OF THE MIRACLE OFFERING FOR
THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER
RENOVATION PROJECT

As a result of the efforts of the Family Life Center Task Force that was charged with the responsibility of developing the plans for the Phase III improvements to the facility, the Finance Committee chaired by Paul Warner recommended that a special fund-raising effort be initiated to assist in the financing of the needed renovations. The committee specifically recommended that a "Miracle Offering" program be undertaken to encourage giving by the congregation beyond the regular, annual stewardship giving. Accordingly, we have been asked to co-chair the awareness effort for this Miracle Offering throughout the latter part of April and the month of May.

As many of you are aware, this building has turned 30 years old this year, and but for the renovations made last year to accommodate the new Branch worship service, it has had very little in the way of major upgrades to other parts of the facility that are necessary to adequately serve the many other church and community outreach programs that HMUMC continues to offer. The Task Force, chaired by Mike Granger, has spent the better part of the last year studying and prioritizing the needs of the building. The Church Council, as evidenced by its approval of the Task Force's recommendations, felt it was time to address these much needed improvements.

This Miracle Offering type of fund-raising effort is new to Henning Memorial, but has been utilized in many churches for such special capital related projects similar to our Family Life Center renovations. Sunday, May 31st has been selected as "Miracle Sunday," on which one-time contributions by the congregation will be collected at each of the various worship services. Special Miracle Offering envelopes are enclosed for use on Miracle Sunday or earlier so that these gifts can be made specifically toward the renovation program. This program does not call for any long-range pledge commitments of the congregation as is traditionally the case in many capital campaigns.

On Sunday's prior to Miracle Sunday, various members of the church will make brief presentations at each of the worship services highlighting the Task Force's plans for the renovations and the importance of these improvements to the facility's continued usage and viability in the life of the church and the community. Drawings showing the planned improvements are on display in the Gallery as well as the foyer of the Family Life Center. They are also available for viewing on the church's website, www.henningmemorialumc.org.

If you have questions concerning the planned improvements you can contact any of the following members of the FLC Task Force: Dena Darby, Debbie Abel, Karen Shull, Mike Granger, Rocky Keeley, Dee Vincent, Larry Joiner, Harold Yarbrough, Terry Collins, Brad McFarlain, Rev. Rachel McConnell-Switzer or Rev. Doug Cain.

If you have questions concerning the Miracle Offering you can contact either of us or Paul Warner, Chair of the Finance Committee.