



Build. Gather. Grow.

Capital Campaign News
First Congregational Church of Berkeley
Berkeley, CA

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Upcoming Campaign Events

Launch Parties
March 2—March 25

**Gathering in the Spirit
Event**
March 30

**Learning Hour:
Rev. Dr. Sheryl
Johnson**
Sunday, April 23

**Advance
Commitments
Event**
Thursday, April 27

All-Church Gala
SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, May 10

Commitment Sunday
Sunday, May 14

Celebration Sunday
Sunday, June 4

Our Campaign Begins!

In our worship service on Sunday, January 22nd, we officially began our Capital Campaign entitled **Build. Gather. Grow.** Over the coming months, we will journey together through our campaign in participation and giving.



Build. Gather. Grow will raise the additional funds necessary for us to rebuild our primary program facility which will house church offices, a large assembly area opening onto an outdoor worship and gathering space, a kitchen, classrooms/youth/meeting space—all light, bright, energy-efficient, and fully accessible. Imagine the incredible ways having this renewed space will serve the needs of our community!

But this campaign is about more than just finances—it’s an opportunity for us to grow into the heart and the love of God as we honor and celebrate the legacy that’s been given us, provide a stronger church home for all, and seek to serve in our community and our world.

What an exciting time to be a part of the FCCB family!



Why is this campaign so important?

Throughout the history of FCCB, our church has discerned and followed God's dream to be a place of welcome for all. This campaign honors the commitment of all who have provided for our church over the generations, and ensures a bright future for our congregation, our community, and our programs for years to come.

This is our opportunity to build a beautiful space for us

to gather, celebrate, worship, study and serve. And it's a space available to everyone in our community so that we can follow God's dream for us, and imagine the new ways in which we can extend the reach of God's love.

We have the privilege and opportunity to further the legacy of FCCB, celebrate the abundance God places in our lives, and carry forward God's vision for us.



Dates and Times

March 2, 7:30 pm

March 4, 10 am

March 4, 7 pm (Zoom)

March 9, 7 pm

March 11, 4 pm

March 11, 7 pm

March 12, 11:30 am

March 17, 7 pm

March 21, 7 pm

March 25, 10 am (Zoom)

Sign up online via Realm, on Sundays at church, or contact Julie Greer.

Launch Parties Provide Information and Inspiration

As part of our **Build. Gather. Grow** campaign, a series of small group meetings are being hosted that will give you the opportunity to hear about the plans and purposes of our Capital Campaign. These gatherings will be held throughout March at a variety of times and locations (*see list, left*).

These meetings will be a chance to get to know one another better, and hear the latest information about our rebuilding process with time for questions and dialogue.

No financial commitments will be asked for at these gatherings

PLEASE RSVP by . . .

Signing up at church on Sundays, *or*

Registering online through Realm, or the church website at www.firstchurchberkeley/capitalcampaign (which will then link you to Realm), *or*

Calling or emailing with your preferred date/time and the number of guests to Julie Greer (Julie.greer@me.com, 415-939-5857 cell)

Called to Serve

An incredible team of leaders is committing energy, time, and talent to our **Build. Gather. Grow** Campaign. This team began working together several weeks ago and was installed at our worship service on Sunday, January 22. We are so appreciative of their efforts!

Sara Woods – Campaign Chair

Coordinates the Campaign Team and keeps the congregation involved and informed throughout the appeal.

Nick Kukulian and Becky Smith – Advance Commitments Co-Directors

Encourage early motivational commitments to the campaign.

Lorenzo Llanillo – Audio-Visual Director

Creates an inspirational video for the campaign.

Kara Korbel-Chinula and Rod MacKenzie – Gala and Hospitality Co-Directors

Organize an inspiring All-Church Celebration and manage reservations to this special event.

Jennifer Nixon – Promotion Director

Responsible for all printed communications with the congregation in regard to the important events and activities related to the campaign.

Julie Greer – Launch Parties Director

Organizes a series of small-group informational meetings for congregational members.

Nathan Hood and Hannah Turner – Children & Youth Co-Directors

Involve the children and youth in our church through stewardship lessons and activities.

Hanni Hanson and Craig Pratt – Commitment Follow-Up Co-Directors

Coordinate a follow-up effort with those not able to be present at the Commitment Worship service.

Nicole Naffaa and Derek Tam – Prayer Event Co-Directors

Invite our members to a time of prayer, music, and more in a dedicated prayerful event.

Louise Halsey – Resource Director

Oversees the dissemination of all campaign communications.

Molly Baskette and Kelly Colwell – Pastors

Provides ongoing guidance and support throughout our campaign.

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Save the Date!

All-Church Celebration Gala Event

Please be planning now for a great celebration with the FCCB family! We'll gather at the Brazilian Room at Tilden Park!

As one of the culminating events in our ***Build. Gather. Grow*** campaign, a Celebration Gala is being planned for Wednesday, May 10. This event will bring us together for a spirit-filled time of food, fun, and inspiration. Delicious food and a wonderful program are planned.

Be looking for more information and your invitation to the "Party of the Year" in the coming weeks.

SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!

