

## UPGRADES

“We are starting the new year waiting to see what the Lord has planned for us”. This was the last sentence of the 2016 Facility & Grounds report presented at the January 2017 Annual Meeting. It turned out that we didn’t have to wait long... at all. Only three weeks into the New Year, we learned about a broken water heater in the Hope Now building (the same building where our “Corner” Sunday school room is located). Unfortunately, the leak wasn’t discovered for a couple of days and a big portion of the building flooded. Thankful for good insurance, a resourceful Hope Now Ministry, and patient congregants, we soon replaced all damaged furniture and remodel the affected rooms.

In the spring, we started replacing many of our door locks with new handle locks. This upgrade was needed to increase security and to appease the fire marshal's requirements. Oscar and Freddie were able to fit this task into their already busy custodial schedule. Later in the year they also helped paint several of our upstairs elementary classrooms. In addition, we moved some shorter pews into the sanctuary to make additional room for handicap-accessible seating.

Our Fellowship hall was updated with new LED lighting as well as a new sound system. While the equipment is a big change from what we used to have, the variation of lighting and sound levels are seemingly endless. This provides several new opportunities for usage of the room.

Going into 2018 we will continue to look for opportunities to update and improve our campus. It will be exciting “to see what the Lord has planned for us”.

**Torsten Grunberg**

*Director of Facilities & Finance*



# How Are We Doing Financially?

The finance team consists of DJ Brown, Touraji Etezadi, Torsten Grunberg, Diane Vaccaro and Allan Knepper. Our role is to review the budget expenditures, cash on hand, and report to Session. We participate in the budget process by aggregating the ministries' budgets to present to the budget committee (1 member of each ministry and pastors). We then estimate the upcoming year's giving by comparing the current giving trend to previous years' trends. No individual's data is seen or used. FPC has accumulated a large cash on hand position over the last several years and to address it we came up with some policies and procedures to help Session clearly state the surplus and encourage ways to put the funds to "Kingdom Use" as you will see in the 2018 budget presentation. Giving for 2017 is off only slightly from 2016 which is actually good since attendance dropped by about 2%. All revenues were about 1% short of covering the actual 2017 expenses.

We made some inquiries to a couple of other churches, one smaller non-Presbyterian and one slighter larger Presbyterian with similar demographics, and found our per-congregant giving is less than theirs in both cases. So as session increases the budget for 2018 we have a reasonable expectation that there is room for our congregants to increase their giving to meet the expenses session has approved for FPC's 2018 mission.

As an aside note, in an effort to increase congregational participation and giving, in the finance ministry successfully raised and consumed over 25,000 calories by asking congregants to fix dessert for us. A big shout out goes to Debbie Fletcher, Sarah Lloyd, DJ Sterling, Monica Rodriguez, Rebecca Price, and Barbara Knepper. Thank you for your continuing support of FPC; for 2018 we are asking you to continue and maybe even increase your generosity to FPC as God leads you. Also, we are still willing to have you participate in our Finance team ministry (read: make us some desserts).



**Allan Knepper**  
Finance Elder

MINISTRY	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL SPENDING	2018 BUDGET
Adminstration	67,430	76,599	72,254
Christian Education	33,550	35,050	59,925
Community Growth	12,850	13,496	75,121
Deacons	3,600	1,377	5,180
Facilities & Grounds	143,816	141,584	161,500
Mission	139,000	138,335	158,250
Outreach	10,500	7,526	14,785
Personnel	922,424	922,708	950,099
Worship	19,330	20,315	23,830
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,352,500</b>	<b>1,356,990</b>	<b>1,520,944</b>
<b>2017 GIVING AND OTHER INCOME: 1,344,978</b>			