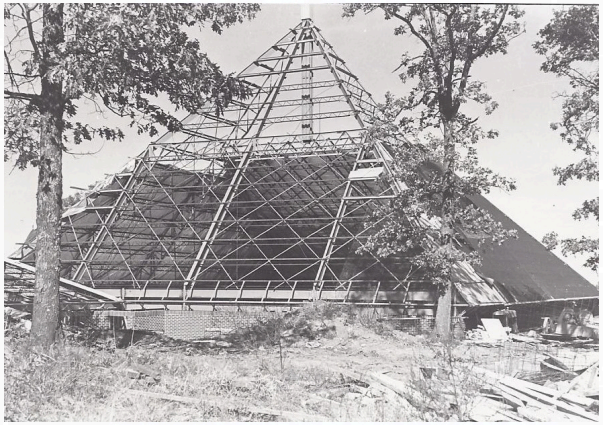
Honoring the Past



Sanctuary under construction in the late 1960s

For generations, the people of First United Presbyterian Church have shared their faith and resources to build a caring community. In 1970, the sanctuary was completed on Presbyterian Hill—a lasting example of their vision and generosity.

As *A Light on the Hill* reminds us, our history is filled with people who trusted God to lead them in new directions. Their faithfulness continues to shape our life together.



Four contributors to *A Light on the Hill* share stories from our church's history.

Turning the Page



Fellowship time on Kick-off Sunday

Since 2024, our congregation has been in a season of transition. Yet even as we waited, our ministries continued to flourish. Our growing youth ministry is one example of the relationships being nurtured within our church.

We've also refreshed our facilities, restored the fountain, and relocated the nursery. Through it all, we've continued to care for one another and prepare for the future.



Our youth offer the benediction after planning and leading worship on Youth Sunday.

Perceiving Something New



Rev. Jessie Light-Wells, our newly called pastor, will preach for the first time at FUPC on November 15.

In Isaiah 43, God declares, "I am about to do a new thing." After more than two years of transition, our congregation has called a new pastor, and a new chapter is beginning.

Our pledges for 2027 continue a legacy of generosity, supporting the ministries and relationships that make FUPC a caring community. Our Challenge Budget reflects our hopes for the coming year and the resources needed to support them. Together, we trust God to guide us into the future.

Learn more about Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

Grateful for what has come before. **Faithful in the present.** **Hopeful for what God is doing next.**

Meet our 2027 Campaign Chairs



We are grateful to David and Gayl Clay for chairing our 2027 Stewardship Campaign. Both lifelong Presbyterians, they met at FUPC after each had lost a spouse. Trusting that God was doing something new in their lives, they married at FUPC in 2023.

Their experience of beginning a new chapter together reflects this season of change and hope in our church's life.

To read their letters, explore campaign materials, and learn more about stewardship at FUPC, scan the QR code below.

Stewardship Q&A Session

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
AFTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Do you have questions about the budget, church finances or pledging? We hope you will attend our Stewardship Q&A Session. The session will begin with a presentation of the 2027 Challenge Budget and then there will be time for discussion and questions.

Hate Writing Checks?

Make fulfilling your pledge easier with automatic bank withdrawals! No checks to write, no payments to remember, and no fees. It's a convenient and secure way to give while providing the church with dependable income throughout the year.

Simply check the box on your pledge card, and our Financial Administrator, Stacey Luebker, will contact you to get started.

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Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:18–19a