



OVER & ABOVE

Dear FRC Family,

I am excited about what God is doing in our midst. There is a stirring in the souls of the people who attend FRC. A stirring to do more. A stirring that the Lord is beginning a new chapter in the life of Oak Harbor and using FRC in writing it!

Over the years, the Lord has been good to FRC and generous in using us to minister to the needs of Oak Harbor. Many have come to know the grace of Jesus Christ through 114 years of ministry at FRC. We have been blessed greatly by God and have been a blessing to the community of Oak Harbor.

It is my privilege to call you into considering how the Lord may be calling us as a family to continue this great legacy of ministry through **a special [Over & Above](#) offering for December and January.**

As you know, Wezeman Hall has been greatly used by our church family and the city over the years as a gathering place where the fellowship of the Holy Spirit draws people together. This special **[Over & Above](#)** campaign will raise funds to complete the needed replacement of the roof on Wezeman Hall so that this facility will be able to be used, like it has been, for many years to come.

As we consider some of the aging parts of our building and consider the growth and needs of the city of Oak Harbor, our Strategic Plan has called for us to renovate parts of the church building that were originally built in 1962. FRC's Facilities Concept Team has been meeting and has some inspiring ideas! They are at the stage now where they need to employ an architect to do some conceptual drawings and building plans. The **[Over & Above](#)** campaign will allow this process to continue by paying for a 3-day workshop with an architect and builders to move this project forward.

These are exciting times at FRC! We do not stand apart from the community of Oak Harbor, but are a vital part of it. The Lord is using us and our facilities to invite those from the city into a relationship with the risen Lord! I hope you will prayerfully consider giving to this special campaign *over and above* your regular giving. Allow God to stretch your faith!

Please see the enclosed documents which tell more about this opportunity to give sacrificially and do not forget our other special Christmastime giving opportunities: the RCA gift catalog and our Christmas Eve offering for Children of the Promise in Haiti.

Peace to you,
Pastor Matt

“Over & Above” . . . FRC’s Special Offering

December 2016 through January 2017

Goal: \$45,000

Overview

Over & Above: A Call to Sacrificial Giving with Two Ministry Initiatives

- 1) Replace the roof on Wezeman Hall for continued community outreach and fellowship ministries.
- 2) Employing an architect/build team to offer concept plans to update the parts of our building that remain in original 1962 shape.

The Purposes of This Offering

Replace the Roof on Wezeman Hall

The latest insurance assessments on our facility have revealed the roof “over and above” Wezeman Hall to be dangerously deficient through normal wear. Wezeman Hall has served our ministry in many important ways: The Fellowship of Believers in FRC, serving meals to the needy, hosting weddings and receptions, hosting worship services (mostly for the Korean Presbyterian Church), hosting concerts, hosting men’s and women’s events, Mother’s Day Out activity room, and more! The Lord has blessed countless people in the use of Wezeman Hall. We want to keep this part of our facility in good condition.

Employing an Architect/Build Team to Offer Concept Plans

Through the Vitality Process, consistory believes the Holy Spirit led us to the Strategic Plan that was presented to the congregation in September. A key part of this Strategic Plan is updating the parts of our facility that are 54 years old (focusing on contemporary children’s education spaces). FRC’s Facilities Concept Team has met several times to propose some plans, including creating some preliminary drawings. It is now time to employ a professional architect to map out and draw up the concepts being proposed so that we can properly discuss these plans as a congregational family.

“Over and Above” Frequently Asked Questions

Why a Special Offering?

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people of His church, He calls us to give sacrificially of our time, talent, and money. This special offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and to prepare us for what God is doing through our church to Transform Oak Harbor in 2017 and beyond! This offering is not because we are behind our budget. Quite the contrary. The Lord has blessed FRC and our worshipping family's finances generously. This offering is to position us to make a greater impact in our city, in our church and around the world for many years to come.

What's the Difference between Regular Giving and “Over and Above” Giving?

Regular giving is the proportional amount (10% of income) that we are called to set apart to support FRC's campus, staff, and ministry expenses. 10% of income (tithe) is the Old Testament baseline for returning to God what He has so generously given to us. As more of the gospel is revealed to us in the New Testament, the 10% expectation falls away. But it is not lessened--as we receive ever more grace from God through the Gospel, we should be ever MORE eager to return gifts to Him! Therefore this special offering should be *over and above* what we regularly give.

How Much Should I Give?

The goal of \$45,000 was designed to involve EVERYONE who is considered part of the FRC family. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Some in our church can give a gift of \$5,000 or \$10,000 or even more. Others may give \$100 to \$500. Perhaps you will choose to include FRC in your estate plan, designating FRC's ministry to the lost and to make God the center of life in Oak Harbor--creating a legacy that honors Jesus long after you have left this world to be with our Father in the Heavenly realms. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

Why is the Goal So Large?

God has always done big things through FRC. Oak Harbor has been shaped significantly in the past through FRC. Our prayer is that God positions us to continue to influence our city for God's glory in mighty ways. In 1927, we built a brand new church building. 35 years later we built another brand new church building (the one where we currently reside). It's been 54 years since then. It's time for a BIG new plan to continue blessing our city with our facility. *Big dreams require big faith and big funding.* Others have sacrificed over the years to make FRC an asset to the growing community of Oak Harbor. Now it's our turn to continue the movement to bring hope to many more in Oak Harbor!

When Should I Give?

The best time to give will be Sunday, December 18, 2016. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can give anytime between now and January 31, 2017. Please write "Over & Above" on the memo line of your check or on the "other" line of our offering envelope. Or you can give directly to the Over & Above campaign online at www.frcoh.org/give.

Remember, consistent gifts over time add up--a person giving an extra \$50 per week over a 9 week period will give \$450 to this special offering.

Can I Give Online Through My Debit or Credit Card?

Yes. When you give at www.frcoh.org/give online, simply select the Over & Above campaign on the dropdown box and/or check the memo box and enter in "Over & Above." You can give a one-time or recurring gift. It's simple and easy!

Can I Give In-Kind Gifts of Stocks or Other Investments?

Of course! Since FRC is part of a 501c3 there are tremendous tax benefits for you to give in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving or to get questions answered about including FRC in your estate planning (your will or trust documents), please contact Julie Dale, Chair of Deacons, at whidbeydales@gmail.com.

Are My Gifts Tax-Deductible?

All gifts to FRC, whether regular giving or "over and above" giving are completely tax-deductible. Please be sure to provide an address with your gift, so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparation.

How Did We Arrive at the \$45,000 Goal?

The goal of this campaign was suggested by Pastor Matt after consulting with the Deacons and the Facilities Concept Team. The Deacons reviewed the needs and determined this is an appropriate goal, both to facilitate the ministry of FRC going forward and to sufficiently stretch our sacrificial giving and 100% participation by our FRC family. Since we are expecting God to bless this special offering, any amount collected over our goal will be put into the Building Fund to contribute to the future ministry of the church building.

How Will I Know if We Reach Our Goal?

Please pray for God's guidance as we all give sacrificially. You will be updated on our giving progress through FRC's printed bulletin, FRC's weekly email, and during community life announcements in our worship services. Reaching this goal will be a celebration of what can be done as we stretch our faith under God's call and leadership!