

Facilities Update

Our New Home

“The Green House”
310 Walnut St SE,
Minneapolis, on the
corner of Washington
and Walnut. A shared
space with Lutheran
Campus Ministry,
where we have office
and gathering space
and where we host
Wednesday Noon
Prayers and Lunch.



Where Did it Go?

Many of the UEC’s items were sold or given away as part of the move. Here are a few highlights...

Altar to St Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Moose Lake, MN.

Sacristy to the YMCA for our continued use in Sunday night Eucharist.

Stoles to Uganda with our own Willington Kamukama, who completed his studies and returned home this summer.

Pews, Couches, and Chairs to St Mary’s Episcopal Church in St Paul, MN.

Though it was difficult to let go of our building and our things, we at the UEC are glad to still be able to give, knowing that other ministries are being enriched by these and other items from our building.

Saying Goodbye to the Old UEC

If you enter the space at 331 17th Avenue SE today, you will find little, if any evidence that this was the home of the University Episcopal Center. Since mid-July we have been in the process of moving out and disposing of much of our furniture and equipment. Much of the “stuff” went to other churches, which is gratifying.

In the meanwhile, we are working with a real estate consultant to find a long-term tenant for the space we previously occupied in the building. Current discussions with the University of Minnesota may culminate with finding such a tenant. This is vital to us because we still must make payments on the mortgage of nearly one million dollars. Regular

rental income will assure us that the mortgage is paid, the space is maintained, and that we are free to develop an effective campus ministry.

-Jim Jacobsen, Board President



Back in Session, Back in Business

That's right, it's fall and that means students, students and more students at the University. And, we are so glad that our school year programs are up and running and on Sunday, September 10 with Eucharist and dinner at our new worship site – YMCA at the University. On October 7, we gathered to renew, reclaim and recommit to our ministry as the UEC and for this coming year. We blessed our new worship space, anointed one another with holy oil blessed by our Bishop at the MDG summit in September and recommitted ourselves to this essential ministry at the University.

We hope you will enjoy our fall newsletter, one important opportunity for us to reach out to you, our friends and donors, and share the good news of what God is doing at the UEC. And, we hope you will take seriously our invitation and call to support us with a financial donation so we can continue this ministry the next 100 years.

Join our Celebration!***\$100 for 100 Years***

We have been ministering at the University of Minnesota since 1907.

Help us continue for another 100 years!

Our fall stewardship campaign kicks into high gear this month as we embrace and celebrate our history and our future. We have been here for 100 years, listening to God's Spirit in the chaos of this world and sharing the Good News with students and community members for 100 years. **We are glad to be here and it is good for us to be here.** And, we need your help to continue for these next 100 years, starting right here and now!!

We are asking our friends in the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, churches and individuals alike, to donate \$100 to the UEC, one dollar for every year of ministry. We need your help and we hope you will be generous. If you have been a pledger in the past, please consider pledging for this coming year and you are most welcome to pledge above our 100x100. But, if 100 people donate, we will have paid for office space and worship space for this entire year – just 100 people. Help make this ministry a continuous presence here at the U of M.

Do you want to volunteer for the UEC? There are so many ways to get involved, and we need your help! Sign up to make and serve dinner to the community on a Sunday night, or help with fundraising or phone-a-thon events. Give us a call or email today. We would love to hear from you!

Blessing our New Worship Space

*“O God, give Your blessing to all who come and share friendship in this room,
that we may weave a strong cloth together, binding the strings of friendship
and companionship forever.”*



Hi, My name is Janell Draper. I'm the new coordinator at the University Episcopal Center. I'm in the office Tuesdays, 9am to 2pm, and Wednesdays, 9am to 4pm. As the one and only employee, my duties include everything from running the office to updating the website to keeping track of our multitude of volunteers (without whom I'd be up a creek without a paddle).

Would you like to know a little more about me? As a student, I was a regular at the UEC's Wednesday Prayers and Lunch. In 2005, I graduated from college with a degree in Art, and since then I've shown my paintings at various coffee shops and restaurants around the Twin Cities. I also love to cook; my favorite chef is Marcus Samuelsson and my favorite cookbook is "More with Less" by Doris Janzen Longacre. If you call the office, I'm happy to talk with you, and if you find yourself on the U of M campus, stop by and say hi!



What the UEC Means To Me

By Judy Hoover

“What does the UEC mean to me? Good question and one I have pondered at great length. When I started the U of MN many moons ago, I was fearful of the large campus, the large classes, afraid I would have a hard time making friends and on top of all that, where on earth would I eat my lunch? Being a commuter, I didn't have the opportunity to make new friends in a dorm.

At a class on Ancient Civilizations, I met Pat Pracht sitting next to me. She invited me to bring my brown bag to the UEC (called Canterbury Club in those days). What a wonderful introduction it was for me. I met many other students who cared about religious ideas, ate their lunches, had fun together, played bridge, sometimes studied and generally made the U of MN a welcoming place for me. It was a wonderful and healthy place to hang out.

I had always been an Episcopalian and was not undergoing any religious crisis but did find the milieu a great place to talk about values, contemporary events, take part in Eucharist and develop long term friends. Yes, I met the love of my life Bob there, and he certainly had an impact on the next 50 years.

Much of Bob's memorial fund went to the UEC, as did funds from Lillian Hoover's. We all believed in helping the Episcopal campus ministry to BE THERE for the students. I still believe it and hope to continue to help it to happen. It matters to me and I hope it matters to you.”

Bringing Scripture to Life, Every Sunday Night

“I don't necessarily know what I want in worship, but I know I want to do Gospel-based Discipleship.” This quotation came from a student as we gathered to plan our fall Sunday night program. Gospel-based Discipleship was introduced to the peer ministers (student leaders) last spring by our previous chaplain, the Rev. Paul Allick, and it was a gift. The students are so grateful for a chance to share their insights, proddings, and thoughts about the Gospel readings with one another. It has been transforming for the UEC community, giving voice to young adults and pushing all gathered to ask, “How is this passage speaking to me, and how am I going to be changed by Jesus's words tonight?”

A Message from the UEC Board President

Well, we are off to a good start on a new year on campus – our 100th year - and a very different year it might appear to be. I am personally very pleased that Janell Draper has agreed to be our Coordinator for the UEC. Although she works “part-time,” she has done much to demonstrate her creative ability to keep things going – often beyond expectations. The members of our Mission Team have worked hard to prepare for the worship and meals programs and to develop planning for the coming year. We hope to be able to communicate regularly with you about our plans, needs and progress.

Because we are not a “parish” in the ordinary sense, we do not have regular internal resources to support our program efforts. Accordingly, it is to the wider church community that we must turn for volunteer and financial support. If you are able to provide us with your support through volunteer time, financial contributions or even including us in your prayers, we are most grateful.

Jim Jacobsen, Board President

Update on Matching Challenge Gift

Many have asked if we reached our goal of raising \$10,000 this past summer after a donor challenged us to match a \$10,000 gift.

The answer: ALMOST.

We have raised over \$7,000 in response to that appeal and hope that our 100x100 fund drive will take us right over the top. Thanks to those who donated, we need you and are grateful!!



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Preparing for 100 more!

Join us in our \$100 for 100 years celebration!



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