

Many reasons to celebrate

When the history of UPC is written, it will tell about a congregation of Seattle Christians who decided to take Seattle seriously with its great university, its diverse mixture of people from around the world, its families, its youth, its young and older adults.

We as a congregation have endeavored with God's help to make our own the mandates of Jesus Christ that he has given to his disciples in the Great Commission and the Great commandment.

We have set for ourselves a goal first of all to invite men and women, young and old to meet Jesus Christ so that we and they will experience together his love and faithfulness. We have followed this primary goal with an intentional strategy aimed at equipping and deploying our people in ministries of grace within Seattle and across cultural divides throughout the world.

Through the years, since the founding of UPC, God has granted to us a friendly and wisely fashioned building space for worship and ministry at 15th Ave NE. What a beautiful sanctuary we have for worship! Five times each Sunday people of all ages feel at home here. Youth and adult groups and university students fill our building during the week days so that this church of real people in a real place has been a training, encouraging, staging, sending place.

During January 2001 and especially on January 21st, we will celebrate and give thanks to the Lord for the completion of the most recent building projects here at UPC. We will thank people too for the faithful work of our building committee, the organ committee, the "Share the Light" fund drive committee, the workers of Tobb Construction, the Reuter Organ builders, the church staff and the whole congregation of our church.

So many of you have played a part in stewardship, prayer, creative ideas, imagination and most of all in believing in God's goodness.

As you know, the building is in full use with its Sanctuary, classrooms, the majestic pipe organ, the library, parking spaces, friendly hallways and kitchens. But the most important results of this Kingdom investment are being told in lives of people changed by grace. That part of the history will last the longest of all.

