

August 20, 2017

Dear Fair Haven Family and Friends:

Mark your calendars now for Friday, November 17 at 11:30 am, and plan to be with us for a grand re-dedication and ribbon-cutting celebration at Fair Haven. It is hard to believe that in about one month's time, the construction equipment and personnel will be gone from the campus. The Golden Construction phase of the redevelopment work will be behind us, and the adjustments and move-ins to the "new" Fair Haven will be underway! Setting the festivities for November will give us time to make our own adjustments in-house, and to make appropriate preparations for welcoming the public to view all that is new and different at Fair Haven.

One of the final pieces of the renovation project that will be complete and ready to view at the November celebrations is the renovation of the Chapel, the focus of this month's spotlight.

August Spotlight... Fair Haven's Faith Focus

The Chapel is a very important focal point at Fair Haven and we're ready to refresh and renew this majestic worship space that still has the original 1960s carpet and seating. A team of residents has been assembled to affirm some decisions and make others about the renovations to the Chapel, and how to complete the funding for the project. A letter from the Chapel Team is enclosed. I encourage you to give serious and thoughtful consideration to participating in this project. They are offering naming or memorial naming opportunities that will be a permanent fixture of the community for what is likely to be the next 50 years! Here are some pictures of the Chapel as it looks before any work begins. I hope that these pictures help those of you who have not seen the Chapel in a while, or maybe have never seen it, to not only understand the beauty and value of what we have, but also to be able to envision what is to come!

The wood beams, iconic cross and the light fixtures will remain. The light fixtures are actually irreplaceable, making them of special value. We are looking into replacing the inner workings of the lights to make the light consistent and as bright as possible, and the casings will be thoroughly cleaned.





There is one large window in the back that will be replaced with intricate stained glass art by Birmingham Art Glass. The Chapel Team is offering sponsorship of this window at \$5,000.



The curtains and shutters will be removed, and these vertical and horizontal windows that line the sides of the Chapel will be replaced with stained glass. The Chapel Team is offering sponsorship of these windows at \$1,500 each.





I look forward to sharing with you again next month as our journey continues, and hope to see you all very soon! Thank you for your continued support of Fair Haven.

Very truly yours,

Christopher W. Tomlin President & CEO

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