

Deep History at UUFP
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- 1980 Congregation moved to Youngs Mill Lane. Building designed to accommodate 75-100 people. UUFP membership: 50 members.
- 1990 Youngs Mill Rd. Sanctuary expanded. Caum room added.
- 1995 Planning committee indicated need for more space. Facility task force ranked highest priorities:
- Build new building with sufficient land to expand with parking
 - **Or**, relocate to larger, existing building
 - **Double** our RE space and enlarge the sanctuary. (NOTE: This was 25 YEARS ago)
- 2001 Lack of RE space; no offices for staff.
- 2007 Board hired Frankie Price Stern, a UUA capital campaign consultant.
- Congregation of our size – 150-160 will not grow unless we increase square footage
 - Areas needed to balance
 - Sanctuary size
 - Religious Education facilities
 - Social space
 - Began to hold 2 Sunday services
 - **Successfully purchased administrative buildings.** Space crunch eased somewhat.
- 2010 Rev. Andrew Millard called as full-time minister.
- 2013 Planning Committee with Mason Moseley, Chair.
- 2015 Five-year plan
- Renovate existing property
 - Find, move to existing property on peninsula
- 2017 Congregation met with Kathy McGowan (UUA Southern Region)
- Define our “Core Values” (what we feel in our hearts)
 - Write a new mission statement (a call to action, a way to focus on whom we want to be)
 - Create our vision (reason for the fellowship to exist in the future - live out our mission)
- 2017 Defined core values: **Wonder, Love, Service, Generosity**
- 2018 Defined mission: **Grow in wonder, connect in love, engage in service, and inspire generosity**
- 2019 Defining vision (July 13 congregational meeting): Congregation size: 155
- We will have larger, flexible, inspirational spaces (250+ capacity, more space for music, classrooms)
 - We will have green space
 - We will have an environmentally friendly, universal site design
 - We will have a more diverse congregation
 - We will practice social justice
 - We will be more visible
 - We will have a commercial kitchen separate from the social area
 - What we like best about UUFP? **Community.** Rev. Andrew has suggested that perhaps “our purpose is Community, practicing it as deeply and thoroughly as we can within and beyond our walls.”

*After nearly 30 years, it is time for us to decide. **Can our vision be realized in our current location or do we need a new location? Stay or go? Love it or List it?** The Policy Board has set Sunday, March 8 as our decision day. Please bring your time, treasure, and talents as we move forward in our Beloved Community.*