

# FRIENDS OF THE FEARONS FUND

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*Leaving a Lasting Legacy*



***The, Rev. Dr. H. Dana Fearon III***  
*January 14, 1973 on the church's 275th anniversary*

*"Two things keep a congregation alive: the grace of God, and the faithfulness of the people... Each generation is measured by its faithfulness."*



## From Our Campaign Leaders

Dear Friends of the Fearon Family,

We are writing to let you know about plans at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville to honor Janet and Dana Fearon. As you may know, Dana, with much support from his wife Janet, pastored the church from 1960 until 2002—forty-two years! We are exceedingly grateful for the legacy of health and vitality they left behind, not just at the church, but also in the wider community, both locally and across the world. We all have been beneficiaries from their presence in our lives.

Inspired by their legacy, our congregation has embarked upon a bold new vision, which includes maintaining and enhancing what we have and what we are doing now, along with plans for increasing the reach of our congregation into our community. We feel confident that Dana and Janet would endorse these plans enthusiastically.

A centerpiece of these plans includes the building of an atrium, which will create opportunities for much-needed new programs, and also help alleviate existing space issues. We are delighted that this part of our capital plan also enables us to honor in a very tangible way the mark that Dana and Janet left upon this congregation and community, by naming this featured new addition in their honor.

The Fearon Family themselves have set the pace for our effort, by contributing \$145,000 toward the estimated total of over \$600,000 to build the Fearon Atrium.

We hope you will take time to read this brochure about our exciting plans. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours in faith,

Co-Campaign chairs,

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## FROM THE FEARON FAMILY

*Dear Friends,*

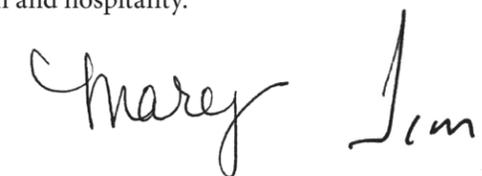
Our parents, Dana and Janet Fearon, impacted many lives through their service to The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville and The Union Chapel of Hyannis Port. With those who were part of these communities, they celebrated our joys, carried us through times of trouble, and remained faithful partners in Christ. The blessings of these life-long friendships and the memories of Dana and Janet remain with us today.

In both Lawrenceville and Hyannis Port, Dana and Janet saw the life of the congregation and support of the community as central to their own lives. They cared greatly about how best to move forward, always looking to the future and planning for what was needed. They were eager to include all, to meet the needs of each member, and to adapt well to change.

Last fall, the Fearon family was presented with an exciting opportunity to carry on Dana and Janet's legacy. The members of The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville initiated a capital campaign to expand the church facilities and to reimagine the use of existing structures in order to meet the evolving needs of the congregation and the community. The centerpiece of the plan is a memorial atrium named for Dana and Janet.

The Fearon, Adams, and Jack families have donated a significant portion of the approximately \$600,000 needed to build the atrium. Each of us views this opportunity as a way to leave a positive impact. We honor Dana and Janet and their lifelong work in continuing to provide for others. We are happy to have this opportunity to contribute to work that we know would gratify our parents and we invite you to join us in this forward-looking effort. We ask that you might please consider this wonderful way to both honor Dana and Janet and carry on their spirit of inclusion and hospitality.

Fondly,



Mary Fearon Jack and James D. Fearon

*On behalf of the Fearon Family:*

*Robert Adams, Doug and Clare Fearon, Richard and Betty Fearon*



# OUR HISTORY TOGETHER

DANA AND JANET FEARON & THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAWRENCEVILLE



**1698** Settlers arrived in Maidenhead (later named Lawrenceville) and began ministering in the community.



**1764** The original Meetinghouse was built and the Cupola atop still stands as a beacon of God's love. Faithful stewards have preserved this beautiful historic structure over the years.



**1969** Dana Fearon facilitated the use of the church for services by Temple Micah, a new local congregation of Jewish residents seeking a place to worship, a relationship which continues today with services and a Hebrew school.

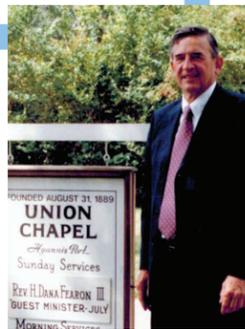
**1970** Dana Fearon worked with the church and other partners in sponsoring the development of Eggert's Crossing Village, providing affordable housing in our township



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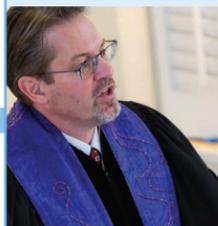


**1977** Dana Fearon began serving as the summer minister at the Union Chapel in Hyannis Port, MA. **1982** Dana made his first trip to Haiti and established a relationship with Harmony Ministries to help the people of Haiti—still an integral part of our mission work. **2002** Rev. Dana H. Fearon retired from The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville after 42 years of leadership.



**2018** CookWell program, a program to train ex-offenders in the culinary arts, had its first graduates.

**2017** The Community Well and the New Directions Counseling Service were established, which provides wellness programs, education, and counseling services to the community.



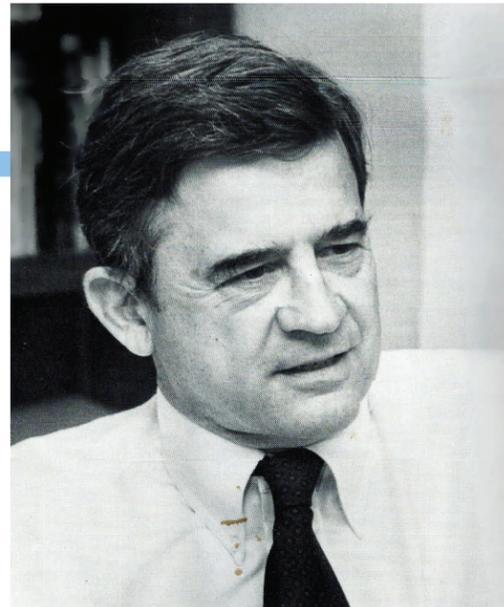
**2015** Solar panels were added to our Fellowship Center.

**2007** WiNK, an alternative worship service, began.

**2005** Jeff Vamos began as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville.

## A church in the heart of the community.

Dana and Janet Fearon served 42 of the 320 years of this congregation's ministry



**1957** Dana Fearon was ordained at the Central Presbyterian Church in Rochester New York. Janet Adams was the daughter of the Senior Pastor, Arthur Adams. **1960** Dana Fearon and Janet Adams were married and soon after the Reverend H. Dana Fearon III began his 42-year tenure of the church.



**1961** The Lawrenceville Presbyterian Preschool began, founded by Janet Fearon and Sally Campbell.

## THE CHURCH MISSION

*Called. Fed. Sent.*

The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville is a welcoming community, called by God to be followers of Jesus Christ, fed by the Word of God, and sent by the Spirit into the world to live lives of stewardship and service.

Through The Community Well, a wellness center operating out of the facilities of The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, the church promotes wellness of body, mind and spirit, fostering the discovery of human purpose in the greater community.

*"It was the power of gratitude that gave the church life, and brought the church into being."*

*Dana Fearon, July 31, 2011, sermon preached at The Union Chapel of Hyannis Port*

## THE DANA & JANET FEARON **ATRIUM**

The Dana and Janet Fearon Atrium is the centerpiece of our capital plans for the future. It will provide the means to expand the programming of The Community Well, the community center we've created to meet the needs of those around us, as well as expand our congregational programming. The Community Well emphasizes wellness of body, mind and spirit, and is partnering with the YMCA, and other local organizations to provide services such as:



- Afterschool programming
- Fitness classes and physical wellness services
- Senior living seminars
- Community adult classes
- Concerts and lectures

This flexible, dividable space will allow us truly to become a center for the community, and is at the heart of our strategy to reach new people, by offering services that meet community needs. This space will also generate revenue for the operation of the church through use fees that will be paid by our partner organizations and others using the facilities. Being on the ground floor, it will be accessible to all.

Finally, our congregation is already bursting at the seams with programs that serve the larger community, our own congregation and Temple Micah, the Jewish congregation with whom we share space. The Fearon Atrium will allow us to expand these essential programs as well.



*"My mother had a keen sense of aesthetics and the proper use of physical space. I'm convinced that she would be thrilled with the plans for the Fearon Atrium."*

Mary Fearon Jack

# OUR HOPE

*for years to come*

After a long and careful strategic planning process, the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville embarked in the fall of 2018 on a challenging \$3 million capital campaign, "Our Hope for Years to Come."

The campaign includes plans to:

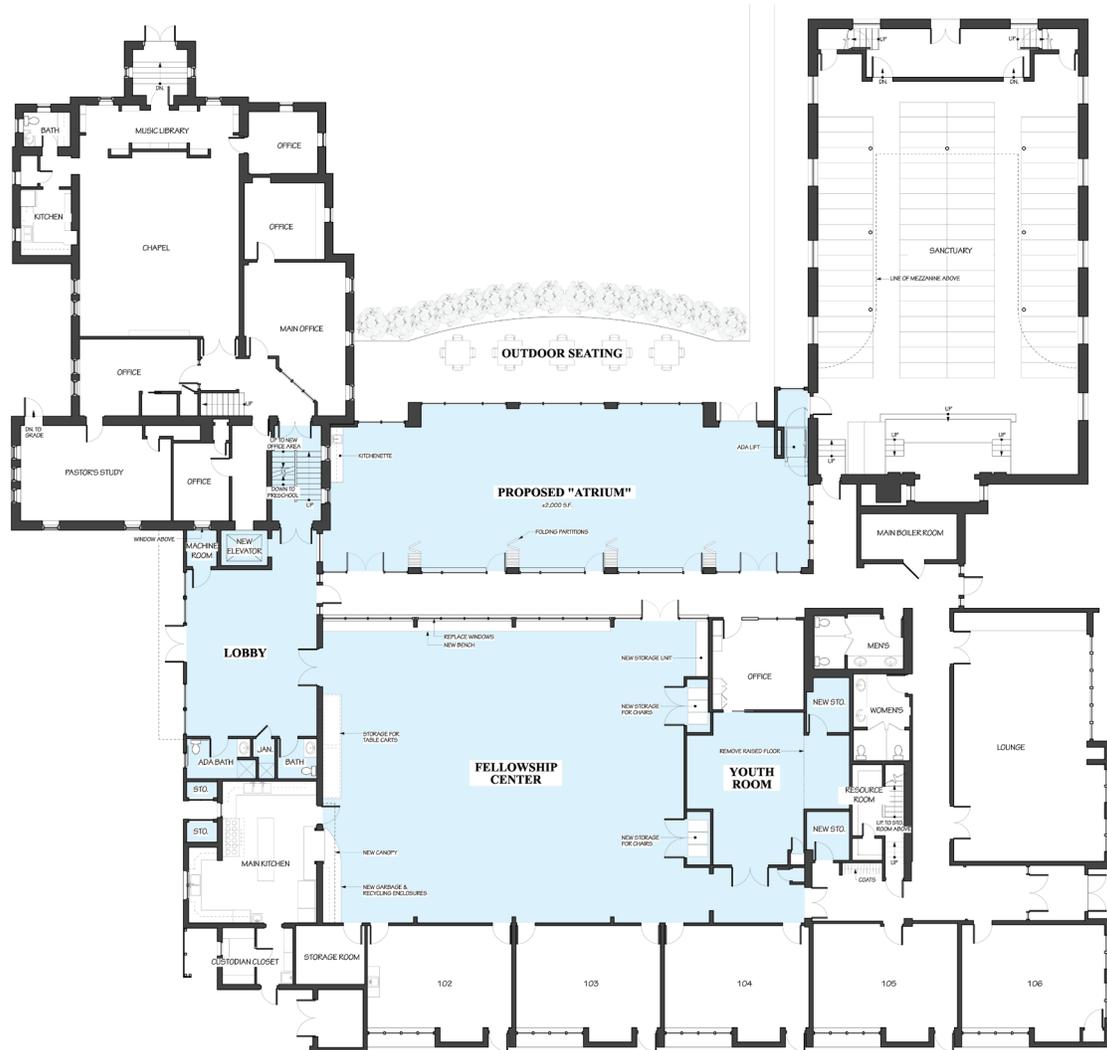
- Restore and maintain our historic facilities.
- Update and optimize our current spaces.
- Expand our mission work.
- Strengthen our endowment.
- Build an atrium to be named in honor of Dana and Janet Fearon.

As of August 1, 2019, over \$2.2 million dollars has been received in cash and pledges.

*"We pray for thy church: pour thy spirit into it, lift its people to stronger efforts, greater service, and richer faith."*

Dana Fearon, April 6, 1958  
Prayer for worship at Central  
Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY.

# Conceptual Floor Plans



CONCEPTUAL MAIN FLOOR PLAN



## DREAM TO REALITY

To make the Fearon Atrium a reality, we need to meet the challenge the Fearon Family has set to raise the additional \$455,000 to build it.

We hope you will consider a capital gift toward this important and inspirational campaign, which will leave a lasting legacy for many generations to come.

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