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Agape
(ah-GAH-pay)

It is my understanding that agape means Christian love as revealed through Jesus who showed us love in a spiritual and selfless mode. It seems to elevate the concept of love to a Christian way. John 3:16 was an example that described God's love for us. Agape Center may help us remember the higher quality and spiritual side of love more on a daily basis.

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Joy

Joy is the heart of the Christian faith. Not happiness, but a deeply-felt joy of life. Our hope is that this new building, filled with the sounds of preschool children all week, and our Godly Play and Youth programs on the weekend, will be a place of joy and laughter.

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Spirit / New Spirit

The new building will be a spirited place, with the sounds of children all week long. We also hope that it will be a spiritual place, where people feel the presence of the Spirit moving among us in our church family, in our friendship and in our shared activities.

This building is a testament to a new spirit among us. It is a visible sign of our strong commitment to the future, and of our commitment to children and families. It is a proclamation that we intend to be a hope-filled, forward looking church

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Dayspring

This name offered before by another person is positive and appropriate.....with images of dawn, daybreak, new beginnings.

“Morning Light” or “Morning Star” is the promise of a new day, as suggested in Luke 1:78 and Malachi 4:2 and Revelation 2 and 22.

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Hope

HOPE conveys the hopeful journey ahead for DCC... looking forward to the future as we grow and nurture our congregation, call others to join us, and have a positive impact on our community, both locally and globally.

Per the sign in front of the campus, “Live in Hope”.

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Ministry

This name emphasizes the function of this building: to be a center for education, outreach, youth ministries, and community activities.

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Fellowship

This is the place where all of us can gather together to learn, play and spread God's love through fellowship with one another.

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Education

That is what it will be 6 or 7 days each week.

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New Founders'

It represents 50 years plus for the church, which would not have happened, except for a small group of folks, who contacted the governing body of the UCC and convinced them that there was enough support for a new congregation to be formed. With the help of Richard (Dick) Norberg, this small group of believers prevailed and formed the church we now know.

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Faith

The basic tenet of our religion is “faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We, as a congregation, also have faith in the future of our work to spread Christian ethics and understanding in our community and the world. We have faith that our preschool will mirror those Christian beliefs. With our new Faith Building we will have a symbol of our faith from which to launch our efforts to make the world a better place.

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Inspiration

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Junia

It's all about the story. Junia is not a common name, so there is and will be the question "why Junia Hall?" That opens the door to telling the story.

It is a story about faith and conviction, about action in faith, both in this century and in centuries past. Junia was a woman who the apostle Paul mentions in Romans, who he met when he was put in jail. He describes her as a well known apostle who was in Christ before him.

But the story is also about the sewing circle that founded this church. About women who built a church on that very site, so that they would have a place to worship, and to sew. For outreach projects, and to tell stories.

The story is about Godly Play, the action of telling sacred stories in an opening and wondering way.

The story is also about people today, who have the faith and conviction to make a difference. People who make a difference in our lives and in the world around us.

....it's a story about telling a story, in an open-ended and wondering way....