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Drive is \$800,000 shy of \$3.4 million goal

New St. Luke's Chapel fund drive at the Episcopal Church Home receives \$1 million from the Wilbur Ball Estate

Funds from the estate of the late Wilbur Ball have moved the Episcopal Church Home's St. Luke's Chapel fund drive closer to its \$3.4 million goal. Episcopal Church Home Chief Executive Officer Anne Veno announced that the \$1 million bequest brings the campaign to \$2.6 million in gifts and pledges, and only \$800,000 from the ultimate goal of \$3.4 million.

"Mr. Ball was a longtime member of our board of trustees, and a former resident of the home," said Veno. "He was a big part of our Christian community. His monies bring us to three-fourths of our \$3.4 million goal," Veno said. "Mr. Ball and his wife were faithful participants in the fulsome worship life of St. Luke's Chapel," according to the Rev. Dr. Georgine Buckwalter, who serves as chaplain at St. Luke's Chapel.

When completed, the specially designed chapel will accommodate more than 200 persons with varying levels of physical and mental challenges. A majority of the Home's residents are fully mobile with the use of wheelchairs and walkers. "This specially designed chapel is vitally important to meeting the diverse worship needs of the elders of our diocesan member churches, as well as for many brothers and sisters in other denominations who reside at the home," said the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick Jr., bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky. "We welcome gifts from both Episcopalians and other denominations to help us reach our \$3.4 million goal."

Active campaigning will continue through 2008 to raise the remaining \$800,000. Pledges can be made and paid through 2009, according to Campaign Chair Mrs. William (Joanna) Panning. Joanna is a member of the Board of Trustees and a former president of the woman's board at the home. Sarah McNeal Few is serving as honorary chair.

To make a contribution of cash or appreciated securities to the Building on Faith Campaign for a new St. Luke's Chapel, contact Mike Bowles at the home, 736-7816.

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Cutline for attached photo –

The late Wilbur Ball, former resident and member of the Board of Trustees at the Episcopal Church home.

