

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS FROM MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Forward To A Bright Future

**Growing & Serving Together** 

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#### Special Campaign Dates to Remember

- Wednesday,
   October 9 through
   Wednesday,
   October 30 –
   "Bright Future"
   Informational
   Gatherings
- Sunday,
   October 20 —
   All-Church Bible
   Study
- Friday & Saturday, November 1 & 2 — Prayer Vigil & Service
- Friday,
   November 15—
   Advance
   Commitments Event
- Saturday,
   November 23 —
   All-Church Banquet
- Sunday,
   November 24 —
   Commitment
   Sunday
- Sunday,
   January 26 —
   Celebration Sunday

### **Our Campaign Is Underway!**

Have you heard about our *Forward to a Bright Future* Campaign? What does this campaign mean? What's it all about?

- Our capital campaign is about investing in the future of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and the community we serve.
- It is about building on our faith, and the faith of people who came before us, to strengthen our facilities and ministry for years to come.
- It is about widening our welcome to people who are not part of the church.
- It is about growing as a congregation through a deeper understanding of stewardship, community, and faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This Fall we will be inspired, informed and involved in a variety of programs and fellowship events. In our worship service on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be invited to make a 3-year financial pledge, over and above our regular giving to our capital campaign fund. The gifts received from our *Forward to a Bright Future* Capital Campaign will help us accomplish renovation and building projects which will empower us to serve our current membership better, as well as our community now and into the future.

All giving starts with receiving." King David saw this firsthand as he watched how the people responded to the need of building the Temple.

In 1 Chronicles 29:14, he said... "But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!"



## Bible Study and Small-Group Gatherings Provide Inspiration and Information

All those attending MVPC are invited and encouraged to engage in Bible Study at a level which represents an increase for you from your regular practice over the months of this fall. Together we will be studying and praying for our congregation and our way *Forward to a Bright Future*.

Keep your eyes open for Bible Study opportunities connected with the capital campaign, and plan to attend one or more sessions offered. For more information, contact David Reamer.



In addition, I also invite you to attend one of several small-group, *Bright Future Gatherings* which will be hosted during the month of October. These meetings are a key informational component of our capital campaign.

There will be time for dialogue and questions. <u>No financial commitments will be asked for or received at these gatherings</u>. You will have a good time meeting with others in our church family, and will learn more about the church and our **Forward to a Bright Future** campaign.

Your attendance at one of these meetings is important. For more information or to find a gathering to attend, contact Gary Jones.

Thank you for investing time to learn and grow together!

Pastor Dan Holland



"So all of us, united with Christ, form one body."

Romans 12:5

### MVPC Prays. Pray With Us!

"Evening, and morning and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice."

Psalm 55:17

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2

You are invited and indeed encouraged to commit to one hour of uninterrupted prayer for our church family as well as other prayers that are on your heart during these times:

November 1, Friday — 6 pm to 9 pm November 2, Saturday — 9 am to 6 pm

The Sanctuary will be open for you to come and pray. If possible come at the top of the hour and stay as long as you feel led.

As we embark on our journey of *Forward to a Bright Future*, please pray that we would:

- Continue to grow spiritually (Colossians 1:9-12)
- Act at all times out of love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
- Uphold one another (Hebrews 10:24, 25)
- Seek to serve, rather than to be served (Romans 12:1-13)
- Have a closer walk with the Lord (Ephesians 1:17, 18)

Watch for the Prayer Request box on display in the narthex during the month of October. It is here you may submit prayer requests to be lifted up during the vigil.

Colleen Higbee, Prayer Vigil Director



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#### Save the Date!

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FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

# All-Church Celebration Banquet Event Saturday, November 23

Please be planning now for a great celebration of the life, fellowship, and ministries of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church!

As one of the culminating events in our *Forward to a Bright Future* campaign, an All-Church Celebration Banquet is being planned for Saturday evening, November 23. This event will bring us together for a spirit-filled time of food, fellowship, and inspiration. Delicious food and a wonderful program are planned.

Be looking for more information & your invitation to the "Party of the Year" in the coming weeks.

SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!

