

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign FAQ - Fall 2019



Q: What is our *Forward to a Bright Future* Campaign all about?

A: 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 yet part of the church and 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 24th, 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, both now and into the future.

Q: What types of projects are we seeking to accomplish?

A: Our projects flow from our desire to *be – and continue to become - a caring, welcoming and graciously safe community*. Funds from our capital campaign will be used for improvements including:

- **Redesigning and repairing the flat roof** over most of our building (narthex, offices, classrooms and Fireside room), and **repairing the remaining sections of the sloped roof** over our Sanctuary, Good Shepherd Hall and classrooms,
- **Repairing areas of rot** throughout our facility,
- **Replacing windows** where seals and caulking have failed,
- **Increasing fire detection,**
- **Installing fire sprinklers** (depending on final scope of work this may be required by building code)
- **Improving security** in the church building,
- **Installing new carpet** in our Sanctuary,
- **Improving our A/V system** in our Sanctuary for better visibility and sound,

Q: How were these projects determined?

A: As we asked the questions: “What needs to be addressed in our facility to enable MVPC to continue providing quality ministry long into the future?” and “What will allow us to more faithfully become the caring, welcoming, graciously safe community God has called us to be?” these projects were identified by church members and confirmed with detailed inspection by two major building contractors.

Q: What are the cost projections for our campaign projects?

A: There are two separate but related priorities. The first is the building envelope (roof, siding, windows, exterior doors, skylights, seismic upgrades, and code related upgrades). The best available estimates place the cost at approximately \$700,000 for this first priority. The second priority includes safety and interior building improvements (Fire detection, security upgrades, sprinkler system installation, wallboard repair and painting, increased electrical capacity, updated lighting, floor coverings and A/V system in the sanctuary.) The best available estimates place the cost at approximately \$800,000 for this second priority. Achieving both priorities is an ambitious goal.

Q: How firm are these numbers?

A: Our cost projections represent our best understanding of the scope of work. We continue to review and refine these to get our firmest numbers before any work begins. There is always the potential for expenses to increase once we

open portions of the building to repair areas of water damage. The priority is to secure the building envelope first, then turn to items interior to the building.

Q: When and how do I pay my pledge? What if my financial circumstances change?

A: Your three-year commitment to the *Forward to a Bright Future* campaign may be paid incrementally in weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual installments, or as a one-time gift. The gifting period is December 2019 through December 2022. You, as the donor, will decide how best to complete your pledge.

Financial pledges are not legal obligations; however, we anticipate that members will make their pledges in good faith and fulfill them fully. If circumstances change, you may revise your pledge by notifying the church.

Q: How can we be successful in achieving the goals of our campaign?

A: While the financial goals for our campaign represent a significant challenge for our church, we are a congregation of great capacity. We have conducted a feasibility study and believe we have the joyful opportunity to stretch ourselves to meet the future needs of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

Our beloved community has been blessed by God and we continue to grow in our giving. It is vital that we maintain our commitment to support our current worship, work, and witness (our regular offerings). We also need to build a strong financial base for our capital facilities projects.

To meet the financial goals of our capital campaign, each of us will be asked to commit a generous and joyful gift above and beyond our regular giving. Each of us is encouraged to prayerfully consider—and celebrate!—the many blessings God has given us, and the capacity we have for giving and sharing generously. The choice is ours to freely commit that which has been entrusted to us. Seek God’s guidance as you consider:

- To what extent does my giving truly reflect the value I have for this congregation?
- To what extent am I acting purposefully, intentionally, and faithfully in my giving?
- How is my giving helping me grow in faith toward God, and in service to others?

Your support continues the tradition of generosity in our congregation and will help Mount Vernon Presbyterian move forward in its mission and ministry.

Q: Why is our campaign – *Forward to a Bright Future* – so important?

A: Throughout its history, our church has discerned and followed God’s dream through our mission as God’s people to be a place of welcome for all. Our campaign honors the commitment of all who have provided for our church over the generations, and ensures a bright future for our congregation, our community, and our ministries for years to come.

This is our opportunity to keep our church home - our “launch pad” for ministry and service – safe, strong and secure so that we, too, can follow God’s dream for us and imagine the ways in which we can expand our programs and the reach of God’s love in our community.

We have the privilege and opportunity to carry forward the legacy of Mount Vernon Presbyterian, celebrate the abundance God places in our lives, and carry forward God’s vision for us here.