



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

MVPC Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

YESTERDAY— Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church is steeped in tradition. We have a long history, dating back to 1902 when our first House of Worship was located in downtown Mount Vernon. Remnants of the first church can be found throughout our present structure; such as the old Steeple Cross which greets you as you enter the Narthex; to the beautiful old stained-glass window in Good Shepherd Hall.

TODAY—we have a brand new kitchen setup, allowing us to lovingly prepare church meals (like our recent Salmon BBQ); Good Shepherd Hall has received a much-needed facelift with paint and carpeting; our much-utilized parking lot has been freshly updated, sealed and painted. All this has been possible through the generosity of the people at MVPC.

TOMORROW—holds the promise of a Bright Future at MVPC. Our Capital Campaign, which is moving into full swing, will help facilitate that Bright Future by raising funds to renovate and care for our facilities. Each of us at MVPC has a role to play in making that happen. In the coming weeks you will learn of opportunities to serve. Our campaign is about our mission as God’s people to know Christ and to make Him known, to serve others, and to honor the commitment of all who have provided for our church throughout the years. Working together, we’ll ensure a Bright Future for Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

About our Campaign Logo

Our capital campaign logo features a representation of the iconic Cross found in our Narthex, reminding us God is at the Center of ALL we do; the light rays emanating from the Cross signify Christ’s Love radiating outward to all; the children whose arms are raised in praise

of God, ARE our future—they are tomorrow’s leaders. All elements of the logo are encompassed in an invisible circle, conveying we are all in this together and more are always welcome. The pedestal “Forward to a Bright Future” forms the basis of our entire campaign, as we grow and serve together.

Called to Serve

Meet Your Capital Campaign Leadership Team

To serve and lead our campaign, these members began working together several weeks ago, and were installed in our worship services on September 15th. May God bless their efforts!

Mary Ellen Byerly and Bruce Lavers – Campaign Co-Chairs

Coordinate the efforts of the Campaign Team and keep the congregation inspired and informed throughout the appeal this fall and over the three years of gifting.

Bob Mitchell and Bob Wygal – Advance Commitments and Commitment Follow-Up Co-Directors

Invite early financial commitments and follow-up with those not able to be present at the Commitment Worship service.

George Ridgeway – Audio-Visual Director

Creates an inspirational video for the campaign.

Laurie Parker – All-Church Banquet Director

Organizes an inspiring All-Church Celebration Event.

David Reamer – Bible Study Director

Calls the congregation to scripture study throughout our campaign.

Gary Jones – “Bright Future” Informational Gatherings Director

Organizes a series of small-group informational meetings for members.

Patti Allen – Children & Youth Director

Involves our children and youth in stewardship lessons and activities.

Toni Hulbert – Hospitality Director

Encourages attendance and receives reservations for the All-Church Banquet.

David Gale – Planned Giving Director

Assists members with the consideration of creative asset gifts to the campaign and seeks to strengthen subsequent memorial gifts.

Colleen Higbee – Prayer Vigil Director

Invites members to a time of dedicated prayer in a Prayer Vigil.

Sandy Ball – Promotions Director

Produces all campaign printed and electronic materials.

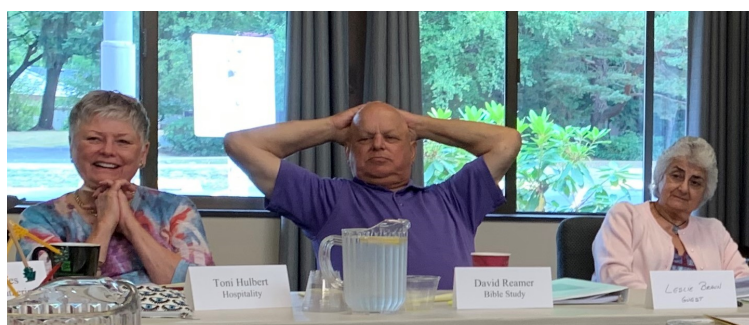
Barbara Koozer – Office Coordinator

Helps prepare publications for mailing.

The Rev. Dan Holland

Provides spiritual guidance throughout our campaign.

*“The body is a unit,
though it is made up of
many parts;
and though all its parts
are many, they form
one body.
Now you are the
body of Christ,
and each one of you
is a part of it.”
I Cor. 12: 12, 27*



Bible Study and Prayer Provide Campaign Inspiration

*"Your word is a lamp to
my feet, and a light
for my path."*

Psalm 119:105

To support our spiritual development throughout our campaign, we will have multiple opportunities to engage in Bible study and prayer in the coming months.

A Bible study series focused on faith and stewardship will be offered over the weeks of this fall. Be listening for more information about how to participate.

Additionally, on Sunday, October 20, we will hear an inspirational church-wide Bible Study entitled *"The Joy of Generosity,"* led by Marc Rieke, our consultant from The Enrichment Group.

As we prepare our hearts and minds during our campaign, an All-Church Prayer Vigil is planned for Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2. Each member will be invited and encouraged to dedicate one hour in prayer at the church during this time. Prayer requests will be invited as we prepare for this event.



"Bright Future" Gatherings Offer Fellowship and Information

An integral part of our **Forward to a Bright Future** campaign is a series of small group meetings which will give participants an opportunity to hear first-hand about the plans and purposes of our capital stewardship program. These gatherings will take place between October 9 and October 30. A variety of times and locations will be available.

The meetings will offer opportunities for fellowship and information, as well as time for questions and answers concerning our capital campaign and the ways in which each of us is called to support and strengthen the ministries and programs of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church through our various campaign projects.

No financial commitments will be asked for at these gatherings.

Look for further information, announcements and sign-up opportunities about the "Bright Future" Gatherings, and plan to attend one of these important sessions.

*"For where two or three
have gathered together
in my name,
there I am in their midst."*

Matthew 18:20

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Save the Date!

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FELLOWSHIP

***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!