



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS FROM MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Forward To A Bright Future

*Growing & Serving Together*

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## With YOUR HELP; we're WELL on our way!

What an AMAZING group of Worshippers we have at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church! You have answered the call to invest in the future of God's people and His Church! On Celebration Sunday January 26th we learned because of the warm generosity of our congregation we will not need to borrow funds for the project just yet. Our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for sharing their time, talent & treasure! You may recall, these were our goals: as outlined last Fall when the Capital Fundraising Campaign began:

Our Financial Goal is comprised of 3 tiers:

- Cornerstone : \$700 Thousand
- Stretch: \$1.1 Million
- Celebration: \$1.5 Million



### What Does Stewardship Look Like?

Throughout the campaign our leadership has tried to emphasize that "Forward to a Bright Future" is about so much more than money. The first answer in the campaign FAQ states that "...it is about growing as a congregation through deeper understanding of stewardship, community, and faith as disciples of Jesus Christ." Stewardship is one of those words that can probably be defined in a lot of ways and mean different things to different people. Let's talk about one way of looking at it.

I Peter 4:10 (ESV) says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, Moses was reluctant to go to Pharaoh with the message from God to "Let My people go!" So God asked Moses, "What is that in your hand?" It was just his shepherd's staff. God used Moses' staff to be instrumental in showing God's power to Pharaoh. You can read the whole story in Exodus 3 and 4.

When I was a youngster I enjoyed watching the legendary players of the New York Yankees – Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford et al. Among that group was also a second baseman named Bobby Richardson. He is famous for being the only player to be named a World Series MVP when he was on the losing team.

Bobby is a committed Christian who struggled with how to have a more effective witness for Christ. One day when he was thinking about quitting baseball for the ministry, he felt God asking him, "what is in your hand, Bobby?" "Well, Lord," he said, "it's a baseball bat." So he kept playing for the Yankees and got involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes which gave him many unique avenues to share his faith, including preaching at the White House.

Perhaps we can ask ourselves the same question – "what is in your hand?" A shovel, a hammer, a knitting needle, a cooking utensil, a sewing machine, a pencil, a paint brush, a toilet plunger, a mop, a telephone, a computer keyboard, a fire hose, a musical instrument, a golf club, maybe a checkbook?

Not all of us have money, but we all have a gift from God that can be used to show His love to those who need it. At least in part, stewardship looks like that. - Dave Gale—Stewardship Committee

## GRATEFUL GENEROSITY

We are so thankful and grateful for the abundance of our congregation's generosity with the giving of your Time, Talent and Treasure to our *Forward To A Bright Future Capital Campaign*. We wanted to share with you, what has and is being done now in preparation for work to begin later this year. Here is a major, short list of actions in the works:

- We have an outside attorney to assist us with completing the construction contract.
- We have engaged TRICO as our preferred, local contractor and are actively involved in developing a two-phased, "design/build" construction contract. The first phase (design) is targeted for completion sometime in May 2020. Phase two (build) would follow after a change order is agreed to by MVPC and TRICO.
- We have made a decision and are currently involved with Mission Development Certificates North West (MDCNW) for our construction application process for a loan to cover the "build" portion of our project.

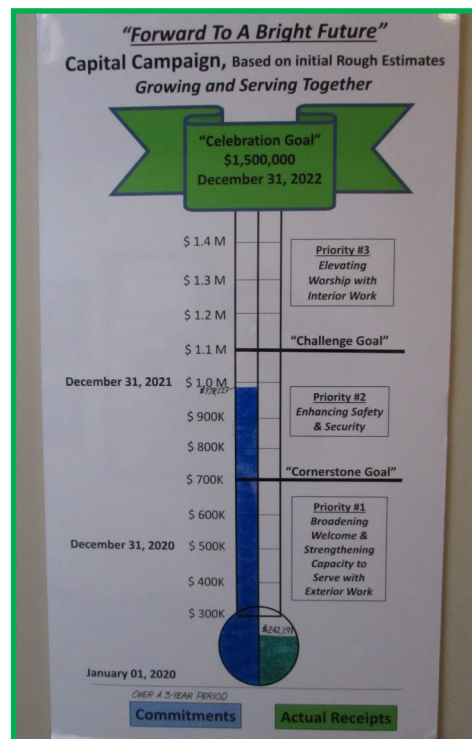
Please pray for the blessings on our church and the work that continues to be done on behalf of our *Forward To A Bright Future* vision.— Bruce Lavers—Campaign Co-Chair

## WHERE WE ARE!

*There's still time to make your gift to this outstanding project.*



*Every Gift is a GOOD gift!  
See an MVPC Elder for Details.*



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