



Capital News from the Capital Campaign Committee — May 1, 2023

Caring for God's House - Together



Elaine's Remembrance

Part 2

RRPC is fortunate to have charter members still involved in the life of the congregation. Having one such person, Elaine Isaacs, volunteer to be a member of the Capital Campaign Committee brought a unique perspective to the committee's work. Her three part "walk through" of the church is also a walk through history that links the bricks & mortar to the lives of RRPC people. Today is Part 2 of that "Walk through".

Elaine:

To my right is the sanctuary where I sat with Tom and our family. A place where we found “a village” to help us raise young children into caring productive adults. A place where I took a seemingly inconsolable little girl to help her understand that her daddy’s job kept him away from his family, but that his love and the love that surrounded her in that sacred place would always be with us.

I see the **stained glass window** and am reminded of another quiet servant, Ed Peebles. In front of that window I hear Cullen Watts singing “Let Us Break Bread Together” with the timbre of his culture and people. I see the **communion table, pulpit and lectern** meticulously handcrafted by Steve Smith. I see the **choir area** and hear the many voices that have sung there over the years. The **privacy panel** reminds me of Bob and Kim Bass and the unimaginable loss of a teenage daughter. I see young children learning to play the **piano** and other instruments while a loving congregation supports them. The **aisle** reminds me of the weddings of my own daughters and the love that surrounded them.

I see a little girl so anxious to share the contents of her purse for the offering that when the time finally arrives, she walks up the aisle, opens her purse wide and lets the coins fall into the plate. I am reminded of Christmas Eve services with children and midnight services attended mainly by adults. Family pictures taken following special events or gatherings. I see babies being baptized, becoming toddlers and children growing in faith. Then as young people they are sharing their faith and gratitude for people of faith who support them. I recognize the commitment the congregation makes to its members as baptisms occur, and life’s moments both good and bad are dealt with.

In this space the congregation has supported Scott and Marjorie as they became lay pastors and Donna McNeil as she answered the call to become a pastor. The congregation has always welcomed pastors who were in need of a place to worship –so many I can’t name them all.

Here I feel the love that surrounded us as we learned of Tim’s Cancer diagnosis and as Tom shared the fact that he had been diagnosed with dementia. RRPC is a place where we renewed our wedding vows along with several other couples, but for us, reeling from the recent diagnosis of

dementia, and for Dean and Susan Reynolds facing terminal cancer, it was an exceptionally moving time to renew our vows.

***Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1
Thank you for your support!***

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