

# Capital News Capital Campaign Committee September 18, 2023

#### **Caring for God's House - Together**



## Gratitude

Recently, someone shared this thought with me:

"I wanted to recognize people who have done extraordinary things for me and who have done a lot for the church. What better way to acknowledge them than donating to the Capital Campaign, such a vital endeavor for the continuity and enrichment of the church, something we all hold dear?"

I thought, "What a wonderful idea!" Because very often those kind and generous people do not want to be paid or given anything for their assistance and support."

Then I began thinking — why, we could do this for birthdays or anniversaries! After all, who among us needs more "stuff"? I know that I am always touched and gratified when someone donates to organizations like Storehouse West in honor of my birthday or at Christmas. It means the donor was remembering my special day, but also giving a gift that keeps on giving.

As this Season of Gratitude comes to a close, what a great way to say thanks or happy birthday, to honor a relationship that has meant so much to you.

We do have forms for making donations where you can designate who you want to honor and the fund you want to support. Forms are available *here* or in the narthex.

Many thanks for all the ways you have been generous with your time, talent and treasure for the Capital Campaign. Because of all your efforts we are making sure that we can continue and strengthen the ministry of Jesus Christ in this place.

Gratefully, Pastor Kathy

## The GAP

You were introduced to the GAP effort ("Give, Act, Pray") at yesterday's Capital Campaign Celebration. To replace the now-failing HVAC units, we have to coordinate renewing the roof around them with their installation. We're calling that area the "Lower Roof". It has become obvious that we need to renew the entire roof as soon as possible.

Doing the entire roof at the same time provides advantages:

- The remainder, called the "Upper Roof", also has leaks. Not fixing the Upper now incurs continued water damage that can cause ongoing, increased costs – both maintenance and repair. Water damage is insidious and often invisible – mold, wood rot, and structural. Roof patching has not worked.
- 2. If we delay, it is forecasted that costs will go up for the part not done.
- 3. Additionally, if we do the entire roof at one time, there are possibly cost savings over doing Upper and Lower separately.
- 4. Heating and AC will be off during construction. Getting it done early limits the possible weather-related delays, both for the installers and congregation comfort during the work.

HVAC and Roof contractors work both on a cash basis - they want to be fully paid as the work is completed. Given the project is quick once started (one or two weeks), we have to have the full amount in the bank before we can even schedule the work.

This is primarily a timing issue - we are approximately \$30K short of cash to be able to order the entire roof renewal. **So the GAP request is a cash request**. Can you help? We basically need the funds in the bank in the next month or two. Perhaps some of your RMD funds from the year-end distribution requirement? While future pledges are always welcome, they don't help this specific effort.

Please contact the church office, Finance Committee or anybody on the Capital Campaign Committee if you are able to contribute.

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

The Capital Campaign Committee -- Betty, Elaine, Leah, Pat, Denise, Sue, and Bob

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