



**Capital News**  
**Capital Campaign Committee**  
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**Caring for God's House - Together**



**The GAP**

Please help "fill the GAP" of \$30,000 cash needed to complete the second part of the roofing portion of our first project- the HVAC and Roof. We'd like to do both parts of the roof at the same time if possible. To make a gift to this, simply note "GAP" on the memo line of your check or with your online giving.

**Getting to Know Church  
Membership**

**Dave Shambach's Interview**

**Feature that attracted them to our church:** "Some of our family lived around the corner! A longer-term reason...when we moved here from Buffalo – it's a great Presbyterian Church. It was what we were looking for. It had a lot of the programs we were looking for. Music program was probably one of the first things when we came. Great liturgy, great preaching – a great spirit about the place.

**Rewarding activity:** "I could list a few. Obviously working with the youth. Children and youth of the church - that's what I did back east. I have taught school for a long time. That was an initial joy about the church. The music program – playing handbells. The one Sunday we came I said "oh they have handbells too as well as a singing choir!" I think leading worship – being a liturgist – I enjoy doing that. And being a church officer. Those have been the greatest things.

**Memories** "A couple of memories that you might not find...not necessarily happy. Pastor Kathy is very good at counseling. When my mom passed away she said that I was standing on holy

ground when she was going through hospice. I always remember that. I had never thought of it that way. That was very helpful.

"Singing for our choir member Jeri McKinney when she had a stroke, before she passed away. Also, I think the first time we were in choir and playing bells. The leadership of our music program here and the number and spirit of the members is just great, infectious, contagious, and it is a lot of fun to play here.

**Character of RRPC:** "The first thing that comes to mind is that there is deep faith among members here. The fancy word for it is "religiosity". They are very spiritual and deep. Not just on the surface. They really truly care. Really serious about learning about God. Learning about what he is doing. I really like the message of grace that Pastor Kathy emphasizes so much. How we should be able to work with each other. And reach out to the community. I think those are the most important things about the church.

**Success stories:** "I think going through the changes that we've had to go through with Covid—and we've lost some members recently. I think COVID has made us as strong or stronger than we were before... it speaks well for the resiliency of the church. I think that same spirit that I found when I came — I was welcomed by Meredith Beaton and I have always wanted to do that for other people when they come. I know how it is to be the new kid on the block! Those things are the things that keep the congregation stable and growing. I hope can get more families with young people to keep up the Sunday school portion of church.

**Future of RRPC:** "I think that we will, through our campaign to try to strengthen the building, and things we need to do now because if we don't take care of them now, they will deteriorate, that will help out. When Pastor Kathy eventually retires that's going to be a very important point for us to carry on with the ministry with the tone that she set with other folks in the leadership role. I think we got a glimpse of that when she took sabbatical, so we got what it would be like without her leadership, but that's something we will need to work very hard on. I think the church has a great future. It really does. The spiritual core is very stable. The membership caring for each, from little kids all the way up to 100-year old people, they just care for each other generally. I think the future of the church is in good hands."

## **P Kathy's Reflections on Dave's impact –**

"Dave and his wife Nancy joined at the same time. They bring enthusiasm! Dave cares deeply about people. He works with the youth and helps with worship leadership. But he is a team player – he doesn't have to be the leader.

"When he does one of the Sunday readings, he generally provides the context – rather than just reading. He doesn't have to do that. When participating in Bible study, he often provides background and context. Dave is a teacher (that was his profession)."

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

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