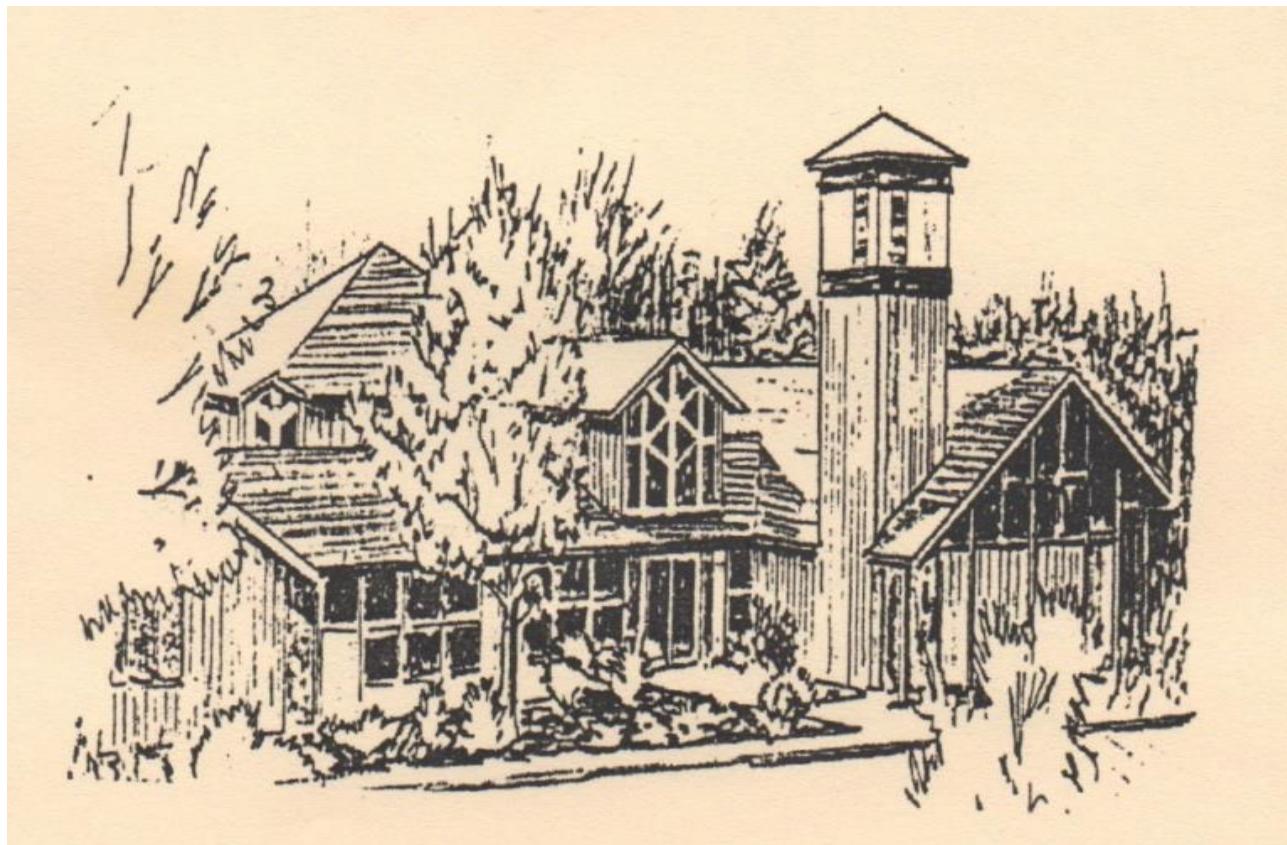


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St Matthew Episcopal Church

Capital Campaign 2017 - 2020

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DEBT **MORTGAGE**

\$245,000

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A Message from our Rector

Beloved of St. Matthew,

Through the years, our parish has worked together with a vision: To passionately embrace and value all people, growing in the love of Christ through word *and* action. Sometimes that vision is seen in fellowship and good times together. At other times that vision has been shown in programs of service and education. No matter how we embody our vision, being a beacon of light in our neighborhood has remained unchanged.

Today, as we embark on our “Invest in the Promise” campaign to eliminate our mortgage debt, replace our roof, and resurface our parking lot, we set our sights on a vision that will enrich and broaden the future ministry of our church.

The theme of our campaign challenges us to be a part of something extraordinary which, for many of us, will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for genuine generous giving. The call for us is to give generously “over and above” our regular offering for the next 156 weeks or three years. We can all have a significant part in the Lord’s work.

One of the ways in which God blesses us is through our giving. Jesus said, “Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over....” *Luke 6:38.*
The timing is perfect. We, the people of St. Matthew, are ready for the challenge of this new program. May God bless our labors and fill us with hope as we seek God’s will in all that we undertake.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Rector



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From our Campaign Co-Chairs

Dear Members and Friends of St. Matthew's,

We have to confess that when we were asked to serve as co-chairs for our *Invest in the Promise* capital campaign, we wondered, "Why us?" This question was ultimately replaced by another question: "Who are we to say 'no' to God?" Clearly, God was calling us to be a part of the legacy of ministry we all share at St. Matthew's, and to serve alongside our parish membership to build up our church.



Our campaign theme reminds us that we share an incredible history of ministry at St. Matthew's. Together we are looking toward the future, working to strengthen our vibrant and welcoming church home – both in terms of facilities and finances – for those who are here now, and those who will come, and extend the reach of God's love to do the work we have been entrusted us to do. Together we seek to realize God's vision for us as a church.

Throughout our campaign this spring, we know that God has been calling us – all of us – to step up. This in no way diminishes the abundant, selfless giving that already occurs at St Matthew's on a daily basis. But Christianity is not compatible with resting on one's laurels. There is always another challenge, another mountain to climb, and Jesus is always there on a rock, extending His hand to lead us on the way. And the grace of Christ makes miracles occur when we invest in that grace.

Join us, and join the sovereign, living God as we journey forward together to keep His promise. Join us in generous commitment. *Invest in the Promise!*

In Christ,

Sherry and Barney Hartley
Campaign Co-Chairs

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St Matthew History

In the early 1950's, local residents wished to start an Episcopal church which would serve the residents of the Browns Point and Dash Point communities. An organized meeting was held on St. Matthew's Day in 1951. Early meetings were held in the basement of John and Isabelle Kennedy's home. They later moved to an available local storefront in the Browns Point shopping center where services were held. The church was established as a mission of Christ Church in Tacoma where Rev. W.E. Woodhams served as Rector. Plans to build the church began immediately. Victor and Alice Monahan of Browns Point contributed the funds to purchase land. Local resident John Kirkebo served as the contractor and Irvin Muri was the architect for the building.

The first service in the Chapel was held Christmas Day, 1952. Bishop Baynes dedicated the Church on Easter Day, 1953. As documented in the Tacoma News Tribune in 1952, St. Matthew had the unusual distinction of being a parish developed and built almost entirely from donated materials and volunteer labor (many of whom were not parishioners) making St. Matthew a truly community neighborhood church. It is the first church on Browns Point and remains to this day the only church on lower Browns Point.

The small parish church was filled with Baby Boomer families of the Northeast Tacoma area. Sunday school, choir practice, baptisms, confirmations, picnics, suppers and weddings filled the schedule. Besides church events, community activities were held in the parish hall including teen dances, children's dance lessons and preschool. A favorite and long standing celebration started by English members Albert and Daisy Worley was Twelfth Night. It was celebrated with good fun, the traditional Wassail Bowl, the burning of the Greens and a poem read by Albert.

One special and popular event was the annual Blackberry Pie Dinner. Each church family was expected to pick two quarts of the tasty wild blackberries which grew in the area. They were then turned into delicious blackberry pies by the church ladies. They were the featured dessert for the Annual Blackberry Pie Dinner. The event was well-attended by the local community and helped raise funds for the church. So it can be said that the church was partially built by blackberry pie!

In 1995, under Rev. S.P. Stanton, plans were made to enlarge the building. The original Sanctuary became the new kitchen and Parish Hall. A spacious and beautiful new Sanctuary was built. While the new church was being constructed, the congregation met once more in a storefront in the shopping center. Services began in the "new" church in 1996.

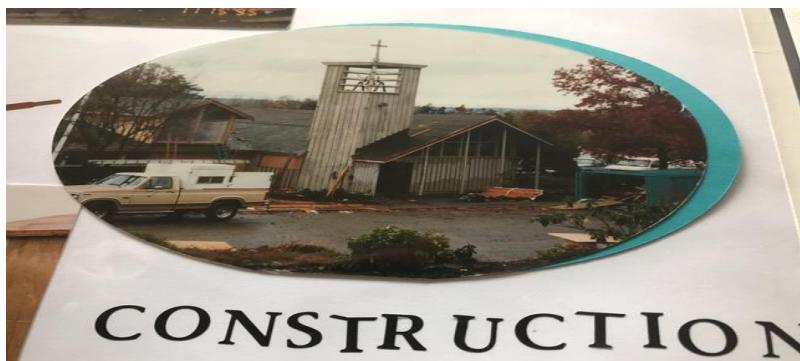
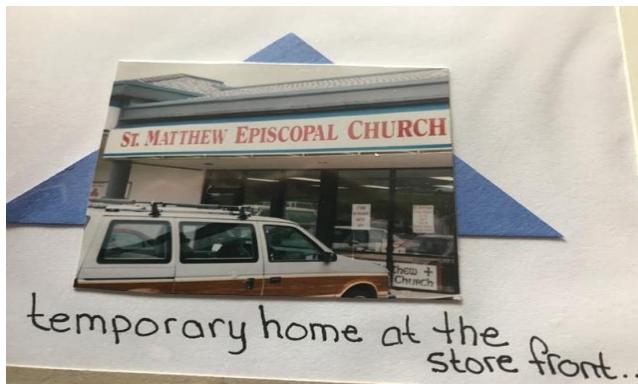
Sixty five years later, St. Matthew is a growing and diverse family of neighbors who have a heart for learning and a desire to connect with those who find purpose in serving the community in meaningful and creative ways. Serving members who live in the Browns Point, Dash Point, Northeast Tacoma and Federal Way areas, the church is also community partners with the Points Northeast Historical Society, the Browns Point Improvement Club, Alcoholics Anonymous, Julia's Gulch, and the local FISH food bank. A Pierce County Emergency Shelter is housed at St. Matthew.

Outreach plays a major part in our church activities. Recent projects have included CPR classes and a health fair in conjunction with the local fire department, Thanksgiving dinners for the needy, mental health training, drives for school supplies, socks, gloves and more. Often, community group meetings are held at the church for the local historical society, Metro Parks various community issues and important topics and

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musical performances. St. Matthew also helped to establish the Holy Family of Jesus Cambodian Church in Tacoma.

This was our glorious past. It is only the beginning. Come and partner with God and with each other to lead the way to an even brighter future.



Our Invest in the Promise Capital Campaign – FAQ's

St. Matthew Episcopal Church has a wonderful history of ministry in our neighborhood. Over the years, our church has always been a warm, caring and engaging place for authentic worship, fellowship, Christian education, service to the community, and spiritual growth. Our church family is eager for ministry. As we anticipate the next chapter in the life of our parish, the time is right for us to imagine how we will provide for ministry and service for the years to come.

Q: What is our *Invest in the Promise* Campaign all about?

A: Our capital campaign is about investing in the future of St. Matthew Episcopal Church.

- It is about building on our faith, and the faith of people who came before us, to revitalize our building and ministry for years to come.
- It is about widening our welcome to people who don't yet know Christ.
- It is about growing as a congregation through a deeper understanding of stewardship, community, and faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Q: What types of projects are we seeking to accomplish?

A: 1). Pay off and retire our mortgage;

2). Replace our roof; and

3). Repair and restripe our parking lot.

4). If additional funds remain after accomplishing 1), 2) and 3), we intend to build up our reserves.

Q: What was the impetus for these projects?

A: The top priority for our long-term goal of sustainability is to retire the mortgage. Accomplishing this task will not only do wonders for our operating budget, it will, more importantly, free up funds to serve God and our neighborhood through mission work. Building up our reserves will also put us in a stronger position to serve others. The leaking roof and pockmarked parking lot are in disrepair, and need our attention before they become serious liabilities. Addressing these issues will also provide a more welcoming environment for new members and visitors.

Q: How will funds raised through our *Invest in the Promise* campaign be used?

A: *Invest in the Promise* gifts will be completely separate from the operating budget, and will be used only for the projects listed above, and for operating expenses of the campaign, which are targeted to be less than 6% of funds raised.

Q: What is the amount of our debt, and how did we incur this?

A: Our debt is approximately \$245,000. It began as a standard first mortgage of \$550,000 to pay for more than half of the cost of the “new” nave in 1997, and was then refinanced at different points over the years in order to raise capital and reduce the interest rate.

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Q: When and how do I pay my pledge? What if my financial circumstances change?

A: Your three-year commitment to the *Invest in the Promise* campaign may be paid

Incrementally in weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual installments, or as a one-time gift. The gifting period will be May 2017 through May 2020. You, as the donor, will decide how best to complete your pledge.

Financial pledges are not legal obligations; however, it is anticipated that members will make their pledges in good faith, and will fulfill these fully. If circumstances change, you may revise your pledge by notifying the church.

Q: How can we be successful in achieving the goals of our campaign?

A: The financial goals for our campaign will represent an appropriate challenge for our church and will be within our capacity to fund. Churches similar to ours have raised between \$300,000 and \$750,000 or more in projects like ours. We have the joyful opportunity to stretch ourselves to meet the current and future needs of St. Matthew Episcopal Church.

We have been blessed by God as we continue to grow in our giving to the church. It is vital that we continue our commitment to support our current worship, work, and witness (our annual stewardship). We also need to build a strong financial base for our capital ministry projects.

To meet the goals of our capital campaign, each of us will be asked to commit a generous and joyful gift above and beyond our regular giving. We are all encouraged to prayerfully remember—and celebrate!—the many blessings God has given us, and to seek helpful new modes and strategies for giving that may not have been considered before. The choice is ours to freely commit that which has been entrusted to us. Seek God's guidance as you consider these questions:

- To what extent does my giving truly reflect the value I have for this church?
- To what extent am I acting purposefully, intentionally, and faithfully in my giving?
- In what ways is my giving helping me grow in faith in God, and in service to others?

Your support continues the tradition of generosity in our church, and will help St. Matthew Episcopal Church move forward in its mission and ministry.

Q: Why is this campaign – *Invest in the Promise* – so important?

A: Our campaign is about realizing God's dream for us through our mission as God's people to welcome all people in Christ's name, offering healing and wholeness to those who come to us and the world around us, as we serve others through Christ's transforming love. It's about honoring the commitment of everyone who has provided for our church over the years, and ensuring a bright future for St. Matthew Episcopal, our community, and our ministries for years to come. Our campaign is about far more than just finances.

Ours is the privilege and opportunity to carry forward the legacy of St. Matthew Episcopal Church, celebrate the abundance God places in our lives, and carry forward God's vision for us here.

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Financial Goals for our Invest in The Promise Capital Campaign *(above and beyond our annual stewardship)*

CELEBRATION GOAL = \$550,000

Accomplishes the items listed in Challenge Goals below AND allows us to build up our financial reserves for current and future ministry opportunities.

CHALLENGE GOAL = \$450,000

Completely pays off our mortgage debt, provides funding for roof replacement and parking lot resurfacing/striping, and pays for our campaign expenses.

CORNERSTONE GOAL = \$350,000

Pays off some of our mortgage debt, provides funding for roof replacement, and pays for our campaign expenses.

How We'll Reach Our CHALLENGE Goal

It takes everyone . . .

Number of Gifts	Amount (Total Three-Year Gift)	Total	Cumulative Total
1	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
2	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$105,000
3	\$21,000	\$63,000	\$168,000
4	\$15,000	\$60,000	\$228,000
5	\$12,000	\$60,000	\$288,000
6	\$9,000	\$54,000	\$342,000
8	\$6,000	\$48,000	\$390,000
12	\$3,000	\$36,000	\$426,000
19	\$600 - \$1,800	\$24,000	\$450,000
60			\$450,000

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Responding to God's Call

Pray

Pray for God to guide you as you consider how to share your financial resources in our ***Invest in the Promise*** campaign. Capital campaign gifts are above and beyond your regular offering.

Listen

Tune your heart to discover how God wants you to give of your time, talents, and financial resources.

Commit

As God guides you, make your commitments to our capital campaign. The key is not how much money is committed, but how much each of us sacrifices for the future of our church. **Everyone's precious gifts are needed!** Working together, we will provide strong ministry programs for the mission of St. Matthew's. And we will help ourselves and others come alive to the faith, and discover joy in our serving.

Celebrate

Thank the Lord for the miracles in your life, and give thanks for the calling you have to carry out God's work in this place.

"On every Lord's Day you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." (I Corinthians 16:2)

How Your Gifts Add Up Over Three Years

You may use this chart to easily calculate the total of a certain gift over a 3-year period. We see how sacrifices over a period of time result in large contributions.

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>3-Year Total</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>3-Year Total</u>
\$500	\$78,000	\$1,500	\$54,000
\$400	\$62,400	\$1,200	\$42,200
\$300	\$46,800	\$1,000	\$36,000
\$200	\$31,200	\$800	\$28,800
\$150	\$23,400	\$600	\$21,600
\$125	\$19,500	\$500	\$18,000
\$100	\$15,600	\$400	\$14,400
\$90	\$14,040	\$360	\$12,960
\$80	\$12,480	\$320	\$11,520
\$70	\$10,920	\$280	\$10,080
\$60	\$9,360	\$240	\$8,640
\$50	\$7,800	\$200	\$7,200
\$45	\$7,020	\$180	\$6,480
\$40	\$6,240	\$160	\$5,760
\$35	\$5,460	\$140	\$5,040
\$30	\$4,680	\$120	\$4,320
\$25	\$3,900	\$100	\$3,600
\$20	\$3,120	\$80	\$2,880
\$15	\$2,340	\$60	\$2,160
\$10	\$1,560	\$40	\$1,440

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Creative Gift Planning

Many of us are experienced at stewardship to the mission and ministry of St. Matthew Episcopal Church. Many members tithe (give 10%), and some exceed the tithe in their giving. Most of us provide from our current resources to supply our support of the church.

The fact is that often gifts for capital campaigns are contributed in ways other than cash and checkbook. What additional opportunities are there for making gifts over the next three years?

Gifts of Appreciated Investments

Donations of appreciated long-term stocks, mutual funds, or other investments are an excellent way to support our church. When you donate appreciated investments, you do not pay capital gains tax on your gain and you receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value on the date of the donation. A true win/win!

Gifting from an IRA

Those over the age of 70 ½ may make a tax free charitable contribution to the church from your IRA. The contribution must be made directly from your IRA to the church and it may be applied to your Required Minimum Distribution.

Life Insurance

Do you have a life insurance policy that you no longer need? You may consider giving existing life insurance to St. Matthew's by making the church both the owner and the beneficiary of the policy. If the policy is whole (ordinary) life insurance, you will receive an immediate tax deduction for the cash value on your federal income tax.

Lifestyle Giving

Another way to generate gifts for our campaign is to consider lifestyle adjustments. Going camping with the family in place of a more expensive vacation, postponing the purchase of an automobile or home remodeling are all ways to "find money" in order to make a generous gift.

Rental Income from Real Property

Some members may own either a vacation home/condo or a time share property. Consider renting out your property and gifting all or a portion of the rental income to the church.

Real Property as a Charitable Gift

There are two main methods for real estate to be given as a charitable gift. The first is an outright gift of the property. This is the simplest, most direct method resulting in the most immediate tax benefit. The second method involves bequests either through one's will, establishment of trusts or annuities. For the latter there are various tax benefits depending upon the specifics of the bequest and upon the individual's life circumstances and desires.

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Help with your Gift Planning

For assistance or more information, please contact the church.

Note: St. Matthew Episcopal Church cannot give legal advice. You are encouraged to consult your professional advisor before implementing any of the above plans.

Joyful Giving

- **Trust in God's promise to provide for you.**

"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you may abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

- **Give first to God.**

"The fruits of your grain, your wine, and your oil, as well as the first of the fleece of your sheep you shall give to God." (Deuteronomy 18:4)

- **Commit generously – all cannot give an equal amount, but all are called to equal sacrifice.**

"I will not sacrifice offerings that cost me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)

- **Find joy in sharing with others what God has first given you.**

"God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." (2 Corinthians 9:7b)

Closing Prayers



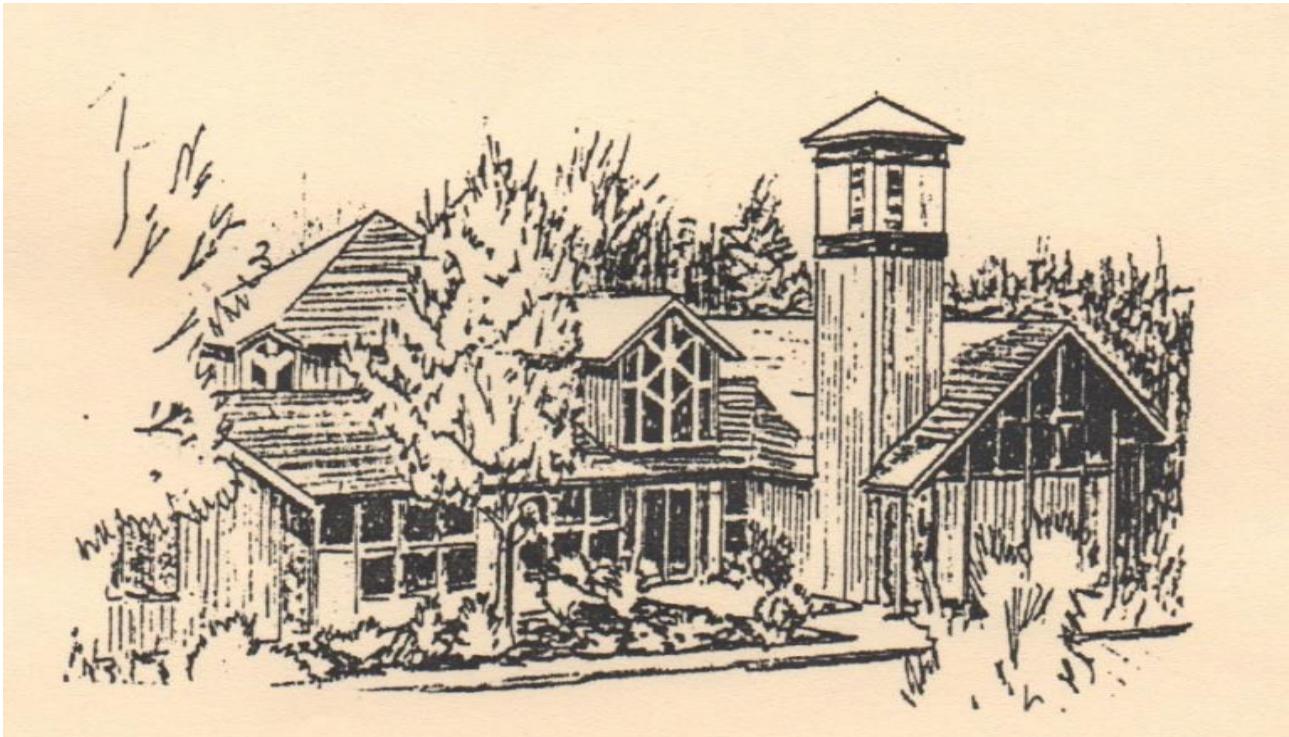
*Sovereign Lord, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end:
Send your servants out from this place on many errands,
be their constant companion in the way, and welcome them upon their return, so that coming and going they may be sustained by your presence, O Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

*Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***



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