



Invest in the Promise!

Capital Campaign News from St. Matthew Episcopal Church

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Issue 1

Upcoming Campaign Events

All-Church Bible Study
Sunday, February 26
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Enrichment Gatherings
(Informational meetings)
March 6 through
March 31

**Children's Sunday
School Activity Day**
Sunday, April 2

Prayer Vigil
Thursday, April 13
(Maundy Thursday)
through Friday, April 14
(Good Friday)

**Advance Commitment
Gathering**
Saturday, April 29

**All-Church
Celebration Banquet**
Saturday, May 6

**Commitment Worship
Services**
Sunday, May 7

**Celebration Worship
Services**
Sunday, June 4

Our Campaign Begins

In our liturgy on January 22nd, we officially began our Capital Stewardship Campaign which will unfold over the coming months, culminating in May. This campaign will help us move forward toward our vision for ministry by eliminating the debt we owe on our building, and funding church facilities improvements, such as replacing the aging roof and pavement. Our generous responses will serve our vital mission as a church, and help us ensure that we have a strong church home from which to minister for years to come.

Invest in the Promise is the theme for our campaign—a process that seeks to involve the whole congregation in a focused time of inspiration and reflection on that to which God calls us, and what we are to do in our lives, and in the life of our church in God's name.

Our campaign is about more than *just* finances. It is about our mission as God's people to know Christ and to make Christ known, to bring

people to Christ, and to serve others. 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 Church.

Throughout this spring, we will focus on Christian growth and commitment. You can get involved in many ways—informational meetings, Bible Study, a Prayer Vigil, an All-Church Celebration, and other activities. Watch for announcements, newsletters, and other materials to learn how you can participate.

Ours is the privilege and opportunity to build on the legacy of our church, celebrate the abundance God places in our lives, and carry forward the vital ministry of St. Matthew Episcopal Church in our neighborhood and beyond.

Come, be a part of God's promise for us as we move forward in our *Invest in the Promise* Campaign.

Called to Serve

To serve and lead in our campaign, these members have committed their time and talent to the positions listed below. Our Campaign Team began working together several weeks ago, and was consecrated at both liturgies on January 22nd. May God bless their efforts on behalf of our parish!

Sherry & Barney Hartley - Campaign Co-Chairs

Coordinate the efforts of the Campaign Team and keep the congregation inspired and informed throughout the appeal.

John Kennedy - Advance Commitments Director

Encourages early, inspirational financial commitments to the campaign.

Francine Dennis and Karena Teves - Audio-Visual Co-Directors

Create an inspiring visual presentation as part of our campaign.

Liz Latsis - Banquet Director

Organize an inspiring All-Church Celebration Event.

Nan Martin-Clapp - Children and Youth Director

Involve the children and youth in our church through stewardship lessons and activities.

Terry Elofson - Commitment Visits Director

Coordinates follow-up visits with those not able to be present at the Commitment Worship service.

Dick Collins and Rich Gould - Continuation Co-Directors

Coordinate and track giving relative to pledges during the three-years of our campaign.

Terry Elofson - Enrichment Gatherings Director

Organizes a series of small-group informational meetings for congregational members.

Pam Halsan - Hospitality Director

Encourages attendance at the All-Church Banquet and receives member's reservations to this special event.

Linda Pomeroy-Hull - Prayer Vigil Director

Invites our members to a time of dedicated prayer in a Prayer Vigil.

Kathleen Monahan - Promotion Director

Produces printed materials to keep our congregation informed throughout the campaign.

Dave Noll - Resource Director

Prepares materials for mailing to members.

Jeff Clapp - Bible Study Director

Leads our parish in a Bible Studies series on faith development

The Rev. Kendall Haynes - Rector

Provides spiritual guidance throughout our campaign.

*“Just as a body,
though one, has
many parts, but
all its many parts
form one body, so
it is with Christ...
Now you are the
body of Christ,
and each one of
you is a part
of it.”*

*I Cor. 12: 12, 27
(NIV)*

Bible Study and Prayer Provide Campaign Inspiration

To support our spiritual formation throughout our campaign, we will have multiple opportunities to engage in Bible study and prayer in the coming weeks. On Sunday, February 26, we will hear an inspirational church-wide Bible Study entitled “*The Joy of Generosity*,” led by Marc Rieke, our consultant from The Enrichment Group. This Study will be offered at 9:00 AM and again at 11:00 AM that day.

Additionally, a Bible study series focused on faith development and stewardship will be offered. Be looking for more details and ways to participate in the coming weeks. For more information

about Bible study opportunities contact Jeff Clapp at 253-906-9484 or email clappja@plu.edu

As we prepare our hearts and minds during our campaign, an All-Church Prayer Vigil is planned for Maundy Thursday (April 13) through Good Friday (April 14). Each member will be invited and encouraged to dedicate one hour in prayer at the church during this time. Prayer requests will be invited as we prepare for this event.

For more information, contact Linda Pomeroy-Hull at lindan@lindan.com or 253 279 2089

“Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalm 119:105
(KJV)



Enrichment Gatherings Offer Fellowship and Information

An integral part of our *Invest in the Promise* campaign is a series of small group meetings which will give participants an opportunity to hear first-hand about the plans and purposes of our capital stewardship program. These gatherings will take place between March 6th and March 31st. A variety of times and locations will be available.

The meetings will offer time for fellowship and information, as well as time for questions and answers concerning our stewardship campaign and the ways in which each of us is called

to support and strengthen the ministries of St. Matthew through our various campaign projects.

No financial commitments will be asked for at these gatherings.

Look for further information, announcements and sign-up opportunities about the Enrichment Gatherings, and plan to attend one of these important sessions.

For more information please contact Terry Elofson at thelofson@gmail.com or 253-670-1948

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20
(KJV)

***'SAVE THE DATE 'AND PLAN TO CELEBRATE!
ALL CHURCH BANQUET
MAY 6TH, 2017***

FOOD

Please be planning now for a great celebration of the life, fellowship, and ministries of St. Matthew!

FELLOWSHIP

As one of the culminating events in our *Invest in the Promise* campaign, an All-Church Banquet is being planned for May 6th, 2017. This event will bring us together for a spirit-filled time of food, fellowship, and inspiration. Delicious food, activities for kids, and a wonderful program are planned.

***FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!***

Be looking for more information from your invitation to the "Party of the Year" in the coming weeks.



***SEE YOU AT THE
CELEBRATION!***



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