



# Forward To A Bright Future

## *Growing & Serving Together*

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## The Next Step!

***Now that the envelope of our Beloved MVPC Building has been buttoned up we can proceed with the interior facelift!***

With the addition of a 4th year to the capital campaign and the pledges that came along with it, we're excited about the upgrades that will be made in the Sanctuary and Fireside Room. We've proposed updated lighting, carpet and paint, all new Audio/Visual equipment, switching from pews to chairs, and moving the choir, bell choir and sound booth. We're awaiting firm bids from the contractor to determine exactly which of our priorities for the Sanctuary renovation we will be able to accomplish. Each of them (and hopefully all of them together) will lead to a warm, safe and welcoming place for all to gather and worship God.

### The Design Team

Six members from the congregation volunteered to serve on the "Design Team", headed up by Mary Ellen Byerly. Their topics included keeping pews or replacing them with chairs, color and style of paint, carpet and upholstery. The team worked with a design consultant. After receiving input from MVPC members, and spending time in prayer and discernment, the decision was to make the change to chairs from pews. The designer presented recommended samples of carpet, wall paint color, and wall design features, and explained the aesthetic results of the different choices. The selections are on display in the Narthex.

### Audio Visual Update

The team is excited about the proposed Audio and Visual upgrades, as well as the aesthetic and design elements of the renovation! We've contracted directly with Bates Integrations, AV specialists. From a screen that diminishes the effect of ambient light and a new more powerful projector, to new speakers that are rated very highly for the intelligibility of speech and music, we expect the congregation will be ecstatic about how clearly you'll be able to hear and see the worship service in the renovated sanctuary. With the addition of remote cameras linked to a central system, the experience of people who remain remote will also be greatly improved.

### The Plan Moving Forward

There's been a lot of forward progress. The "Design Phase" of the project is almost complete. There is still a lot coming! Within the next couple of weeks we expect to receive from Trico some hard numbers by which we'll make decisions. If we're able to do all that we have proposed, excellent! If not we may need to adjust some pieces of the project in order to fit the budget determined by the congregation's pledges. When the contract is actually signed we'll be able to communicate a specific timeline. The plan is that either the work in the Sanctuary will be completed before December, or it won't start until January. Either way we will have Christmas in the sanctuary - whether it is the refurbished sanctuary or the well-beloved sanctuary; we aren't quite sure yet! While the work in the sanctuary is ongoing, live worship will be happening in Good Shepherd Hall, and as always, hybrid worship will continue to be an option.

## Special Campaign Dates

- January 2021—commenced mortgage payments
- April 2021—Congregational Meeting to approve a 4th Year for the Campaign
- May 2021—Design Team kick-off meeting
- June 2021—Sanctuary Project Team kick-off meeting
- August 2021—



**Financial Status:** All figures are as of August 17, 2021.

	<u>Original, 3-Year Summary</u>	<u>New, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Summary</u>
Total Commitments:	\$ 964,621	\$ 490,240
Total Cash Received:	\$ 657,045	\$ 150,160
Total Expenditures To Date	\$ 951,739 (incl. Loan Interest)	\$ 11,694 (chairs)

**On-Hand Cash and Mortgage:**

Current Cash on Hand:	\$ 442,450 (combined 3rd & 4th years)
Current Mortgage Balance:	\$ 580,710



At the forefront of all our meetings, we emphasized that we are upgrading for the next 50 years to have our MVPC Worship center a safe, welcoming base to reach out to the community and spread the Gospel and God's love.

We are currently finalizing the scope of work for the interior renovation and should have a firm price for that in the next couple of weeks. The work will be paid for out of our cash on hand, then as we receive outstanding commitments, they will be used to pay down the mortgage, while maintaining a year of mortgage payments in reserve until we're able to pay off the entire balance. Thank you for your incredible generosity and continued fulfillment of the pledges you made as we move **Forward to a Bright Future!**

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