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

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## Why did we volunteer? - Leah and Pat

The Gerlachs joined the church just prior to the COVID pandemic. We decided when we moved to New Mexico that we wanted to join a faith community of friendly caring people. We were not really aware of the building needs of the church at that time. Just over a year ago Pastor Kathy approached us and asked if we would be willing to be part of the Capital Campaign Committee.

As she told us about the needs of the building, we realized that this would be a good way to get involved. Leah remembered two previous capital campaigns she was involved with and found skills that we could share. This opportunity has been very rewarding and inspiring experience to share with the community and help with this important project.

Pastor Kathy, thank you for asking us.

Leah and Pat Gerlach

## Why did we volunteer? - Sue and Bob

When the “pre-capital committee” looked for volunteers, we signed up because I had worked on 2 previous capital campaigns – one for a hospital, one for a church – both in CA. I also have been a Deacon, an Elder and a church secretary over time, like many other folks at RRPC. My first job was to build (from scratch) and run a small radio station. Bob ran multiple departments in a large manufacturing company. We felt all that could bring multiple perspectives to the table.

We learned that over the decades, RRPC has raised funds for each capital project as it became necessary, illustrating how generous the RRPC congregation was throughout. But now RRPC would be proposing one multi-year campaign for multiple projects. Could this be achieved?

Bob has a better analytical mind than I do, but less Presbyterian background. He wasn't sure RRPC could achieve \$400k, let alone \$500k which might be necessary over the passage of the 3 years. When Pastor Kathy asked us to serve, he voiced this concern. And over the couple of years we have been involved in this fundraising effort, P. Kathy and Elaine have responded with “Have faith in our church family.”

Bob and I have worked together for about 25 years in CO, owning and running a B&B. We know how to work-share! So, I use my background in marketing/ PR/ writing and church organization to remind Bob to “hang in there – keep the numbers coming!” and we move ever forward through the three years of the campaign.

Why are we on the committee? Partially because we have the right experience. But mostly because P. Kathy asked. We appreciate the congregation having a spirit of generosity – giving back God's many gifts to make the world better. We have learned so much more about the generous heart of the church family at RRPC.

Sue and Bob Scott

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*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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