



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

Elaine Isaacs -



We will miss her! R.I.P.

Elaine was born in Huron, SD, the 3rd child of Ross and Mildred Baade. Elaine, with her family, lived in Prescott, AZ; Alamosa, CO; and Brush, CO. She graduated from Brush High School. Elaine participated in band, (she played the saxophone), choir, school plays, Honor Society, thespians, and Future Teachers of America.

She attended the College of Emporia in Emporia KS, where she met her future husband, Tom Isaacs, and began married life at Kansas State University. Elaine declared a

major in Speech Pathology and earned her bachelor's degree in 1971 and her Master's in 1972. Elaine and Tom and their 3 children, Priscilla, Tim and Amanda moved from Sugarland, TX, to Rio Rancho, NM, in 1983. Elaine worked with Albuquerque Public Schools at Taylor Middle School, where she spent 26.5 years as a speech therapist, retiring in 2011.

Elaine and Tom were charter members of the Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, beginning in 1986. Elaine served as an Elder, a Deacon, a member of both an interim and regular Pastor Nominating Committees, and **her latest work was as co-chair of the Capital Campaign**, helping fund needed updates and improvements to the church building and facilities.

Elaine used her charter member experience to highlight the need for and the importance of funding for the 3-year Capital Campaign improvements, which began in October, 2022. She encouraged the Campaign team that "if the Charter Campaign could raise \$300K back in 1986, then we should be successful in raising \$400K during 2023-2025." She presented numerous ideas to positively guide and inform the Campaign's Capital improvements (replacing the AC/furnace system, roof, and parking lot/lighting, now complete), looking forward to future flooring and stucco projects. Elaine was excited about the new parking lot and was asking for updates while in Rehab.

Elaine started by searching for an opening prayer for each meeting, "A Prayer for Fundraisers," then drafting her narrative on the "Space Inside RRPC" when she was asked "what does the space known as RRPC really mean to her?" Her narrative consisted of memories of people, weddings, funerals, baby showers, and families of those related by blood and those united by common beliefs, and caring friendships. Pastor Kathy Westmoreland prepared and delivered three sermons on

Elaine's narrative.

As work continued, Elaine encouraged the Committee to consider a two-month Season of Gratitude for the congregation to reflect on how our members reach out to help each other and the community. The Season of Gratitude was a time to express our thanks to those who live their faith by giving freely of their time and skills to help others and our church. Pastor Kathy then delivered a series of Gratitude sermons, such as Gratitude for the Earth and Creation and Gratitude for God's Presence and Work in the World.

Elaine was proud of the work she was accomplishing with the Capital Campaign, knowing that they were making improvements to the building and grounds of the church she and Tom had helped to establish. She would excitedly respond to the generous gifts of time and talents for the Campaign with "How awesome is that? This is amazing! What a generous, caring group of believers!!!" Elaine was expressive and known for her kindness and her generous spirit.

The Capital Campaign Committee -- Betty, Leah, Pat, Denise, Sue, and Bob

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Psalm 127:1

Thank you for your support!

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