



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

Projects March On

The news is spreading!!! The repairs and upgrades to the church floors will take place in May!! Thanks to everyone in our generous congregation who have made this possible.

We are in Year 3 of the capital campaign which we dedicated to all the very serious repairs in our almost 40-year old church facility – God’s House indeed. The progress has been stunning! The HVAC system and the roof underneath were the first major projects. Because this work was planned and accomplished after COVID shocked our country in so many ways, we faced a substantially higher cost than we first estimated.

In late last year the parking lot was stripped down to bare earth and replaced – with improved lighting, repaired sidewalk, and substantially trimmed landscaping. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief that the huge cracks were gone and the parking spaces were made wider. Everyone with a wheel chair or walker finds the new parking so much easier to navigate. So with about \$50k still in the bank, we can proceed with the flooring!

The flooring project affects many rooms in the church, and hence affects everyone who uses RRPC. Please be careful and understanding. The sanctuary will be used by many and for much more than Sunday worship. We can be thankful that the folks who designed RRPC did

not install large and long wooden pews affixed to the floor! Share Your Care has permission to be in the sanctuary much of the week day time, for example.

Project Management Team is handling the logistics with the contractor Atmosphere Commercial Interiors. We think they will start by tearing up the flooring in the Fellowship Hall and replacing it with vinyl tiles the week of May 19. In order to prep the kitchen spaces, PMT is looking for help removing much of the equipment – including the island. That will be replaced with a commercial, metal and somewhat smaller island. (Shirley is planning to paint “her kitchen” as well!) The kitchen make-over will be stunning! Coordinate with Mike Bushma if you can help.

Many in the congregation have asked about repairs to the floor in front of the communion table. The carpet throughout the room is fine, and since its recent cleaning, there is no reason to replace it. But the space at the communion table – that requires more analysis and planning which still has to happen. One working theory is to remove the carpet, repair the floor underneath, and then install the same vinyl tile used elsewhere. A project of this size could be accomplished in summer, when we can hold Sunday worship outside. How does that sound???

Meanwhile the capital campaign continues – because we will have funds to do the flooring, and we assume enough to complete it – unless we find something unexpected when the communion table carpet is lifted! The final project, which is stucco, has not gone out for bid yet.

In addition we promised to raise funds for capital reserves in recognition that a 40-year old building used every day of the week will need big and little repairs for the rest of its life. Let’s make sure the RRPC God’s House is here for many more years, serving the community. Another reserve fund will be created to help fund additional mission projects over the years to come. As today’s caretakers of RRPC, our work includes paying it forward to the next generation.

When all is said and done the capital campaign will probably raise close to \$500k in these three years. The progress so far shows the incredible generosity of our congregation. This is a church family dedicated to sharing all that we have -- all that God has given to us – with our neighbors. Let us finish our task of rebuilding God’s House together – with God.

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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