

September 2016
Westfield Presbyterian Church

Foundations of Hope

Key Dates

9.11

Leadership Team
Commissioning

10.23

Information Weekend

10.30 - 11.20

Inspiration Phase of
Campaign

11.1 and 11.2

Lead and Influencer
Gift Gatherings

11.20

Commitment Weekend

Making the Vision a Reality

by Rev. Paul Votaw

In a congregational meeting on July 31, 2016, the Westfield congregation voted to conduct a capital campaign to provide funding for a new ministry multi-use building and renovations to our existing facility. It should be noted that the final building proposal will be voted on in a separate congregational meeting following the campaign. With this newsletter our campaign is underway. In the weeks ahead you will receive additional information. Please consider this information with an open heart and mind.

The tendency at the beginning of a campaign like this is to focus solely on finances, and without a doubt finances are critical. But for now let's turn our attention in another direction. Our desire in all things is to discover what God wants to do in us and through us. That begins with prayer. So for now I simply ask you to pray. Take time each day to open yourself to the work of God's Spirit.

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Making the Vision a Reality *(continued)*

Regardless of where you stand on our building and ministry plan, ask God what he wants to do through you in this endeavor. As we discover the answer to that question and faithfully respond, God promises to do great things. May God bless you as you seek to be a blessing to others.

Introducing the Leadership Team

There are many who came before us who made our current facility possible. Now it is our turn to be the responsible ones to leave a great church for the next generation. We are glad that we can be a part of this great effort!

Campaign Coordinator: Carol Foster

Leadership Gifts: Evan & Bonnie Ernst

Commitment Weekend: Lee Ann Martin

Communication Director: Phyllis McCullough

Communication Team: Keith Breuer, Michelle Kerr, Maribeth Jones

Prayer Team: David & Jill Trotter

Children's Activity Leader: Heather Brenner

Youth Activity Leaders: David Champ, Anne & Tom Kephart

Adult Activity Leaders: Ed & Peggy Clark

Campaign Chairpersons:

Dan Foster & Linda McBride

Dan Foster

Linda McBride ♡



Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.



In the Gospel we are taught to have faith and not draw back from doing those things which are above our human strength. Hope is an incentive to labor.

- St. Ambrose

Capital Campaign Prayer

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer with grateful hearts.

You fill our lives with the light of your living Spirit. Your steadfast love and faithfulness have been and continue to be our Foundation of Hope. We are thankful that you continue to mold Westfield Church into a loving and serving community.

Open our hearts and minds to your Spirit that we may see your plans for us. As we endeavor to provide sanctuary and a welcoming home for all, shine through us, that we may continue to reflect your love to the world.

We pray that our Foundations of Hope Campaign will honor those who have come before us, bless those who come after us, and glorify you, our God of the past, present and future. In your holy name we humbly pray. Amen.

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for harm, to give you a future filled with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. *(Jeremiah 29: 11-12)*



PLEASE SAY YES!

The teams listed below will soon be enlisting members to help with our campaign. You may be hearing from one of the Team Leaders in the next few weeks.

Contact Team:

Team members will be asked to phone a minimal number of households three times during our campaign to alert them to campaign activities, ensure awareness and encourage attendance. No one will be asked to talk about pledges.

Children/Youth Activity Team:

These teams plan and implement activities and special events for children and youth.

Information/Communication Team:

Information packets and other mailings are prepared for every household. The Information Team distributes this information and helps prepare packets (fold, stuff, stamp, etc.)

Prayer Team:

The prayer team will design and implement a plan to focus on prayer as a primary component of the campaign.

Special Events Team:

Team members plan and make all arrangements for campaign gatherings.

I Want to Help!

I want to join the _____
(Team Name)

Name _____

Please contact me by:

Phone _____ Email _____

(Place in Offering Plate /Take or Mail to Church Office)

