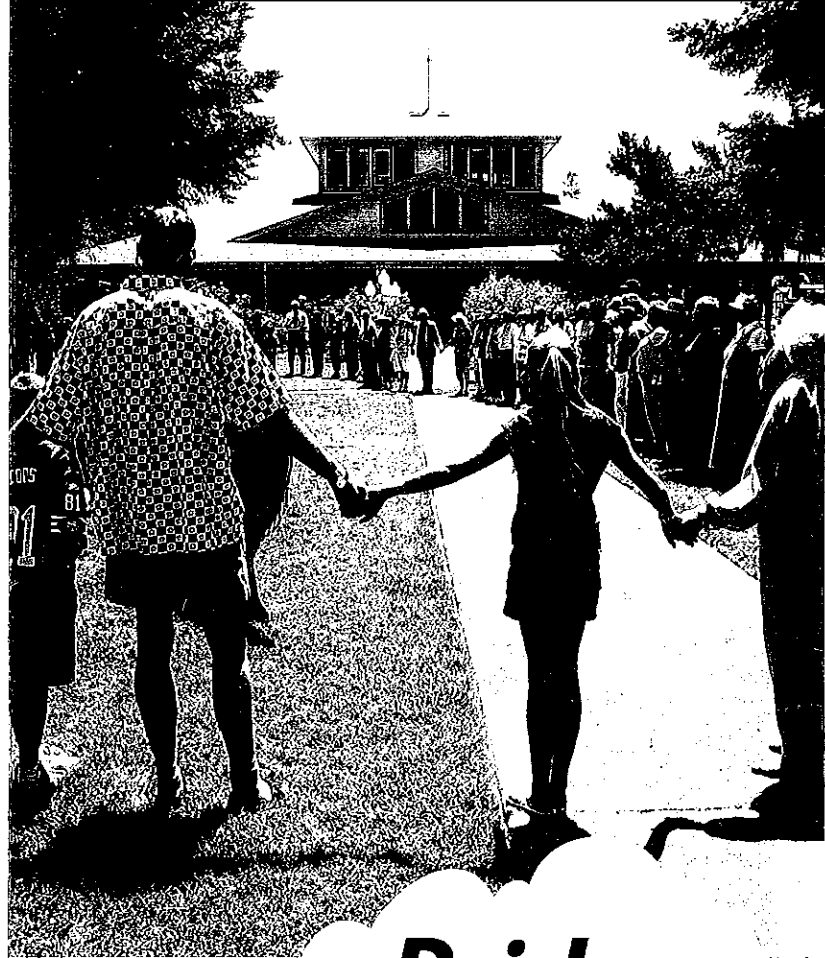


# *First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma*



**Bridge**  
to the  
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Capital Campaign 2007

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# Our Tradition

Our capital stewardship campaign promises to be an exciting spiritual journey for First Presbyterian Church, one that will significantly increase our ability to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment to match the spirit of our congregation.

This spirit has been in evidence from the very beginning of the church in 1883, when a handful of families in Petaluma gathered to worship God. Their dedication sustained the church in its early days and established traditions of outreach, giving and shared service. It was not long before their fruits paid off, with the construction of their new church in 1885 next to the downtown Carnegie Library.

Each generation of our congregation has enhanced the church. The Agape House, built in 1920, and the present office, built in 1930, were already on the property when it was purchased in 1962, the year our current sanctuary, the Christian education wing and kitchen were erected. Koinonia Hall and the Fireside Room were constructed in 1976 through the cooperative effort of church members who personally undertook the construction of these two facilities. And finally, the sanctuary was remodeled in 2003.

We are guided by our love for Jesus Christ and in His name we are instructed to make disciples of all peoples.

Join us to continue this tradition of growth and renewal. Your generosity and commitment will be realized not only through physical improvements, but also in the expanded community of faith you are helping to create. Your gifts will provide a renewed facility for all of us to congregate, worship and engage in our wider purposes!

# Our Need

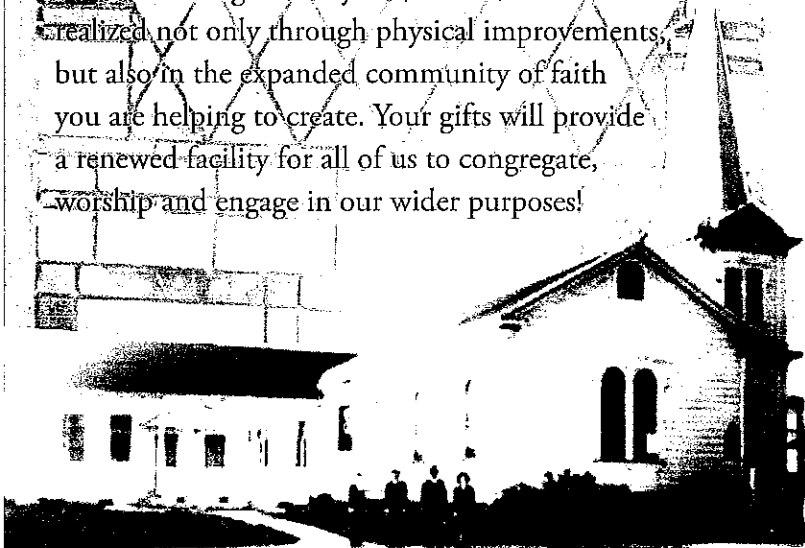
## Expanding Ministries

- Additional classroom space for adult, youth and children's programs Sundays and throughout the week.
- Multiple purpose area for recreation ministries for all ages, fellowship and dining events, larger seminars and special events.
- Large, modern nursery to play and grow in a safe and warm environment.
- Improved restrooms to meet the needs of an expanding congregation with diverse needs.
- Music room for choirs and praise team.
- Facilities for expanded ministry with senior adults.
- Rooms to host community outreach ministries.
- Remedy safety concerns with our current facilities.
- Christian education resource and curriculum center.
- A family ministry center to give us flexible space to develop new ministries in response to the needs of our church family and our community.

*With additional resources available, who knows in what new directions God will lead us?*

# Our Mission

First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma is a family of believers united by our love of Jesus Christ and our desire to be His disciples. Our relationship with God strengthens us and gives our lives purpose and direction. We welcome all people so that they may experience God's love and grace in a Christ-centered community and join us as we reach out to our world with the love of Jesus Christ.



# Our Plan

*Bridge to the Future* is a three-year capital stewardship campaign that is designed to raise funds for new building and improvement projects. Projects will accommodate the needs of our Expanding Ministries as shown on the reverse side of this brochure.

By encouraging each person to prayerfully seek God's will in his or her own life, and inviting three-year pledges above and beyond regular giving to the church's annual operation budget, our Bridge to the Future will raise funds needed to begin construction. Only a sacrificial sense of giving can help to lay such a foundation for the future. Together, with God's grace working in and through God's people, we can meet real costs with real commitments. Together, led by God's will, we can go farther by faith than we ever dreamed!

## Our Goals

### WITH GOD'S HELP

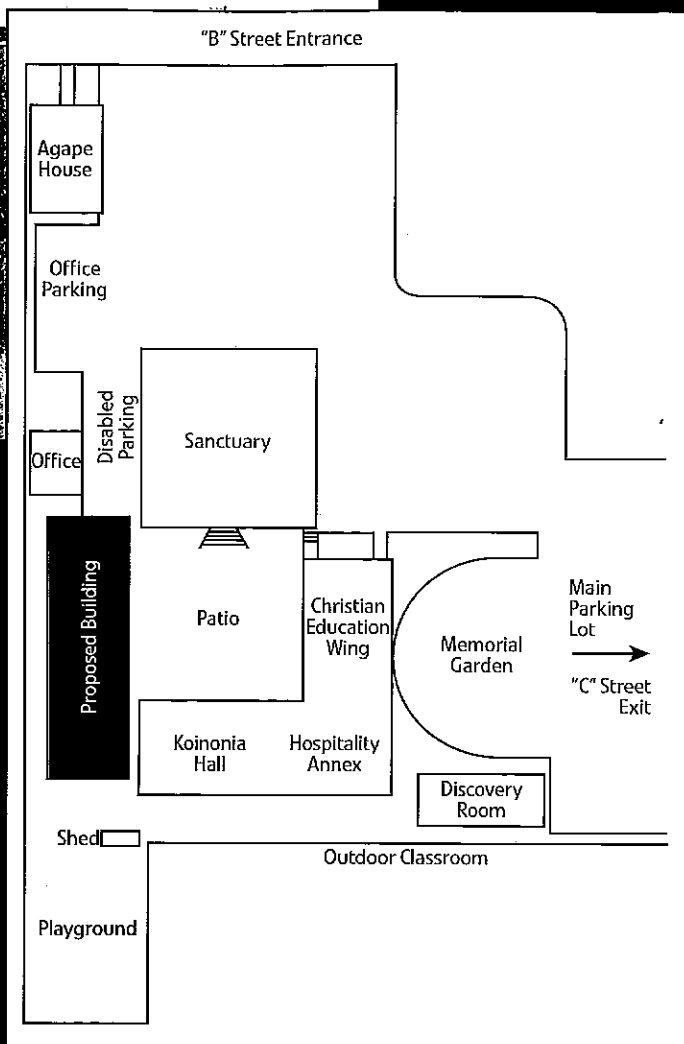
- **We can:** Extend the ministries, witness and outreach of First Presbyterian Church.
- **We can:** Look for God's guidance and direction—seeking the ways in which God wants to work through each of us.
- **We can:** Significantly increase our ability to provide an inclusive, welcoming environment that matches the spirit of our congregation.
- **We can:** Provide facilities that meet the needs of our congregation, both now and in the future.
- **We can:** Seek prayerfully how God would work through each of us—and through all of us—to accomplish God's will in the life of this church.



## Our Vision

First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma is not a cluster of buildings; it's people. People coming to faith in Jesus Christ, growing in our knowledge of God and faith in God's ways. People reaching out in witness and service to our community and beyond. Bridge to the Future is all about our congregation growing as a family with a passion for God and compassion for the world God loves. It is about inviting God to transform our lives, our church and our community.





# Our Challenge

Completing improvements and renovations is estimated to cost \$1.6 million. How much of that can a congregation of our size raise in a single, three-year capital campaign? Comparing us to thousands of church campaigns across the country, our consulting partner (RSI) tells us that raising \$900,000 in pledges would put First Presbyterian in the top ten percent of churches across the nation. While \$900,000 would be a success, we believe that our church is more blessed and more capable than most churches. Simply put, our goal is to raise as much money as we can. Instead of limiting our possibilities, we hope to reach as far as God's grace and your sacrificial commitment will allow. The more funds we raise in the campaign, the better our renovation and timeline and financing options become.

## What can I do?

*Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

Seeking God's will is the foundation for this journey of faith.

*Get informed and involved. (James 2:17, 18)*

Seeking Christian fellowship and personal Bible study is central to deepening our relationships with Christ.

*Discover the calling and the vision of this church.*

Learn about this congregation's ministries and plans for the future.

*Share your faith. (Matthew 17:20)*

Learn from the faith of others, especially the ultimate example...JESUS!

*Make a difference.*

It's OUR turn to make a difference.

*Make your own prayerful pledge decision. (Malaciah 3:10)*

Honor God and His will by faithfully and joyfully making a financial commitment over and above your annual pledge.

