

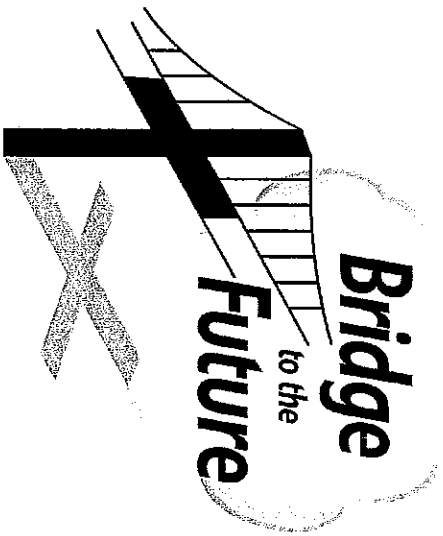
Dear members and friends of First Pres Petaluma

February, 2007

During the Past Several Months! Many of you have asked about the upcoming capital campaign. What is it? When is it? What can I do? With this mailing, we hope to answer some of your questions and to invite you to think about how you can support First Presbyterian Church in this important effort.

Over the last two years! Your Session has prayerfully considered the Congregation's needs and wishes concerning the future of First Presbyterian Church. With your help and the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ the Session has chosen to undertake a three year financial campaign to improve and expand the ministries and facilities of the Church.

Our Campaign Theme! After prayerful consideration, the theme chosen for this campaign is "*Bridge to the Future*". A Bridge symbolizes our belief in building for the next generation. Most of us at our church today are worshipping, learning and growing in faith in facilities that we did not build. We have been nurtured by the sacrifices of others. Now it is our time to make a difference. For most of us, this challenge is our time to make our mark, building faith at a church we love. For many of us it is our time to leave our legacy of faith with a church we love.



A Bridge to the Future promises to be an exciting spiritual journey for First Presbyterian Church. A journey that will significantly increase our ability to provide an open, inclusive, welcoming environment to match the affirming spirit of our congregation.

What is our Financial Goal? Our need to complete this project is substantial. Completing the new building and making the improvements to our existing facility is estimated to cost \$1,600,000. This cost includes the current loan balance for the 2003 reconstruction of our Sanctuary. How much of that can a congregation of our size raise in a single, three-year campaign? Comparing us to thousands of church campaigns across the country, our consulting partner (RSI) tells us that a campaign raising \$900,000 in pledges would be a milestone to celebrate, a measure of success that would put First Pres in the top 10% of churches across the nation! While \$900,000 is an accurate point of measuring 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 we raise in this campaign, the better our construction, renovation and financial options become.

What can I do? Get informed and involved. Discover the calling and the vision of the church. Look at the ministries and the impact of this campaign. Learn about the projects and about the plans for the future.

We truly believe that we are responding to God's call and that together we can make this happen! Stay tuned! Check the calendar on the back of this newsletter for up coming events. For questions and/or comments, please contact Pastor Dave, Sue Russell, Steve or Karyl Crook.

God... "is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..."

Ephesians 3:20

Yours in Christ,
Steve & Karyl Crook
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