



Campaign Events

November 8 - 22 Informational small group meetings

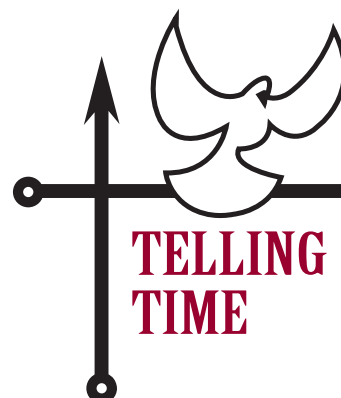
December 4 Churchwide Brunch between services

December 11 Commitment Service

December 18 First Fruits Service

December 25 First Fruits Service

“Every great journey begins with one step.” Our first step toward our future plans for the renovation project begins on December 18, 2011, with the giving of our First Fruits Offering. This offering begins our three-year giving toward the renovation.



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Capital Campaign envisions WPC’s next 50 years

Westminster Presbyterian Church has been the spiritual home for people of all generations for the past 50 years. The vision of WPC’s founders – to create a place of hospitality, nurturing and service to others in the name of Jesus Christ – remains vital in this second decade of the 21st Century.

Through these years, the Sanctuary has served us well. Amid the brick, wood and stained glass of our worship space, wedding vows have been shared; loved ones laid to rest; and children baptized, confirmed and celebrated as high school graduates. Much of the space is as vital and beautiful as it was when first built.

Those 50 years of following Jesus’ example and commandments has led WPC and her people to places a block away and across the globe, making a difference in the lives of God’s children. WPC has also become a welcoming place for the community to gather, with the facilities like those in South Hall utilized by many groups.

In 2012, WPC begins its second 50 years and we find ourselves in the middle of exciting mission and ministry possibilities. Today, WPC’s worship ministry combines the pastor; the chancel choir along with children’s, young peoples’ and specialized choirs; musical instruments such as the organ,

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Special Points of interest

- * Westminster marks 50 years
- * Survey identifies renovation priorities
- * Renovation projects outlined
- * Renovation projects to be completed as funds are available

“Telling Time” for Westminster

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Our capital campaign theme and logo, “Telling Time...into the hands of the future,” is about a telling time for all of us. It’s about a church that, for 50 years, has been moving forward, just as the hands of a clock always move forward. Today’s decisions about the bricks, mortar and mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church, help us live our dreams and hand our proud accomplishment to a time we will not see.

WPC congregation chooses goals

An astounding 93% of the WPC congregation who submitted surveys on the church's Capital Campaign goals chose sanctuary renovation as the top project to be completed during the three-year campaign.

Three other top picks included building enhancements, outreach improvements and technology updates. Each of these projects will be completed as funds are donated, and no mortgages or long-term loans will be used to carry out these improvements for WPC's next 50 years of service to God's world, campaign co-chairmen Steve Bolanowski and Sandy Kauffmann say.

SANCTUARY RENOVATION

This project will renovate portions of the sanctuary to enhance the worship experience, expand the music ministry, enhance energy efficiency, and remove hazardous materials such as asbestos.

- Replace sanctuary flooring, which is cracked & exposes the congregation to asbestos originally used 50 years ago for insulation.
- Replace seating to provide more flexibility & comfort for those attending worship services & other events.
- Modify/replace the heating/ventilation/air conditioning system which is inefficient & difficult to control.
- Retain stained glass windows & glass in narthex, but make them energy-efficient.
- Improve sound & lighting for all sanctuary areas (chancel,

main floors, narthex)

- Improve Contemporary storage space, allowing for easy access to the instruments & "invisibility" when not in use.
- Provide for video technology that is visible when in use & invisible when not.

BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS

- Replace all roofing, some of which is from the original construction.
- Add skylights & new lighting in South Hall.
- Replace carpet in main rooms, hallways & other spaces as needed.

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OUTREACH IMPROVEMENTS

- A welcome/information desk added to Fellowship Hall/gathering space.
- Remodeling South Hall to improve hospitality to community groups, youth sports, etc.
- Exterior signage.
- Americans With Disabilities-complaint doors – one in front & one in back.
- Install buzzer security system
- Flooring, cabinets, etc. in Children's Classrooms 301 & 302

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

- New church database
- Replace computers
- Software updates
- Network system
- Wiring, screens, technology outside Sanctuary

2011 Stewardship Campaign

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What does this all mean and how can I help?

As we move forward, Session and the Capital Campaign Steering Committee thank everyone for their input on the confidential congregation-wide study conducted by Cargill Associates, consultants in Christian fundraising.

This study/survey helped clarify what projects you would like to see completed to continue the missions and ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Judging by your enthusiastic response, WPC is truly a community where people of all ages are transformed by God's love to serve and grow as disciples of Jesus!

Cargill Associates reviewed our church history, demographics, economic climate, and giving trends as well as survey results. They found that enthusiasm for WPC is ranked "high" to "moderately high" by 89% of those interviewed and surveyed.

Respondents rank the church's greatest strengths as Music/Worship Ministry, Church Staff,

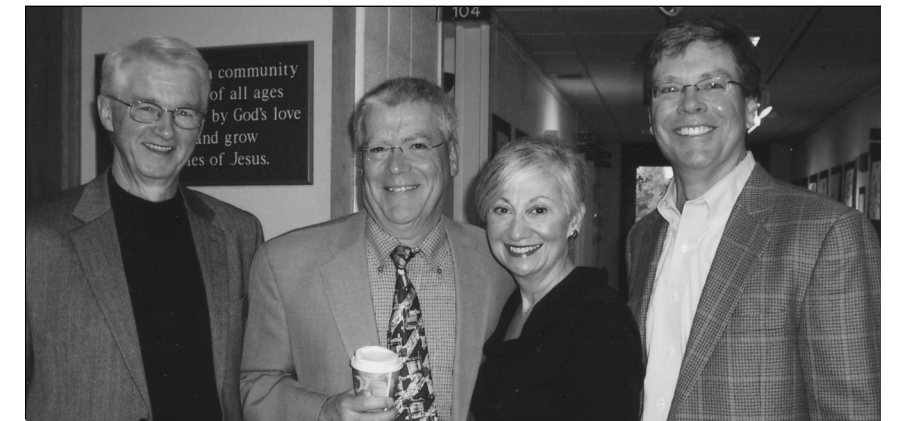
and Youth/Children's Programs. Ninety-three percent of those interviewed said they would consider a personal gift to the three-year capital campaign, while 43% of those who completed the survey said they would also give. The remainder were undecided. The complete report is available at www.wpcmunster.org.

We are beginning our capital campaign now at the same time as our annual stewardship campaign. The annual stewardship campaign revolves around the offering we

will give during 2012. On the other hand, capital funds could be paid over the three-year period, taking us into 2015.

All of the renovations are estimated to cost \$960,000 and can be accomplished without incurring any long-term debt to keep WPC in a debt-free state. This investment in the WPC's next 50 years can be accomplished if we work together.

Please pray about how you can help continue to make WPC, the church Where People Care.



l to r: Sandy Kauffman, Tim Sweeney, Sara Sweeney, Steve Bolanowski. The Executive Team also includes Bruce Haapalainen, Branson Isley and Tom Ogren.

Capital Campaign, continued

piano, handbells, drums and guitars.

Children's musicals, videos, banners, worship leaders and storytelling have expanded the vibrant and varied worship styles that actively involve the congregation.

All of this is faithfully sustained through the congregation's offerings.

Like all things that are well and lovingly used, though, Westminster's physical home

needs to be maintained so that those exciting missions and ministries can be carried out and expanded through the coming years. Being stewards of God's creation also means we need to use His gifts, such as energy sources, wisely, and eliminate any hazardous elements that endanger those welcomed here.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is embarking on a three-year Capital Campaign to maintain, enhance, and update the

physical facilities that allow us to carry out Christ's ministries. This new vision is led by the wishes of the congregation as indicated in a recent survey and will be achieved without incurring debt.

Become part of WPC's next 50 years, and help this wonderful church continue its mission to be "a community where people of all ages are transformed by God's love to serve and grow as disciples of Jesus."