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Campaign News

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Campaign Teams Begin Work

Campaign Kickoff Set for Sunday, October 14

More than 40 people from OPC have now volunteered to lead and work on our campaigns to ensure our church is here for future generations.

On September 20, OPC volunteers gathered to meet for the first time to organize and plan activities that will inform us, invite opportunities to discuss the campaign and building plans, and pray for guidance and assistance.

Ed Dobbmeyer, our consultant from Church Development,

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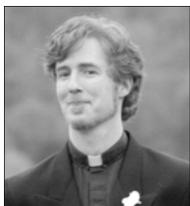
Communications Team (L-R): Julia Berry, Mary Ann Hawthorne, Bill Cox, Cindy Alexander, Anna Coulter, Betty Dalziel, and Jim Coulter (with John Gunter observing).

A Message from Marthame

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them.

Matthew 18:20

Dear Friends,
Over the past couple of weeks, since Session voted to move ahead with a Capital Campaign this fall, I've had the opportunity to meet with



many in our OPC community as we made plans for the campaign. Most recently we had a Volunteer Meeting to form the six campaign teams. (There are more specifics about them in this newsletter).

As we gathered, this quote from Matthew came to mind. We know that unless what we are doing embodies our love for God and each other, it is

in vain. As we go through the next few months, keeping God in our midst will be key to what we can accomplish. Another thing that struck me at the Volunteer Meeting on September 20 was that it was truly intergenerational. We had people who have been at OPC many decades and others fewer than two years.

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Campaign Volunteers



Samantha Cassidy and Carol Moore from the Thanks Team



Jeff Morris, Donavon Graves, Charles Hawthorne, and Mike Lopata from the Ambassador Team



Emily Texter and Amy Chance, co-leaders of the Events Team

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led the meeting. After a brief description of the campaign teams, OPC members selected a team to join which then had its first meeting. The following is a brief report of each meeting.

Prayer Team

Team leaders: Jeff Chance and Linda Hawthorne. **Members:** Ingrid Kelly, Linda Morris, Elizabeth Sanders, and Eleanor Timmons.

The team's immediate priority is to write a prayer and select a scripture to be used throughout the campaign. They also discussed possibilities for prayer events such as a prayer vigil in the Memorial Garden.

Events Team

Team leaders: Amy Chance and Emily Texter. **Members and Helpers:** Cindy Alexander, Margy Jones, Mark Kelly, and Paul Reynolds.

The team immediately began planning the **Campaign Kick-off for October 14**. They also have planned several other events for October and November.

All OPC community members are encouraged to attend an event. It will be an opportunity to have all your questions and concerns about the campaign addressed.

Thanks Team

Team leaders: Samantha Cassidy and Georgia Gunter. **Members:** Carol Moore and Linda Morris.

Team members began a discussion on how to thank all who give to the campaign and agreed to research several small thank you gifts. They also met with Children/Youth co-leader, Mark Kelly, to discuss how OPC youth could work with the Thanks Team.

Children/Youth Team

Team leaders: Mark Kelly and Donna Poseidon.

This team will recruit additional members and work closely with the other teams.

Ambassadors Team

Team leaders: Charles Hawthorne and Mike Lopata. **Members:** Donavon

Graves, Jeff Morris, Pat Morrison, and Diane Powell.

The team discussed plans to recruit additional volunteers for the team. They plan to follow through with individual visits, phone contacts, or with whatever method members of the congregation would like to be reached.

Communications Team

Team leaders: Julia Berry and Bill Cox. **Members:** Cindy Alexander, Anna Coulter, Jim Coulter, Betty Dalziel, Mary Ann Hawthorne, Tamara Lopata, Brian Pierce, Cathy Poley, and Mike Poley.

The team began working at once on a theme/slogan for the campaign and came up with four possibilities before adjourning. They also came up with a list of ideas with a graphic element to combine with the slogan to make the campaign logo. In addition, the group planned for a memory gallery and discussed creating a video to promote the campaign.

Sunday, October 14

kick
off
event

No need to cook-
lunch is served

**OUR
CAMPAIGN**
the latest details
about plans for
repairs and
renovations

Bring the kids!
Childcare available

Campaign Volunteers



Mark Kelly, co-leader of the
Children/Youth Team

Questions & Answers about the Campaign

We are hearing questions about the campaign and how the funds raised through the campaign will be used. We will be sharing these Q & As with you throughout the campaign.

Are there plans to make any changes to the sanctuary interior?

No. When we talk about “reconfiguring the sanctuary entrance,” we are only referring to the exterior.

Why did we begin the campaign so quickly?

The Feasibility Study showed that OPC

members strongly supported moving ahead with the campaign. We did not want to lose the momentum generated by the study.

Can the funds raised through the capital campaign be used for operational expenses?

Absolutely not! These funds will be kept in a separate account and can be used only for improvements such as replacing the HVAC.

How do we schedule our Capital Campaign pledges?

You decide how you want to pay your pledge. You can pay



it weekly (156 payments), monthly (36 payments), quarterly (12 payments) or yearly (3 payments). You decide what works best for you.

What happens if our capital campaign is not successful?

Again, there was such a positive response during the Feasibility Study, we expect a successful campaign!



Jean Cox and Paul Reynolds,
Campaign Co-Chairpersons



Prayer Team: Linda Hawthorne, Ingrid Kelly, Linda Morris and Jeff Chance

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Even though I'm a relative "newcomer" here, I've heard many times how this congregation has stepped forward for more than sixty years to build, renovate, and maintain our facilities. We are all grateful for your dedication and enthusiasm to make sure OPC was here for us "youngsters" so we would have a place to worship, learn, and share with each other.

Now we are continuing this tradition of stepping forward to take the necessary measures to ensure that OPC will be here for future generations. I know it is much work, but we can do it. I recently shared the following parable with my boys:

A boy and his father were walking along the beach when they came to a large stone. The boy said to his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can

move this rock?"

His father answered, "If you use all your strength, I am sure you can do it."

The boy began to push the rock. Exerting himself as much as he could, he pushed and pushed. The rock did not move. Discouraged, he said to his father, "You were wrong. I can't do it."

His father placed his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "No, son. You didn't use all your strength — you didn't ask me to help."

David J. Wolpe in *Teaching Your Children about God*

Not only do we need to rely on God for strength and guidance, we need to rely on one another. As this campaign progresses, please pray daily that we will do

God's will and call upon each other as needed.

Also, keep yourself informed about what is going on with the campaign through these newsletters and the events the campaign teams are planning. Right now, mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 14**. We will have our **Campaign Kickoff** immediately following worship. (More details are in this newsletter.) Even though the Falcons and the Raiders kick off at 1:00 pm, please "rise up" and make time to attend this important campaign event. We will keep our time together brief, and you will still get home in time to see most of the game.

Blessings,



Marthame Sanders
Pastor

Mark Your Calendar
Campaign Kickoff
Sunday, Oct 14