

Capital Campaign News from Christ Episcopal Church—Seattle, WA

Issue 2—March 2023

**Upcoming Campaign Events**

**Bible Studies**  
March—April

**Informational Gatherings**  
March—early April

**Prayer Vigil**  
Thursday, April 6 all night

**Advance Commitments Event**  
Saturday, May 6

**All-Church Banquet**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Saturday, May 13

**Commitment Sunday**  
Sunday, May 21

**Celebration Sunday**  
Sunday June 11

**Stepping In and Stepping Up. Join us!**

We confess that when we were asked to be co-chairs of this capital campaign, we had to wonder, “Why us?” This was quickly followed by the thought: “Why not? Who are we to say no to God?”

After some prayer and discussion with Pastor Shelly, we felt certain of one thing. God was calling us – each of us – to step up in ways above and beyond the abundant giving that already occurs at Christ Church in so many ways on a daily basis.

As part of our campaign, we’re hearing amazing stories about the living history of this church, and the ways in which it – and its members – have served the people of this community for generations. We’re also hearing people reflecting on what it means for us to make our facilities even more welcoming, safe and accessible now and into the future.

We have been astonished at how God is working in our midst to make our campaign a reality. Team leaders have stepped up with exceptional talent and enthusiasm, and many people



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Co-Chair



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have already committed their time, effort and creativity. Perhaps you have stepped up – volunteering, assisting, and serving. Thank you! We invite you to get involved and to join us as we embark on this journey together.



**A Prayer Tent . . .** *Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, and called it The Tent of Meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the Almighty would go to the Tent of Meeting outside the camp. Exodus 33:7.*

Tents are mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Book of Exodus, tents were outside the confines of the encampment, where only Moses and Aaron would meet with God. The portable tent was called a Tabernacle or the “Tent of Meeting.” It was a reminder that God was with them. The tent was a private place where Israelites could speak with God.

Think of a time from your childhood or your own children’s when they made tents out of available throws, chairs and pillows. They were playing “camping out”. A tent - It was a place of being safe and secure where you could have conversations with your siblings or a friend.

At Gatherings we will provide you with a mini folded tent that you can write what your prayers for Christ Church will be and we will collect them. The prayers will, of course be anonymous. We will display the finished tents in a way where we can all see them.

Our church is also a special place: for prayer, for solitary contemplation, for celebrating The Word with our community. We go to solitary places to make big decisions such as the Capital campaign and we invite you to do so after you have gathered enough information. We all know that just as the U District and society norms have changed, so too we must adjust our physical church to make it available for how we want to be in the future. To learn more, please be sure to sign up and attend a Gathering. Sign up online with the link in the Daily Bread, in person at church or by calling the church office.

## Informational Gatherings Coming Up

Host(s)	Address	Date	Time
Mary Herdell Accessible	Christ Church, Seattle Wilson Hall	Sunday, March 19	12 PM – 2 PM
Gail and Michael Shurgot	6536 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Seattle	Wednesday, March 22	7 PM – 9 PM
Pat Hyland Child Care & Accessibility available	Christ Church, Seattle Wilson Hall	Saturday, March 25	1 PM – 3 PM
Joslin Harris-Gane	10650 Exeter Ave NE, Seattle	Thursday, March 30	4 PM – 6 PM
Becky and Kirk Haver	5826 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ct., Renton	Saturday, April 1	3 PM – 5 PM
Frank and Judy Pollard	6554 18 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle	Tuesday April 4	11 AM – 1 PM

## The Campaign starts with a Pipe Organ

When you enter the sanctuary, your eyes are drawn to the pipes, and the beautiful wood work supporting it. The organ used to produce Flutes, trumpets, reeds, bourdons and clairabels! But not anymore. Ears can be deceived. There is a loud sound of the organ when it is played, but nothing more. It is an instrument that organists do not want to play and it will soon be unable to make a noise.



But all things have a lifespan. The Vestry knew this from very credible information from Henry, our previous musician organist. In 2018 we bought a replacement that would not have the same fate: a tracker organ that relies not on electrical relays but mechanical pulleys and wheels to get the bellows air thru the right pipes. The only electrical need is to run the bellows. Our new organ is a Hook & Hastings built for St. John's of Taunton Massachusetts in 1874. It was last restored in 1959 so it is currently starting restoration in April at Andover Organs in Massachusetts to replace worn leathers and felts. The decorations on the pipes are the flowers on the sides of this newsletter. It is an instrument organists will want to play.

To place this instrument we needed to reconfigure the Sanctuary to accommodate the different sized pipe organ. In addition it was time to build a ramp for accessibility into the Sanctuary from outside and to make the actual Sanctuary accessible to all.

### **Bible Study at 9 AM March 5– 26th**

Please meet at Wilson Hall

Agenda:

- March 5th Life
- March 12th Abundance
- March 19th Joy
- March 26th Community

Ellen Ewald will be leading each Sunday

### **Zoom Bible Study**

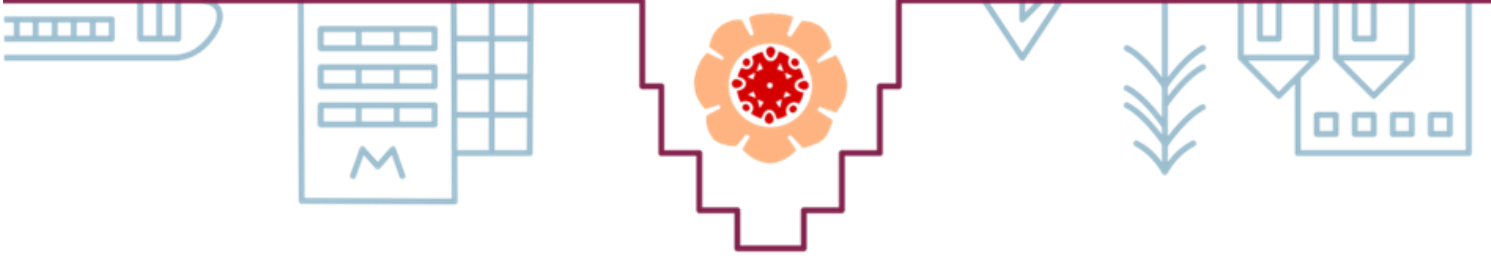
7 PM Wednesdays in March

- March 15th
- March 22nd
- March 29th

Zoom Link in Daily Bread online.

building joyful community

Life Abundant



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***Save the Date!***

## **All-Church Celebration Banquet Event Saturday, May 13th**



Please be planning now for a great celebration of the life, fellowship, and ministries of Christ Church! As one of the culminating events in our ***Life Abundant—building joyful community*** campaign, an All-Church Celebration Banquet is being planned for Saturday, May 13. This event will bring us together for a spirit-filled time of food, fellowship, and inspiration. Delicious food and a wonderful program are planned.

Be looking for more information and your invitation to the “Party of the Year” in the coming weeks.

***SEE YOU AT THE CELEBRATION!***