Living Stones Campaign Annual Report

In late 2014, the vestry decided to put together a capital campaign to resolve some of the long-standing capital and financial issues of the parish. The intent was raise money to address large repairs, capital improvements and debt retirement which the church had not been able to finance out of the annual budget. Last year.the vestry retained Butcher and Briggs, a firm that specializes in these types of campaigns, to help us. An advisory committee was formed and they worked with Erich Briggs, our consultant, to define the program. Erich interviewed 22 parishioners to gauge the level of support and compiled a report. Mary Woodward and Dave Kuzara were named as co-chairs

Beginning in the fall, Erich, Mary and Dave began to put together a detailed plan of action and campaign materials. A goal of $700,000 was targeted and the name “Living Stones” was chosen for the campaign. Other church members were recruited to join the team and take charge of different aspects of the campaign. Pledges were solicited from the campaign members, the vestry, and a small number of early donors. On January 31, 2016, the major phase of the campaign was kicked off at the 8:00am and 10:00am services. The current status of the campaign is shown below:

Committee Members:

Mary Woodward and Dave Kuzara - Co-Chairs

Connie Pawelczak - Major Gifts Chair

Diane Olbert - Administrative Chair

Deb Forsberg - Spiritual Emphasis Chair

Laura Marshall - Memorials Chair

Matt Hickcox - Implementation Committee Chair

Financial Info:

Pledge goal: $700,000

Pledges to date: $240,000

Receipts to date: $49,242

Expenses to Date: $15,942

More financial details can be found in the treasurer’s report. Going forward, we will be keeping the parish informed of our progress in the Sunday leaflet, e-bulletin and on the website. There is also a large progress chart in the narthex that we will update periodically with the pledge totals. In the next few weeks, we will begin calling church members to schedule a time when we can get together with you and this will continue until everyone has been given a chance to hear more about the campaign's plans and has been asked to participate.

The Living Stones Campaign is an effort to be good stewards of our marvelous community and to ensure its continued health into the future. If you attended the celebration of Bill’s new ministry with us in the fall, you’ll remember that bishop Gates remarked on the beauty and symbolism of past parishioners bringing stones from their backyards to build the massive stone wall in our sanctuary. This is our chance to rebuild the parish, not with stones but with pledges – to be “built into a spiritual house, like Living Stones”. We appreciate your enthusiasm and goodwill as the campaign proceeds and we look forward to your help and active participation to enable the parish to reach its goal.

Dave Kuzara & Mary Woodward

Living Stones Co-chairs