

## Capital Campaign Phase I Update



Our first Capital Campaign was extremely successful. The congregation and friends of the church, including the Donegal Society, pledged more than \$500,000. So far we have paid out \$130,000. Here's what your money has been doing: Over the past three years, a small portion of that money paid for financial campaign services, a congregational dinner, a campaign brochure and other mailings. The majority of the money has gone towards the application process, project planning, design and site preparation fees paid to the County, Township, architect, builder, electrician and plumber. We have also covered the attorney fees and the new sign in front of the building.

While all this preparation was taking place, we welcomed 39 new members into the congregation. During this same time period, the congregation continued to support and in many cases increased its mission giving, and our outreach to the community and youth programs continued to develop and grow. A successful second campaign will be celebrated with ceremonial groundbreaking in May 2006 and construction completion targeted for Christmas.

Dear Members and Friends of Donegal Church,

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."  
(Luke 12:34 NRSV).

I have been told by my colleagues that "no minister should have to endure more than one capital campaign in their ministry!" This puzzles me. Our current campaign, our second of three, three-year campaigns, is my third. I have found them to be exciting, challenging, and a barometer of spiritual growth and ministry! Why is that?

Capital campaigns along with overall stewardship programs are all about spirituality. We give because we believe. We recognize that God is at work in us and in our church. We are blessed with visions of how we can enhance our ministry, worship and fellowship, and our hearts and minds come alive for Jesus Christ! The primary purpose of giving is not to help Donegal Presbyterian Church but to help us grow spiritually and thus strengthen the Kingdom of God!

According to Jesus, getting our treasure invested right helps us get our heart invested right. (Luke 12:34). What we are doing is not raising money. What we are doing is making disciples, spiritually mature people whose hearts are in the right place. When that happens, we begin to understand what sacrificial giving is all about, as we give thanks to God for all the rich blessings that have made Donegal Presbyterian Church such a joy in our hearts!

Peace,  
Thomas J. McKinnon, Jr.  
Pastor

## Your Help Is Needed:

Throughout Donegal's rich 285-year history members have sacrificed while giving time, talents, energy and resources to build this church. We are asking you to follow in the footsteps of those who came before us. Just like the men and women who once stood around the Witness Tree and pledged allegiance to a new nation, we hope you will prayerfully consider and pledge a gift to this new building. Your gift will allow us to grow in ways we can only imagine now.

We are hoping again to raise \$500,000 with our Capital Campaign Phase II. Donegal Church is asking everyone to prayerfully consider an annual gift of 3% or more per year for this second three-year campaign. You can help through weekly, monthly, or yearly envelope contributions. From the Phase I of our campaign we know many of you

can and will accept or exceed this challenge. It is sacrificial giving that made Phase I such an overwhelming success. Ultimately we ask that you give according to your resources and please keep in mind this is only the construction budget. We continue to have our day-to-day operating budget and mission giving. The operating budget will increase as construction begins and reaches completion.

### Three-Year Campaign Commitment Weekly Giving Schedule

Annual Family Income	10%	5%	3%
\$100,000	192	96	58
\$80,000	154	77	46
\$60,000	115	58	35
\$40,000	77	38	23
\$20,000	38	19	12

**Accessibility** – All three floors of the church will now be accessible to everyone by way of a new elevator.

**Youth Program** – The children of the church are excited by the possibilities of an enlarged and more comfortable space for youth group activities.

**Fellowship Hall** – Overcrowding issues at both fellowship time and church dinners will be addressed during the expansion. Seating will be provided for 275 at services and live events, and 175 at dinners with more elegant round tables.

**Backdoor Church at Donegal** – Our 11:15 service is bursting at the seams, growing from an average attendance of 20-30 in the beginning to currently averaging 50-60, sometimes well exceeding that number.



**Additional Classroom Space** – We are out of classroom space in the current building. The new wing will make it possible for more classes to be offered to groups of all ages. It will also eliminate the need for classes in fellowship hall. We will also be able to accommodate church committees and external groups, such as Boy and Girl Scouts, and DAR.

**Archives Room & Library** – This area will house documents concerning the rich history of

Donegal where church members and visitors can research genealogy and borrow educational materials.

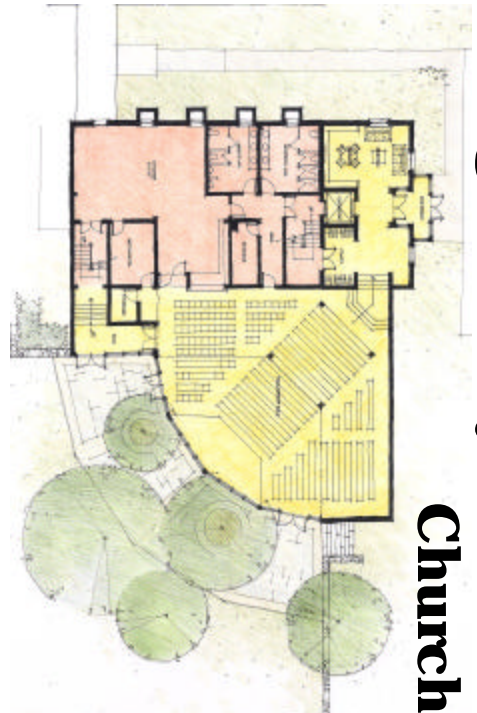
**View & Terrace** – The new fellowship hall features a ground-to-ceiling glass wall that will overlook the spring. Eventually a shaded terrace will be added where we can enjoy fellowship outside in the summer and hold special events.

**Local Missions** – The improved facilities will make it easier for the church to reach out into the community.

**Other Benefits** – The new building will feature a new sound system, an improved kitchen designed by our members, and an area for the Donegal Society.

## *Embracing the Future*

### **Donegal Presbyterian Church**



### **Capital Campaign Phase II**

Today we are fortunate to enjoy the fruits of our founders' labors. Through their vision, may we have the foresight to continue in stewardship to God... stewardship that secures a strong foundation for those who follow us. With strong commitment and a sense of purpose, we can build on their legacy.

#### **Other Ways to Help**

##### **Memorial Gifts**

Gifts to honor individuals and families are always welcome. Just indicate on the gift card the name of the individual(s) you wish to honor.

##### **Matching Gifts**

Don't forget that your employer may offer matching contribution programs.

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