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Spiritual Reference for SPBTL Growth Project:

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

- I Corinthians 3: 9 - 11

Huge Capital Campaign Kick Off

On June 11, 2017 after the 10:30 service over 100 parish members enjoyed brunch, fellowship and the beginning of the Congregational Capital Campaign for our building expansion.

Father Ron's opening prayer was about mission, service, the future and living out our baptismal covenant along with thanksgiving for our church family. That was a common theme throughout the kickoff.

Sherree Brady gave a brief history of the Widen the Walls campaign. In 2015 the Vestry anticipated community growth and saw limitations in our church building size. That foresight was the beginning of our efforts to discern God's calling for our congregation. There has been a tremendous response to the Discernment and Feasibility phases of our program. Your voices and prayers were heard. We're now in a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds for the Building and Construction phase.

Tom Grace gave us a high level view of the building and design work which has been underway for nearly two years, preparing for the possibility of the congregation's support. That effort meets our important needs. On the lower level will be an expanded nursery, more classrooms, a multipurpose / choir room, and refreshment area. The main level will significantly expand our worship seating space, enlarge the choir and sacristy areas, include a lift for those with mobility challenges, and enlarge/redesign the narthex.

Leo Soorus spoke of the Capital Campaign. For our mission to continue into the future we need to make room for more. But for this to happen we need your help. We need your prayers and your financial gifts in support of the ministries and mission of our church. Leo thanked the families who have been part of the advanced gift phase of the campaign. Their generosity has set a tone and provided leadership, showing great support for this expansion. Our goal is \$1,175,000. **As of June 11 we have pledges of over \$909,000!** That's more than 75% of our goal. What an amazing beginning and blessing!

Leo introduced **Connie Mathis** and **Brandy Rudd** who will lead the congregational phase of the campaign. Over the next 5 weeks their team will visit church members and others who have not yet been contacted. They will ask others to help our parish and build a legacy for our future. We earnestly pray that you will receive them warmly, discuss thoughtfully, and prayerfully consider your individual contribution.

A question and answer session followed these presentations. These discussions allowed us to explore building details, costs, construction steps and timing, determining final costs, and advance planning for worship during construction.

As Father Ron closed the kickoff with a commission to ministry, we left with hope and excitement for our future.

We can build.

We can grow.

We can share our vision and mission with more.

We can ensure our presence here for many years to come.