

## Capital Campaign Updates

Over the last three Sundays, at the end of each service members received updates on Bethel's three-year "Come, See – Go, Be" Capital Campaign that started last year with goals to both purchase a parsonage and renovate Torvend Hall.

### VISION

On December 3rd Pr. Ben reminded us the program is more than those tasks: it is a vision on how we will invest in and move forward as a congregation, living out our faith in God's future. We want to expand who is included in our faith community, so all people will know they are invited.

One way we will do this is through community engagement. Pr. Ben has recruited Bethel members for a Community Listening Project, beginning next month, that will give us insights into what is happening in our community. Later, we plan on adding a staff member focused on extending Bethel into the community. But each of us can participate right now with personal invitations to friends to "come and see" Bethel.

### FINANCES

On December 10th Bethel's Treasurer, Dave Tribby, discussed financial aspects of the Campaign. Members made \$1.8 million in commitments. As we start the Torvend renovations, donations need to stay ahead of spending. We expect \$80,000 in December as members fulfill their first-year commitments. We also need \$125,000 this month for the general fund, part of which supports the addition of the Community Engagement staff member.

### PROJECTS

This past Sunday, Tom Hoegel described Capital Campaign work that has been completed, and that is planned.

The parsonage was purchased in the spring, followed by several months of renovation by our contractor, assisted by a team of volunteers led by on-site lead Mike Coleman. Pr. Ben and Kelly moved in in early September.

The sanctuary LED Walls have been installed, improving the ability for the congregation to see and engage in worship.

Jacob Reidell will renovate the Front Sign as an Eagle Scout project. At the same time, we will relandscape the area in front of the sign so it uses less water.

The Torvend Hall Refresh will start soon. Many thanks to the team of Doreen & Paul Baldwin, Mike Coleman, Kara Herman, Andrea Teed, and Joann & Bill Weberg who have been making decisions related to the projects, such as selecting appliances and picking materials.

The hall was built over 60 years ago as our original worship space and now needs attention. Parts of the building are sagging, and its support beams need retrofitting to stabilize it. That work starts January 2nd.

Later in the year, there will be major work on the Kitchen (new appliances, lighting, floor, and electrical, plus repair/refresh of cabinets, island, plumbing, and sheet rock), the two All-ages Bathrooms (complete demolition, then replacement of fixtures, countertops, sinks, lighting, and flooring), the Youth Room & Office (new windows, lighting, carpeting, and paint), and Torvend Cubbies (new windows, lighting, flooring, and paint).

In 2025, work will focus on the main hall: convert windows to Lanai Doors, replace double doors, new lighting, ceiling fans, new flooring, and new AV system. Later, outside projects will include patio pavers, walkway, landscaping, irrigation, memorial brick garden, and, hopefully, a pavilion style cover between Sanctuary & Torvend.