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imagine...



love

LOVE God

and all others unconditionally,

seek

SEEK answers  
to our questions,

serve

SERVE God  
by serving others.

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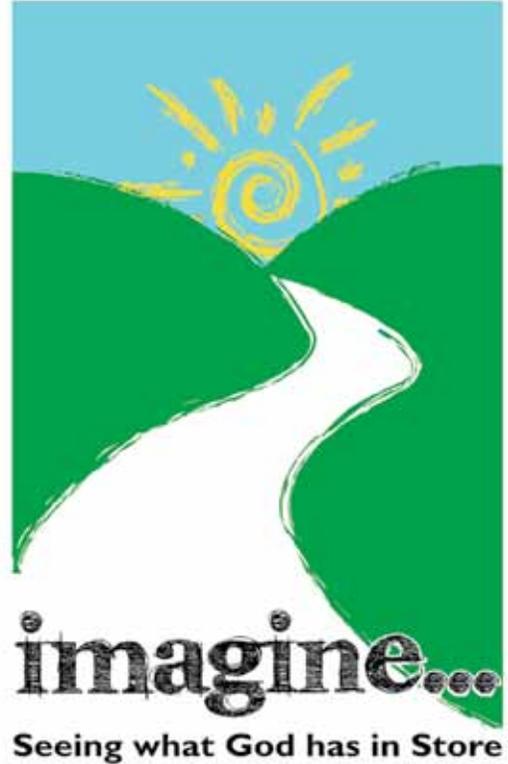


**Not an equal share  
but an equal sacrifice.**

Over the next nine weeks,  
our church needs your prayers.  
Set aside time daily to ask God's  
leadership in this process.  
Pray for the leaders as we  
move through this time  
of decision and growth.

Pray for people in our  
community who are lost  
and hurting and who need  
God's love in their own lives.

*Imagine what God  
can do through you!*



Dear Friends,

Thirty years ago a group of United Methodists imagined a church that would welcome all people to worship and serve God and the community in a new way. Nearly 25 years ago, this community of faith moved into a smaller version of the building we occupy today. We're grateful that God has led us in the realization of many dreams!

### **We imagined**

- an inclusive and diverse community where all are valued
- increased opportunities for service to our local community and to the world
- a place where we can learn and grow more fully and faithfully
- a garden that serves the community

Fulfilling these dreams has resulted in financial obligations. We have been good and faithful stewards over the years, and now we are ready to imagine some more!

### **We're imagining**

- being free from debt so we can dream about what God has in store for us
- more space to welcome newcomers and meet the needs of our growing congregation
- a place near the Sanctuary where our youngest members can be safe and nurtured
- beginning the planning process for our next vision of worship and ministry space

Imagine the lives that will be touched and transformed. Imagine being part of God's work in the world through this church. Imagine what God has in store for us!

Together, we have the resources to make our new dreams a reality. When we give freely to God as God has given to us, we can take the next steps on the journey God has set before us. We invite you to be a part of this campaign. With God's power working through us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

*David Livingston, Senior Pastor*

*Pat White, Don White, Angie Myers, and David Yu, Co-Chairs*

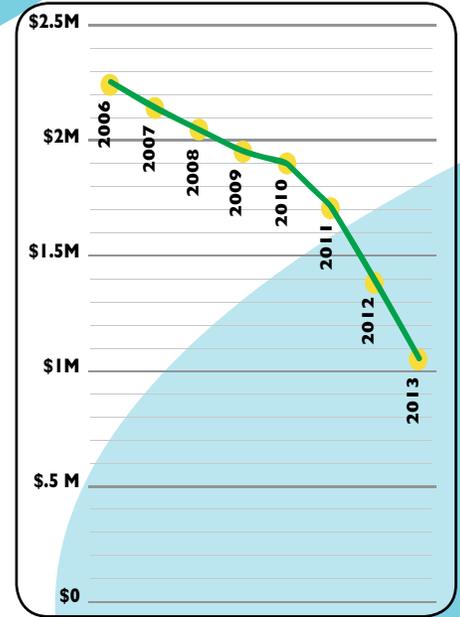


## How much is our debt, and where did it come from?

St. Paul's has had some level of debt for about 25 years as we have built and bought property. As you can see in the graph, over the last ten years we have focused on reducing our debt. Our last capital campaign enabled us to lower our debt by more than \$600,000 to under \$1.2 million and build the new parking lot and walkway.

## What about our current needs?

We can no longer focus only on paying off debt. To meet our mission of being a fully welcoming church, we need an inviting nursery space for the increasing number of young families. We also need a sanctuary that feels friendly and open no matter where you sit. A fully successful capital campaign will address these needs as well as reduce our debt.



# imagine...

## **How does St. Paul's service this debt?**

St. Paul's has not used operating funds to make monthly interest or principal payments. Instead, we have conducted capital campaigns about every three years to encourage additional gifts for the sole purpose of making these payments. When possible, we've also made principal payments above those required, which reduces the total interest we will ultimately pay and accelerates the date this debt will be retired.

## **What is the amount of monthly payments we make on our debt?**

We currently pay about \$14,673 per month for interest and principal payments. These payments were reduced in 2012 by refinancing our mortgage debt at a lower interest rate, saving us about \$19,000 per year.

## **We held our last debt reduction campaign in the spring of 2011.**

### **What were the results of that campaign?**

Cash pledges came in at just over \$1 million, and as is typical for a campaign of this nature, we received approximately 89% of cash pledges made.



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*Ephesians 3:20*

