

# What are we asking you to do?

## Pray

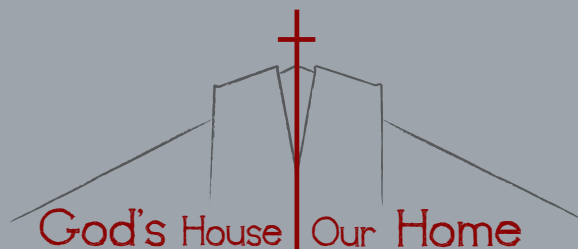
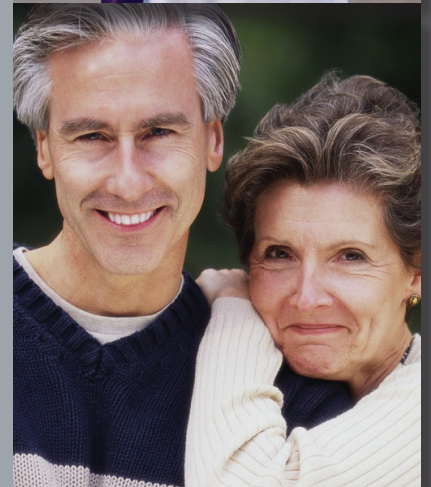
He promises "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8) We ask that you pray daily throughout this campaign and reflect on your personal giving and your role in growing God's Kingdom. Ask for our congregation to be encouraged by His promises and guided by His wisdom throughout this journey. "Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me." (Psalm 31:3) **Jeffrey and Ami George**

## Participate

We joined the church in March 2001, and as we approach our 10 year anniversary as members of Stonebridge United Methodist Church, it has been fun to look back and remember all the various ministries in which we have participated over the years. From teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible Camp, to membership on boards and teams, to mission trips, churchwide events and growing deeper in Christ through Small Groups and Bible Studies, we really feel that we are changed people because of our commitment to the church. Being active participants in ministry really helped to get us vested in the successful outcomes of the various activities. With God's House, Our Home, we are excited to see all of the ministry opportunities that await. Being involved in this campaign has encouraged us to look at the financial responsibility of both the church and ourselves. We are looking forward to helping the church 'put a dent in the debt' and cannot wait to see what future ministries of the church unfold. **David and Laura Omholt**

## Pledge

Financial Stewardship is a very important part of a person's spiritual growth. Giving back to God a portion of what He has given us displays an obedience to His Will and reminds us that it is God who is in control and not ourselves. God has entrusted us with His resources and it's our responsibility to further His ministries with those gifts. A financial pledge allows you to make an intentional decision about your giving. It is a constant reminder to give God of our "First Fruits" rather than presenting him with the "left-overs." As with any promise or contract we make in writing, a pledge symbolizes a stronger sense of commitment that affects not only our personal relationship with our Lord, but also the people within our church, our community, and all around the world. **Jay and Kim Prudhomme**



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## God's House | Our Home

Opening doors to endless opportunities through Jesus Christ

“But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God’s entire house. And we are God’s house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.” *Hebrews 3:6*

### What is God's House, Our Home

God's House, Our Home is a capital campaign with a specific purpose of reducing the facilities debt incurred over the 16 years of faithful ministry through Jesus Christ. Since beginning in September 1995, Stonebridge UMC has grown in all areas of ministry and our worship space has continued to grow so that we can serve more of God's people throughout our community.

### It is About Reducing Debt

Today, our debt is **\$5.7 million**. While this level of debt is not excessive for a congregation of our size, it does tie up much needed funds that could otherwise be used to further the ministries of this church. Just imagine the doors we could open that lead to Christ if we were able to use these funds to support ministry areas instead of debt repayment.

### It Is About Ministry

God's House, Our Home is not just about facilities. Facilities promote *ministry*, which is what ultimately brings people to Christ. In 1995, Phase I gave us Celebration Hall and meeting rooms to grow our worship, Sunday school and small groups. In 2003, the Ministry Center (Phase 2) opened and allowed more space for additional meeting rooms, nursery care and the expansion of our Sunshine Kids Preschool. Most recently, the Robertson Activity Center (RAC) opened and is in full swing in spreading the word of Christ through additional worship and multi-purpose space. The RAC has proved to be a successful expansion of ministry at Stonebridge UMC.

### It Is About Church Health

God's House, Our Home is also about church health and growth. Without this capital campaign, we may be forced to make significant reductions in ministry expenses. We have already enforced some reductions as we lowered our 2011 Operating Budget by \$100,000. If we continue to tie down our operating budget with existing facility debt, funds would continue to decrease in our ministry areas. God's House, Our Home will allow us to reduce our debt through generous giving - above and beyond regular giving - from our church family over a three-year period, giving us a stronger foundation for future ministries.

### It Is about All Of Us

God's House, Our Home is a church FAMILY adventure. It will take our entire church family uniting in our love of Christ and our responsibility to live as He directs us to reach our goal. It will take active and sacrificial participation from each family within Stonebridge UMC and personal reflection on how you can give sacrificially to strengthen the foundation of our church home. Before you do anything, please PRAY. Pray for God to continue to guide this church in our ministries. Pray for God to continue to guide this church with the Holy Spirit. Pray for God to speak to you about your part in making God's House, Our Home.