

Becoming Part of First Church History

From the first time several of us gathered this summer to start planning the Capital Campaign, you could feel the excitement and energy building – trying to find words and themes to put our emotions and love for this church into what, to some outsiders might see only as a construction project. But for those gathered that evening, and for many others who volunteered countless hours along the way, it was much, much more.

My own thoughts drifted to the history of our church – the people who made the decision to spend \$50,000 to build the church (at least 1.5 million in today's dollars) to those who raised funds to maintain and expand this beautiful building at different times over its 145-year history. Our actions these past few months and over the next 2 to 3 years pull us all into that history. How will we be viewed by descendants of our church family 50 years, 100 years from now?

As many hours as our volunteers have put into this project, I believe that most will agree that we've gained energy from each other and have been pulled together as we moved toward and then beyond the goals that were set. Whether or not you've been able to volunteer your time or make a pledge, you are part of this church family. Feel the excitement and know you are a part of this historic event!

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