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Capital Campaign 2021—2023





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Dear Overbrook Family:

When we are together in our church building, we connect with God through the cornerstones of worship, mission, fellowship and education. For 67 years we have relied on the stability of its physical structure to welcome our community and our neighbors, celebrate events in the life of the church and in our own lives, and inspire us to share the good news of our Lord.

By launching a capital campaign, we hope to secure our physical home so that we can continue to worship together in God's presence, connect in faith and fellowship, serve our greater community, and live out God's Word now, and well into the future.

- ✦ **3-year campaign beginning January 31, 2021**
- ✦ **Fundraising goal of \$425,000**
- ✦ **Target commitment date of March 14, 2021 – Consecration Sunday**

When you pledge to our Capital Campaign, you are not only ensuring that a stately brick building continues to stand sentinel on its home on a hill. You are making a promise to build up our church community, our faith, and—ultimately—our ability to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to the future of Overbrook by using the enclosed pledge card or by pledging online.

Your Capital Campaign Committee:

Bill Burchfield (Co-Chair), Debbie Ryan (Co-Chair), Carol Bessey, Marissa Weldon, Steve Hilditch

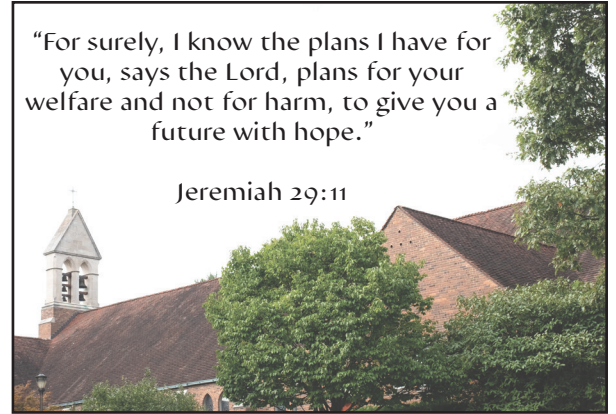


# OUR FOUNDATIONS

Overbrook Presbyterian Church was established as our spiritual home in 1913, and since 1953, the stalwart brick building that is our physical home has been overlooking its Clintonville neighborhood from the corner of North High Street and Croswell Road. Built on a foundation of worship, service, fellowship and connection, our church building has been an integral part of our church experience for 67 years.

"For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



## NOW, WE MUST HELP OUR BUILDING STAND STRONG, SO IT CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US.

Although our church spirit never wavers, our physical structure needs improvements, both large and small.

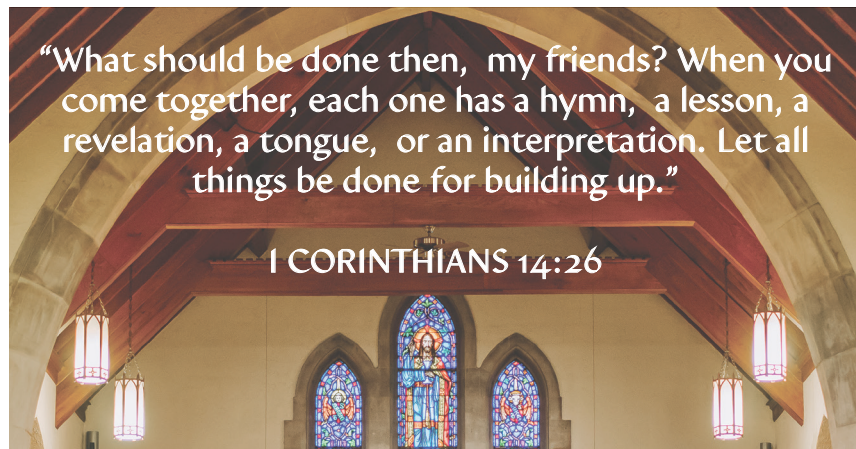






## BUILDING UP

Our building inspires us to listen for the Word of God and experience God's presence. It is also where we celebrate important milestones like baptisms and weddings, where we find memories of our past and hope for our future. When we are together in our building, we connect with God through worship, mission, fellowship and education. Our church is where we are one with God, and with one another.





**By improving our sanctuary,** we enhance the sensory experience of worship and ensure everyone is inspired through God's presence. We will do this by providing accessible seating, improving lighting, upgrading our sound system, and replacing the center aisle carpet.



**By updating our Parlor,** we will transform it into a more accessible and comfortable worship and multi-use space, creating an inclusive room upon which to gather and lift up our congregation and neighbors.

**By repairing the elevator and improving the functionality of our Fellowship Hall,** we reclaim an integral part of Overbrook's life and work. Having a reliable elevator ensures accessibility to many fellowship spaces in the lower level of the building such as the Fellowship Hall, the choir rehearsal room, and the main kitchen. Further, obtaining light-weight, manageable tables for the Fellowship Hall allows us to recover the full use of that space.





## REACHING OUT

Mission, evangelism, and outreach comprise one of the cornerstones of Overbrook's vision. We believe in reaching out to and being a center of support for all of our members AND our neighbors.

Beyond worship services, we open our doors to our community, and provide a welcoming place to gather, as well as to share information about our faith and crucial topics that range from family relationships, to health and aging, and to tolerance and social justice.

**By improving our facilities, our building's accessibility, and safety and security features,** we will be better able to serve youth organizations, food ministries, non-profit groups, and other vital organizations within our community. In addition, **upgrading our technology systems and current church website** will allow us to keep our congregation and neighbors informed, engaged, and active.

When you support our capital campaign, you will also be **supporting future missions and enable us to fulfill our intention to become a Matthew 25 church,** as we continue to love and serve God by loving and serving others.



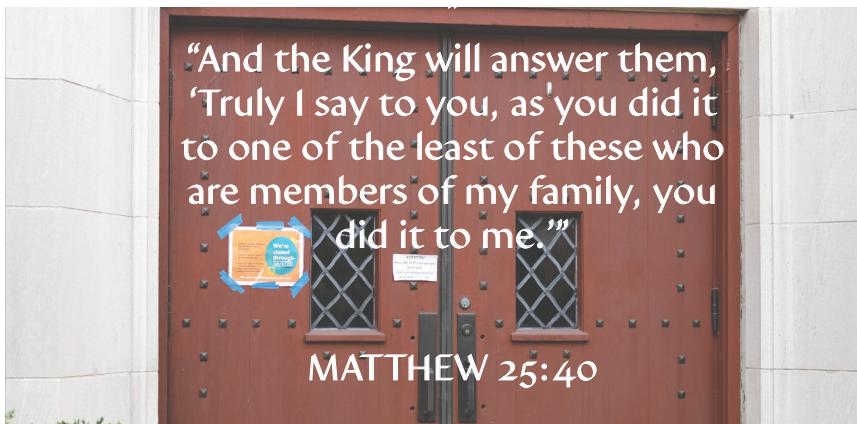




## Being a Matthew 25 Church Means Being Actively Engaged in the World

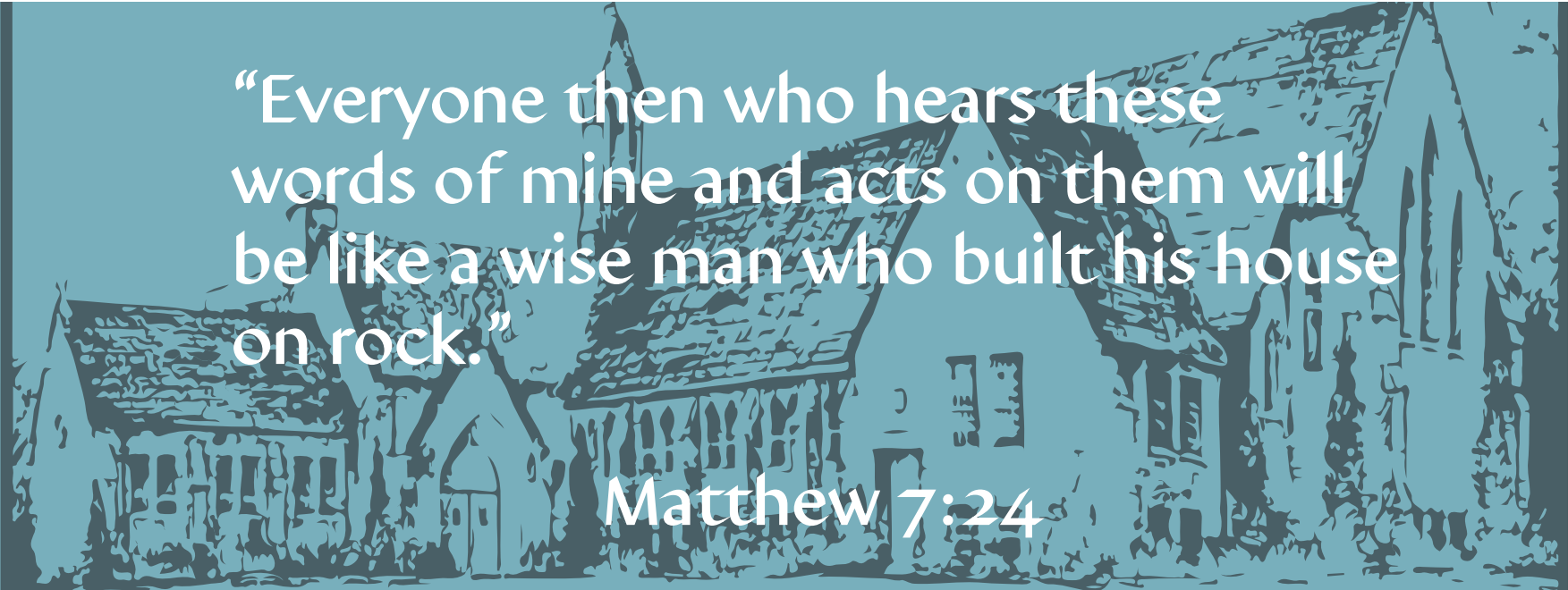
This campaign allows us to fulfill our intention to become a Matthew 25 Church in multiple ways. By funding capital projects directly rather than through operating budgets, we improve financial stability and thereby enhance congregational vitality.

Furthermore, the mission portion of this campaign enables us to initiate and fund new activities that support social, racial, and economic equality. Let us continue to answer Christ's call and share God's love through our actions and outreach.



- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)



“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

Matthew 7:24



## STANDING STRONG

Everything Overbrook believes in and all of our spiritual works are supported by our building. Beyond providing the physical setting for our worship and service, it is our home, and it is up to us to maintain it now and well into the future.

Just as we work tirelessly to give those who need us a deep sense of the well-being that comes from truly knowing God’s love, we wish to give our building the quality foundation it needs to stand strong. Band-aid solutions work in the short term, but only by digging deep and sowing seeds for the future will we create the infrastructure necessary to ensure we can build up and reach out for decades to come.



# THESE ARE THE THINGS YOUR COMMITMENT WILL DO TO ENSURE OUR CHURCH BUILDING STANDS STRONG, NOW AND WELL INTO THE FUTURE:

## BRICK AND MORTAR REPAIRS

Supporting the Foundations of Our Church Home

- Improve the Bell Tower by replacing timers and repairing masonry and bells
- Replace broken and missing curbs
- Upgrade our exterior doors to improve energy efficiency and ensure safety and security for all who use the building
- Stabilize masonry by sealing cracks and repairing damaged bricks
- Repair our parking lot
- Enhance and update gathering spaces

## ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Ensuring People of All Abilities Have Access to All Areas of the Church

- Repair the elevator
- Provide additional accessible seating in the sanctuary

## INVEST FOR OUR FUTURE

- Provide funding for ongoing building maintenance to ensure our church building is well tended for years to come.
- Provide funding for new mission and outreach

## ENHANCE SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TECHNOLOGY

Putting in Place Those Things That Will Deliver Peace of Mind

- Modernize our security system with office-controlled remote locks and cameras
- Replace our existing HVAC Control System
- Update our technology systems and website





### OVERBROOK STAFF:

Senior Pastor  
Transitional Assoc. Pastor  
Choirmaster  
Organist  
Worship Band Leader  
Preschool Director  
Business Manager  
Office Administrator  
Administrative Asst.

Bill Gause  
Mary Gause  
Sarah Shaffer  
Nancy Deeth  
Jim Barron  
Robyn Bally  
John Wycoff  
Mary Shaffer  
Jill Baltes

### RULING ELDERS

#### CLASS OF 2021

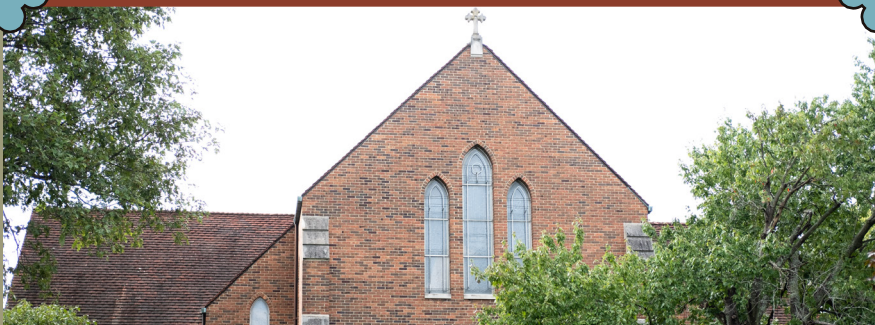
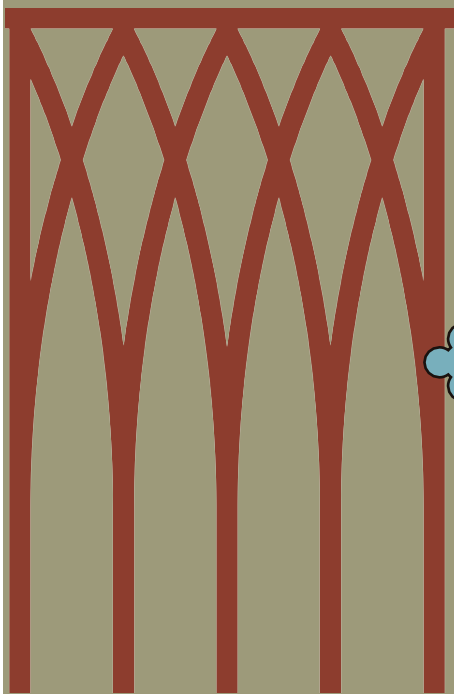
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Nadine Moehlenkamp  
Steve Ryan

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