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## Under this Roof

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Dear Gilroy Presbyterian Church Family,

Have you ever stopped to consider what goes on under the roof of our church?

Under this roof, we **love** God. We worship Him and tell others about him. We love one another, love our community, and love our world. We love introducing others to the grace and peace that our God has promised and value creating open doors and extending grace to everyone.

Under this roof, we **worship** and celebrate our faith together. We gather on Sunday mornings and throughout the week to worship, share in prayers, read scripture, listen to sermons, and hear music and remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in communion. As a community, we are strengthened by prayers and learning together. We celebrate baptisms, weddings, births, and professions of faith together.

Under this roof, we **serve** each other. We offer classes for the young and old, and events for the community of Gilroy. We serve one another, we serve our community, and we serve with others throughout the world. We desire to help meet both physical and spiritual needs wherever God's people may be.

Under this roof, we **share** with each other. We share with people in need both in this community and throughout the world. We faithfully give of our time, talent and treasure as we live out the practical application of Scripture to our everyday lives. In response, we go out in service to our community and the world.

Under this roof, we invite all who come to call this place their spiritual home. Weekly, our campus hosts kids and youth programs, adult classes, and worship on Sundays. Throughout the year, our campus hosts Parents Night Out, Day Camp, the Exploratorium, the Fall Festival, and more. Many community groups and Bible studies call our campus home as well.

Under this roof, we build community. We enjoy each other as friends and family as we share in fellowship together. Children, youth and adults learn about faith in Jesus and share their faith with others. We bless mission teams to go to places near and far to serve God and build new community through serving others.

God has truly blessed us! However, for all the things that we are grateful for that have happened under our roof, recently it has become obvious that we need to invest in our campus and replace these roofs which have brought us so much blessing.

Next year, in 2020, our church campus will be over thirty years old. While still young compared to our first campus on Fifth and Church Street (which lasted us more than 120 years), it has become apparent that for us to make it another thirty years on this campus, we need to begin some major maintenance projects, beginning with replacing roofs and gutters on our buildings and some internal repairs.

After more than three years of chasing and repairing leaks, our roofs are just plain worn out. After consulting with 8 contractors and receiving bids, the Facilities and Finance Committees have chosen the best bid which is \$157,000. As in most large construction projects, we anticipate some surprises, therefore after careful consideration, the two committees have also decided to add the traditional amount of 10% of the bid as a contingency fund in case we are hit with any surprise repairs. This would bring the total fundraising goal to approximately \$175,000.

At this time, we are choosing to hold a capital campaign to raise the funds rather than fully financing the repairs. After recently retiring previous church debt, we want to do everything we can to avoid another long-term financial commitment. Thus, we are asking for monetary gifts get us started. However, we understand that not everyone has large sums of money just lying around. So, when you receive the commitment card, you will notice an option to pledge monthly commitments through the duration of 2020. Any cash we receive now, will inform our process of how large a line of credit or loan we may need to acquire and how long we may need to pay it back.

This capital campaign is to raise the funds to replace the roofs on the Sanctuary, Fellowship Center, Children's Center, and to install gutters on our Student Ministry building. Additionally, these funds will be used to repair any water damage found internally in our buildings. This is a bold and necessary action that will continue to ensure ministry for years to come. Our goal is to have a contract in place as soon as possible and begin the replacement of our roofs by this fall. Please be looking for a commitment card in the mail in the next couple of weeks, we will be collecting all commitments cards by September 29<sup>th</sup> and we hope have a contract in place soon after.

In the following weeks, we ask that you prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this effort. As you can see, it's more than just a roof.

Sincerely,

Pastor Trevor Van Laar

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