

## The Congregational Church of San Mateo

### *“Expanding Our Extravagant Welcome!”*

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#### *\$1,250,000...and climbing!*

As the campaign enters its final weeks, we’re on the verge of enjoying a wonderful success – our campaign total has climbed to **\$1,247,475!** In spite of this achievement, a significant challenge awaits...*one of our goals was to receive a decision from every member of the Congregational Church of San Mateo family.*

Everyone should have been contacted in some manner, and we encourage those of you who have not yet made a decision to do so. Of course, if you have not received a letter or phone call from a member of our Campaign Committee, please let Penny or a Committee member know, or stop by the church office.

We offer a heartfelt thanks to all who have participated thus far. To all others, it is again worth noting that just a couple of weeks remain, and we encourage the entire CCSM community to join the success...**our goal is in site, and we need everyone’s participation to reach it!**

#### *The Home Stretch...*

“Expanding Our Extravagant Welcome!” started in April, when Spring had just begun. Now, as Summer approaches - and the sun has finally emerged - we’ve entered the home stretch. We’ve come so far in such a short time, and we’re getting closer to our campaign goal.

We’ve put ourselves in position to exceed \$1,500,000. When you are contacted, please take the time to meet with the campaign volunteer, and then prayerfully consider your own gift. Be certain to keep in mind that *all gifts, regardless of size, are confidential, gratefully appreciated, and acknowledged.*

#### *Questions & Answers...*

*Q. How much should I give to the campaign?*

A. All of us have varying financial resources and obligations; thus, there is no set amount that each congregation member can contribute. As a result, each is asked to consider an investment commensurate with his/her ability to give. This campaign is based on EQUAL SACRIFICES, NOT EQUAL GIFTS.

*Q. Is my pledge legally binding? What if I cannot keep my pledge?*

A. The pledge is not legally binding; it is merely a statement of intention. Situations may arise – such as job changes, illness, different financial obligations, etc. – which may prevent one from completing a pledge. If this occurs, please let us know. Your pledge may be deferred and begun again at a later date, upon your determination.