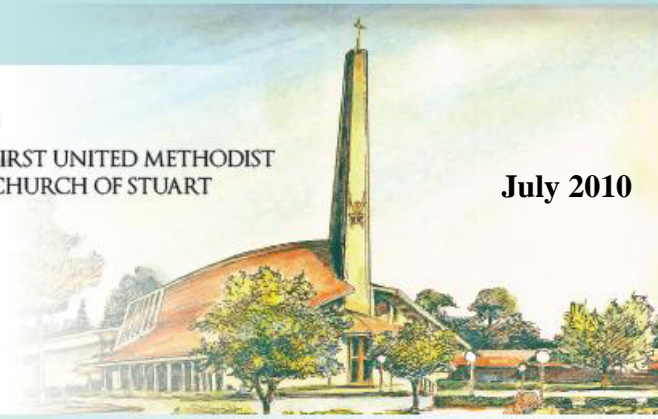


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A Few Short Words...

by Pastor Phillip Short

“PROGRESS MADE ON THE HONOR CAMPAIGN”

Some great progress is reported for “The Honor Campaign.”

In early June we got together and reported on what has been accomplished. A positive and encouraging report was given, and we celebrated the news by feasting on some of the Chef’s peach cobbler. A great time was had by all. In case you missed it, here’s what we had to say.

Our redesign and refurbishment of our beautiful sanctuary is completed. We owe just under \$4,000 until all accounts are settled for this.

In the photograph below you will notice a bird’s eye view of the property on south Kanner Highway. The mortgage on this property is also targeted by The Honor Campaign. You will notice that there are three large lots that are outlined in white. This was our original purchase. It is often time referred to as “The Johnson Property” after the original owners, who were a well known and much loved family with deep roots here in Stuart. The Johnson property was purchased at a price of \$2.3 million. I am pleased to report that, as a result of just over two years worth of giving toward The Honor Campaign, we owe \$777,932.19 (as of May 31st).

Since then, we have received a very generous contribution from the 1st UMC Pre-School in the amount of \$100,000. Other contributions have come in as well that have reduced this remaining sum significantly. This is great news!!!

There was one problem with the lay of the land. All of these lots joined one-another at right angles. If we developed this property, it would have been impossible to drive a car from one parcel to the other. So a second purchase was made that would bridge the three separate lots together. This parcel is also viewable in the photograph below and it is boxed in gray. This is often referred to as “The Bridge Addition” and was purchased at \$475,000. So far we have paid down \$75,000 and still have \$400,000 remaining.

So you will see that we have come a long, long way. We should pause and celebrate the fact that God has been at work among us and that we have done this through Him along with one-another. At the same time, it would be responsible to acknowledge the fact that we still have a long way to go. It would be equally responsible to confess that the LORD who has seen us this far will be faithful to see us the rest of the way.

What has been undertaken is what is called “A God-sized task.” We could not have come this far without God. We’ll finish in His might!!!



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