

# ***Our Dreams & Visions Into Reality***

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why are we doing a Capital Campaign?**

On November 10, 2019, Kirby-Smith Associates presented the results of the Feasibility Study, which showed an overwhelming response to move forward with the proposed facility plans. The *Our Dreams & Visions Into Reality* campaign will enable St. Paul's UCC to continue as well as expand what we do within our church facility and into the wider community in service to others. Our church building is now more than 40 years old, and we must repair, renovate, and update it to have a safe, secure, comfortable, and energy-efficient place for worship services and community outreach. New roofs, new HVAC, and security systems are our top priority and we believe they can be accomplished with financial support of all our members. If we are able to complete those priority plans and have funds to do more, we will then focus our attention on additional projects such as better audio/visual capabilities for our Sanctuary, installation of a gas furnace and possibly solar panels for energy savings, and replacement of worn-out equipment and furnishings.

### **Is this instead of our Annual Stewardship Campaign?**

No, the Capital Campaign is not instead of our Annual Stewardship Campaign. It is *in addition to*. Your Capital Campaign pledge or gift will need to be above and beyond your annual offering.

### **How do we make our Capital Campaign gifts?**

First, we are asking members to make a campaign pledge. The total amount you pledge may be given in a variety of ways over a three-year period or shorter time span. Please decide the pledge amount that best fits your family's ability to contribute. Once you have prayerfully come to a decision, please fill out the enclosed pledge card, sign and date it, and return it to the church by Friday, August 14, 2020. Extra pledge cards will be available at the church., if needed.

### **How much am I expected to give?**

It would be impossible to raise enough money to pay for the church's significant needs through offering plate cash donations or "modest gifts of convenience." We must rely on everyone to plan a personal three-year goal of generosity and then do their best to accomplish it, one step at a time. Every signed pledge commitment relies on the spiritual values of *sacrifice and faith*. We hope that you will seriously consider the dollar range suggested in the cover letter. We recognize that 2020 has been an unusual year in global health and economic impact. You must be the one to determine how much monetary support you can give, and budget it across three years if you need to. And if you are fortunate to be able to give more in the first year, such help is greatly appreciated.

### **Will other types of donations be accepted?**

You can support the project in other ways as well, especially with your prayers. Some gifting considerations are stocks, securities, IRAs, and more! If you are interested in giving in one of these ways, please contact our church office for more information.

## **How do I pay for my campaign pledge?**

Gifts can be made by cash, check, via a financial institution, or online with VANCO. Most financial institutions have bill payer services in which you can enroll, allowing your donations to be sent directly from your bank. Just sign up for your bank's online bill paying service and you're halfway there. You can have your campaign gift sent each week, month, quarter, or once for the entire year! Additionally, online giving is an option via VANCO. The link for this can be found on our website at [www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org/on-line-giving](http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org/on-line-giving), or if you have a smart phone you can "snap" a photo of the QR code on the right on this sheet.



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## **When will my contributions begin?**

Your contributions can begin as soon as you would like...a number of gifts have already been received! Some may choose to give an upfront gift the first year, some may decide to give weekly/monthly/quarterly throughout the campaign, while other members may only be able to give in year two and three. We request that you return your signed and dated pledge card to the church office by August 14, 2020. Please indicate on the pledge card how often your gifts will be received.

## **What happens if we raise more money than the goal?**

If the generosity of our members is such that we exceed the campaign goal and we are able to complete the priority plans, we will then focus our attention on additional projects that are part of the Dreams and Visions that members have identified.

## **When will any work begin?**

Some of the most urgently needed repairs have already begun! We have already replaced the roofs on Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Christian Education building, all of which have improved insulation. We have repainted and "freshened" hallways and nine rooms including the Parlor, the Common, and the Youth Room. We have also replaced all light bulbs with LED bulbs for better energy consumption. The remaining schedule of work is contingent on the availability of funds coming in. More work can be done sooner if more gifts arrive during the campaign first year.

## **Where can I continue to find updated information?**

You can find updates regarding the campaign in the monthly *Epistle* newsletters, all-church emails, and announcements at services, which are currently video-streamed live via Facebook every Sunday morning. Additional updates and the video-recorded church services will also be on St. Paul's UCC website ([www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org](http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org)), where you can find a five-minute video that shows facility work already completed. The new video is also on St. Paul's UCC Facebook posting.

## **Still have Questions?**

If you have any questions or would like to talk about your contribution for *Our Dreams & Visions Into Reality* capital campaign, please contact Kirby-Smith campaign consultant Richie Musser at 484-364-0781 or [rmusser@kirbysmith.com](mailto:rmusser@kirbysmith.com), or contact the church office at (717) 766-7931.

*Thank you for all your continued prayers and support!*