First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

We love our church because we are ... (Responses from the congregation)

caring
asking
learning
laughing
growing
feeding
singing
praying
serving

Grounded in Gratitude
Forward in Faith
Annual Stewardship Campaign

Everything our church does – worship and education, fellowship and mission – is funded primarily through faithful giving from our church community. Your pledges and offerings fund our operating budget, including staff salaries, building maintenance and utilities, program expenses, and opportunities for mission and service.

Our Resources

- Pledged Gifts
- Other Receipts and Offerings
- Investment Income
- Transfers from Other Funds (Mission Trust)

The “Our Ministry” chart details our operating budget expenditures by area of ministry as we live out God’s Radical Hospitality. Personnel costs have been proportionally allocated to each respective area.

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Our growing ministry requires modest increases in our annual budget and 2019 is no exception. Our annual giving also needs to increase in order to fund a projected 3% increase in our 2019 Annual Operating Budget.

We are inviting all members and families to prayerfully consider increasing your annual giving to the church. We hope you will consider practicing the spiritual discipline of proportional giving, offering a percentage of your household income to the work of God through our church. The biblical standard is the tithe or 10%. Start wherever you are able and then grow into greater generosity as you discover the many joys and rewards of giving to God’s work in the world.

Please note that even though we are doing a capital campaign alongside the annual stewardship campaign, your annual giving is the priority. Your faithful annual gifts and pledges are essential to the ongoing ministry and mission of FPCY.

Through the Centuries

1730  Weekly assembly to worship
1737  220 acres leased
1738  First meeting house built
1761  First full time pastor
1779  British burn the parsonage and storehouse in retaliation for church’s rebel support
2018-2021 Capital Campaign

As we prepare for our fourth century of ministry together, our vision and mission are leading us in some exciting directions. This capital campaign will provide the funds we need for necessary repairs that exceed our annual maintenance budget and for growing our worship, education, fellowship and service opportunities.

We are asking you to support both the Annual Stewardship Campaign and the Capital Campaign.

Pledges to the Capital Campaign may be paid out over a three-year period in weekly, monthly, annual, or one-time donation. Some people are able to give their entire pledge up front, but many will do so over the three-year collection period.

What will we improve?

- The roof needs to be replaced. This gives us a perfect opportunity to add solar panels, which would provide 96% of our electrical needs.
- Our aging heating and cooling systems need to be upgraded. Rather than just replacing, we are exploring more efficient and sustainable energy management across the facility.
- Consolidating pantry spaces would improve efficiency, expand our client services, reduce wear on the floors, and create a smoother flow for our education classes.
- Our congregation loves food. An upgraded and safer kitchen will allow us to cook together as fellowship and outreach to the community.

- Our sound/lighting/technology needs to be updated to fulfill our vision for worship in the 21st century
- We want to have a more welcoming environment including for those with limited mobility.

A first step is to hire an architect so that a sensible and coordinated plan can be formulated to address our needs and plans for the future.

What costs do we expect to incur?

Radical Hospitality (the foundation of all we do) $250,000
- Replace the roof
- Paint exterior of Sanctuary and replace other exterior siding
- Repave East Lot, improve exterior lighting, replace driveway fence
- Increase accessibility, upgrade/add restrooms
- Install Welcome Center

Inspirational Stewardship/Smart Energy Management $200,000
- Install solar panels for the roof
- Upgrade heating and cooling systems

1785 Second sanctuary building
1840 Third sanctuary building (current)
1882 Ladies Missionary Society formed (now the Mission Commission)
1930 First Church School building
1948 CE Building restored after roof collapse
1952 Monthly newsletter, The Disciple, first published
1956 Two worship services begun
1985 Sanctuary repaired/restored
1985 Midnight Run participation begun
1990 Pipe organ installed
1991 Food Pantry begun
1998 Fellowship Hall, Gathering Space added to connect Sanctuary and CE building
What is our expected schedule?

**Phase One (2019): Design**
- work with architect/experts to create plans, initiate long lead-time items, and begin small projects that can be done independently (exterior lighting, welcome center, sanctuary accessibility)

**Phase Two (2020): Refurbishment**
- roof/solar panels, exterior siding/painting, reconfiguration of interior spaces, kitchen renovation, installation of lighting/sound improvements

**Phase Three (2021): Completion**
- completion of projects and implementation of new programs in new spaces

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**Compelling Worship**
- Upgrade Sound/Lighting/Tech in Sanctuary
- Expand and improve Worship storage space for supplies and banners
- Explore additional Worship experiences (i.e. music, style, location, time) to meet the needs of our dynamic congregation

**Intentional Fellowship and Transformational (Local) Mission**
- Upgrade/Improve Kitchen
- Upgrade Food Pantry space for efficiency
- Explore back-up energy sources for sustained operation

**Lifelong Faith Formation/Space to Grow & Dream**
- Reconfigure/Refurbish current Christian Education spaces
- Reorganize storage spaces
- Evaluate options for additional space (large groups, pop-up meetings, adult and youth activities)

**Estimated Total Cost:**
- $75,000

Supporting this campaign doesn’t start with money. It starts with praying about and participating in the vision God has given us. As you decide how to contribute to the *Grounded in Gratitude, Forward in Faith* campaign, please consider the following questions:

- Does the amount I am giving require me to trust God?
- Does the amount I am giving represent a genuine sacrifice to God?
- Does the amount I am giving accurately express my thanks for the many ways God and this church have blessed my family and my life?

Lord, What Would You Do Through Me?