



2018-2021 Capital Campaign & 2019 Stewardship Campaign

FAQ Fact Sheet

Q. Why are we doing a capital campaign?

A. Through two years of evaluation, prayer and discernment, we have realized how richly blessed we are! Our activities and ministries have grown to a point where improvements are needed in our physical infrastructure so that we can continue to be responsive to the needs of our congregation and community and to grow in new directions. A capital campaign allows us to handle these needs in a coordinated, rather than piecemeal or emergency, manner. One of our first steps would be to hire an architect to advise us in our strategic planning and implementation of the campaign projects.

Q. Why are we doing a capital campaign *now*?

A. We want to be proactive rather than reactive, and we consider each of the projects as a strategic investment. Many of the projects covered by the campaign, and certainly the combination, exceed the costs that our maintenance reserve can support.

Q. Does my giving to the Capital Campaign replace my giving to the annual Stewardship drive?

A. *NO*. Giving to the operational budget of FPCY is ***the priority***. Our annual stewardship campaign provides funds for staff salaries, normal operational and program expenses, and our mission activities. The capital campaign is *over and above* our normal pledges. It will enable us to fulfill our vision to improve our efficiency, upgrade our facilities, create new space options, and enrich our capabilities to worship, serve, and grow in faith.

Q. Who will oversee this project and the allocation of funds?

A. The Session has appointed a Campaign Project Management Team to supervise the project and provide financial accountability to the Session and the congregation.

Q. How are priorities being set amongst the projects?

A. The projects are being managed as a collection, and priority is given to those tasks that must logically precede others. For example, engaging an architect must precede detailed planning on components. The roof needs to be replaced before solar panels can be installed.



Q. Will we also be taking on debt to finance these projects?

A. We plan to complete these projects on a pay-as-you-go basis so that we will not be encumbered by long-term debt. The one exception to this is the solar panel project. The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program is offering very attractive interest rates on loans to congregations who want to improve their environmental efficiency and sustainability. Such a loan would allow us to expedite the roof and solar panel projects to take advantage of current cost incentives. Meeting our campaign goal will enable us to pay off the loan early if financially prudent.



Q. What happens if we exceed the campaign target?

A. Once all project costs have been covered, excess funds would be dedicated as follows: 25% to local mission efforts (funding new mission projects, scholarships for mission trips, etc.) and 75% to a maintenance reserve which will allow us to better anticipate and prepare for future facility needs.



Q. What does “not an equal share, but an equal sacrifice” mean?

A. While we do not all have the same financial resources, we are all called to participate in God’s work in the world with whatever resources God has given us. This ensures that there is a role in this capital campaign for every member of the church. Although the amounts may differ, we believe that the sacrifice should be equal, and everyone’s sacrifice is important if we are to be successful.

As you consider your gift, remember the gospel story of the widow’s mite in Mark 12:41-44. Others may give more because they can, but your gift expresses your prayerful gratitude and commitment to God and the mission and growth of our faith community.



Lord, What Would You Do Through Me?

