

# Questions & Answers

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Fellowship Hall Capital Campaign**

This is an evolving process.

The more facts we have, the more knowledge we gain.

The more knowledge we gain, the more we know our options.

Knowing our options, we can answer more questions and make firm decisions.

*All major decisions regarding moving forward with the next step financially and with construction will be brought to the congregation for a vote.*

### ***How long is the Capital Campaign?***

Donations will be collected over a 3-year period. We are very grateful to many of our church leaders and our consultant Tom Melzoni, who have made some early, initial contributions to get us started. Thank you!

### ***If gifts are to be given over 3 years, do we have to wait 3 years to begin building?***

Upfront funding to begin the project could be found in a couple of ways:

1. If enough donors are able to give a good portion or all of their gifts early
2. If we are able to get some short-term financing. This would require a vote by the congregation.

### ***Who will do the construction?***

After interviewing architects and contractors, we have decided to work with Dave Cole, a Brookfield native who attended our church as a child and has a great reputation in town for getting projects done efficiently and affordably.

### ***How soon can construction begin?***

Construction can begin after:

- We know how much we can raise
- Our financial plan has been developed
- Detailed designs with construction costs and permits are obtained
- The congregation has voted and approved plans to move forward.

If all goes smoothly, we could begin as early as this summer. The actual construction, beginning to end, will take at least 10 months.

### ***Who will be involved in designing the financial plan?***

A small group will be formed, representing Investment Advisors, Church Council, Church Treasurer and interested church member(s) as well as Jim Sugden and Laurie Matson. They will work together to create a financial plan.

### ***How will progress reports on campaign and project be communicated?***

Financial and building reports will be presented to Church Council each month,

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Building to Share***

to be shared with the congregation in minutes and by Council representatives.

***Does this accessibility plan require an elevator or a lift?***

It has been determined we will need an elevator instead of a lift. Although an elevator's annual maintenance cost may be higher, it should be more reliable.

***If we are adding new stairs, will we get rid of the old staircase?***

No. Removal of the old stairs would be costly, and they provide egress from current downstairs bathrooms as well as additional access to Fellowship Hall.

***Can the building be used during construction?***

Yes. Much of our campus, including Church School Wing, can remain open during construction. To minimize disruption to our ministries, we will let everyone know in advance when temporary closures of certain areas may be required for construction.

***Will the project have any impact on the parking lot or driveway?***

Materials and machinery may take up a few parking spaces, and even cause some damage, but we are scheduled to repave in the next 5 years anyway.

***Are we eligible for any grants?***

We are investigating but have been advised most grants are too small to have a big impact. Ask your employer if they have matching grants for your donation.

***What do we do if we don't meet our \$750,000 goal?***

Our campaign and project leadership team, along with members representing Investment Advisors, Church Council, and Church Treasurer will meet to discuss our options. Options such as loans or extensions of the giving or construction timeline would be brought forward to the congregation for discussion and a vote.

***What if we raise more than \$750,000?***

Any monies raised above our goal will be discussed with the campaign and project leadership team, along with members representing Investment Advisors, Church Council, and Church Treasurer. Options would be brought forward to the congregation for discussion and a vote.

***When will we repay the \$32,000 loan to the Building & Grounds Fund?***

We approved borrowing this money at our Annual Meeting this year to pay our Horizons Stewardship and our Capital Campaign Consultant, Tom Melzoni. This money represents our first expense. The first monies raised by our Capital Campaign will go towards paying back the Building & Grounds Fund.

***Will a Capital Campaign affect the operating budget in any way?***

Most churches see more giving to operating budgets after a capital campaign.



CCB pledges increased after our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign in 2007.

