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This is Commitment Weekend!

This is Commitment Weekend, the culmination of our *Called to Welcome* campaign. We are now asking all those who have not yet pledged to our campaign to please make your gift commitment this weekend.

Many volunteers have been recruited to date and, starting this Sunday afternoon, they will start reaching out to members who have not yet made gift commitments—either in their homes and/or by phone—to ask them to please do their part and prayerfully consider their campaign gift commitment.

Please open your hearts and homes to this dedicated group and listen thoughtfully and thoroughly to their request. Then, please do your very best in the way of a gift.



If you'd like to save us a call or trip to your home, you can stop by the Activity Center after worship this weekend.

These same volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and to gratefully accept your gift decision, whatever it is.

Please do your part to help make our campaign a success and do your very best in the way of a three-year pledge.

The very future of our faith community in many ways depends on everyone's generous response. Thank you and God bless you for your support!



Follow Up Activities Set

We hope to connect with everyone we can this weekend to offer an opportunity to give to our campaign. For those we do not hear from, our volunteers will be following up either in-person or by phone over the next few weeks. During these conversations our volunteers will more fully explain our campaign effort and invite everyone to make an investment.

Our plan is to contact *all members and friends of our church* in the most personal way possible. We want to be sure that everyone has the chance to learn about this exciting and essential effort, and to make their gift commitment.

In the ensuing weeks, all those who have done their part and made campaign gifts will have their name listed in a special bulletin insert. If you would like to be included on this special list, please do your part and make your gift.

Everyone's support is needed...and all gifts are greatly appreciated and will play a large part in determining our campaign's overall success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commitment Weekend
May 19-20, 2018

Celebration Weekend
June 16-17, 2018

Financial News

Our *Called to Welcome* campaign's purpose is to raise the funds required to implement a building project focusing on accessibility and living out our welcoming statement.

A *minimum goal* of \$2,500,000 has been established, which will enable us to create a welcoming and accessible entry and worship spaces.

A *challenge goal* of \$3,500,000 also has been set which, if met, will enable us to provide a suitable number of appropriately sized restrooms within our facility and address the safety and efficiency of our kitchen.

Finally, reaching our *ultimate goal* of \$4,500,000 will enable us to create a safe, accessible, and welcoming education wing and completely finish our project.

Minimum Goal

\$2,500,000

Challenge Goal

\$3,500,000

Ultimate Goal

\$4,500,000

"No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as you can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, God has bestowed on you."

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Gifts Needed and Received

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts as this Chart of Gifts illustrates:

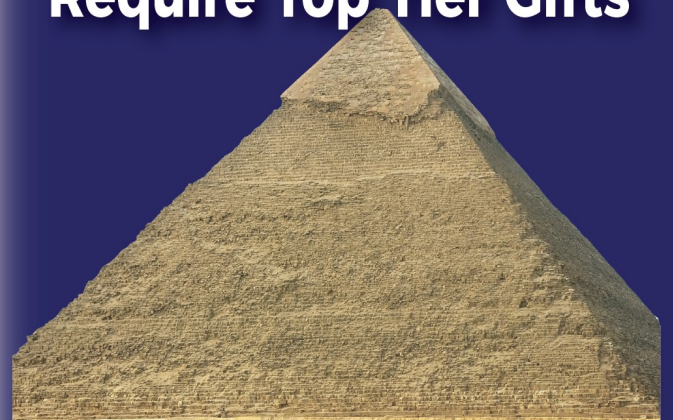
Size of Gift	Needed	Minimum Needed	Given	Total Pledged
\$600,000 or more	1	\$600,000	0	\$0
\$300,000–599,999	2	\$600,000	0	\$0
\$150,000–299,999	4	\$600,000	2	\$400,000
\$100,000–149,999	6	\$600,000	2	\$200,000
\$50,000–99,999	12	\$600,000	8	\$425,000
\$25,000–49,999	24	\$600,000	9	\$277,200
\$10,000–24,999	60	\$600,000	33	\$441,840
Less than \$10,000	126	\$300,000	56	\$221,095
TOTAL	235	\$4,500,000	110	\$1,965,135

We need a broad base of support and a few fairly substantial gifts in order to assure our campaign's success.

Now, not everyone is in a position to make one of these top tier gifts (like those listed under Giving Opportunities). But if you can, do what others can't.

Then watch in awe at our wondrous results.

Wondrous Results Require Top Tier Gifts



Giving Opportunities

There are many special giving opportunities available to donors of qualifying gift amounts. These giving opportunities show donors what different gift levels will enable the church to do. They also offer donors the unique chance to dedicate a gift in honor or memory of someone special.

New Entry Opportunities

Portico	\$ 600,000
Gathering and Welcoming Area	\$ 300,000

Kitchen Opportunities

Kitchen	\$ 500,000
Kitchen Equipment	\$ 75,000
Kitchen Storage	\$ 10,000
Kitchen Pantry	\$ 10,000

Sanctuary Opportunities

Sanctuary	\$ 500,000
Choir Area	\$ 250,000
Chancel Area	\$ 100,000
Altar	\$ 75,000
Sacristy	\$ 50,000
Pulpit	\$ 25,000
Baptismal Font	\$ 10,000
Pew (20)	\$ 5,000 each
Choir Chair (60)	\$ 1,000 each

Special Sections and Selections

Nursery	\$ 50,000
Adult Ed/Choir Practice/Bride's Room	\$ 50,000
Mother's Room	\$ 25,000
Restroom (5)	\$ 25,000 each

Item prices are not necessarily reflective of their costs but, rather, are based on the item's prominence, our needs, and our community's gift abilities. Although these gift contributions may be made over the three-year giving period, recognition will be given when the gift is received in full.

Gift donors will have their names or the names of those they honor commemorated in some special way, as will all campaign donors.

**“As each one has
received a gift, use it
to serve one another
as good stewards of
God’s varied grace.”**

1 PETER 4:10

Giving Options

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. Gifts can be made in a variety of ways.

Pledges

Pledges payable over three years are easier for many, enable most to make larger gifts than they otherwise might outright, and are therefore essential to meeting our goal and potential. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward your total pledge is encouraged.

Non-Cash Gifts

Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider *in kind* gifts such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate; or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry and antiques.

Deferred Gifts

Deferred gifts are another option you may wish to consider. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now, but will not be received until later. They include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities and gifts in trust.



Every Gift Makes a Difference

While gifts may come in various shapes and sizes, each gift to our capital campaign makes a difference. So, please join with all of the others who have already given and give your gift today — right away. With it, our campaign will be more successful and complete. Without it, there's a noticeable difference.