

FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR FUTURE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN?

This campaign is focused on strengthening and sustaining our church for the future. It supports essential maintenance, improvements to our facilities, and the continued vitality of our ministries so that we remain a welcoming and active presence for generations to come.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS NOW?

Addressing these needs now allows us to act proactively rather than reactively. Timely care of our buildings and resources helps avoid more costly repairs later and ensures that our church remains strong, safe, and ready to serve.

IS THIS CAMPAIGN ONLY ABOUT BUILDINGS?

No. While part of the campaign supports our physical space, it is also about our mission. Our buildings enable ministry, outreach, and community life. This campaign is about sustaining both the place and the purpose.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE CAMPAIGN?

Our goal is to raise \$350,000 to address key priorities that support the long-term health and future of our church. A healthy church can typically set a goal amounting to 3 times our collective annual pledges.

HOW WILL THE FUNDS BE USED?

Funds will be used for capital projects for our church facilities. After careful review of our physical plant, we have identified the following projects as the most urgent, and funds raised for this campaign will first be directed towards these needs:

- Church Roof Replacement
- Repaint Church Steeple
- Repair and Repave MCC Parking Lot
- Sidewalk Safety Repairs and Upgrades

Once the projects necessary for the structural integrity and safety of our facilities are funded, we have identified the following projects as our next priorities:

- Repayment to Church Endowment for the 2024 Parsonage Roof Replacement
- Replace Ark/Activities Room Floor
- Replace Sanctuary Carpet (especially the balcony and stair carpet)
- Sanctuary Painting and Repairs

Meeting our goal for this campaign both allows us to fund the projects listed above and start saving to be prepared for future capital expenses. Every gift is an investment in our future and in MCC continuing our ministry here in Middlebury.

WHAT IS THE “THIRD CENTURY FUND”?

More than thirty years ago, the Third Century Fund was established as a maintenance safety net to ensure ongoing care of our church’s facilities and to prevent deferred maintenance. This campaign builds on that tradition of stewardship; continuing a legacy of care for future generations.

WHO IS BEING ASKED TO GIVE?

Every member and friend of the church is invited to participate. Gifts of all sizes are meaningful and important to the success of the campaign.

HOW MUCH AM I EXPECTED TO GIVE?

Each household is encouraged to consider a gift that is thoughtful, prayerful, and meaningful for them. There is no set amount—participation at every level is what makes the campaign successful.

WHEN WILL I BE ASKED TO MAKE A COMMITMENT?

Commitments will be invited in the coming weeks, with a special focus on Commitment Sundays. We expect to receive most commitments by Celebration Sunday on June 21st. More information will be shared as that date approaches.

CAN I GIVE OVER TIME?

Yes. Your tax-deductible pledges may be fulfilled in a one-time gift or over a period of up to three years, making it easier to make a meaningful commitment.

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM REGULAR GIVING?

This campaign is separate from our annual operating budget. It is a special effort focused on long-term needs and future sustainability.

WHO CAN I TALK TO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Members of the campaign team, Task Group Chairs, and church leadership are all available and happy to talk, answer questions, and provide more information.

“Thank you for being part of this important moment in the life of our church and for helping to carry its legacy forward.”