

Okemos Community Church Endowment Fund Grant History* Years 1989 to 2020

The OCC Endowment Fund is a permanent pool of gifts from the congregation that is managed by the Endowment Committee. Earnings from the Fund are spent and then only to support programs and ministries not funded by the church's annual budget. To fulfill its mission, the earnings are used to support grant requests submitted by church members and committees. Endowment Committee members evaluate and prioritize these requests and submit their recommendations to the Board of Trustees for final approval. Under this policy, funds available each year to support projects have increased from its first distribution of \$4,900 in 2000 to \$19,269 in 2020. The rise in spendable earnings has come from an increase in the balance of the Endowment Fund due to accumulated gifts and investment growth.

The projects funded since the beginning of this program are listed below.

| Year | Total** | Grant Description |
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| 1989-99 | None | Disribution started after the Endowment Fund reached \$100,000 |
| 2000 | \$4,900 | Roof repair |
| 2001 | \$5,600 | Repairs/Upgrades to the parsonage |
| 2002 | \$5,520 | Organ project |
| 2003 | \$5,800 | Develop OCC web-site |
| 2004 | \$2,500 | Kitchen stove (not completed) |
| 2005 | \$9,800 | Enhance Chancel lighting |
| 2006 | \$8,300 | Partial funding of the Gulf Coast (Mississippi) mission trip Youth scholarships to Methodist Music and Worship Arts regional convocation Wireless microphone system for Sanctuary Landscaping Church grounds along Okemos Road (Eagle Scout service project) Digital video projector |
| 2007 | \$3,409 | Purchase of church record keeping software Purchase of carpet extractor to keep our carpets clean |
| 2008 | \$7,160 | Wet vacuum for stripping and waxing floors "The Faith We Sing" hymnals for the music program Topographic survey for the renovation project Printer for church office |
| 2009 | \$13,085 | Portable hearing assistance system New Narthex ceiling tiles and light fixtures in balcony stairwell Recondition interior of elevator |
| 2010 | \$8,338 | 32" television/monitors for Sunday school classrooms (7 total) 37" television and mounting bracket for the Chapel Replacement of sidewalk at entrance to church, asphalt patch, mulch |
| 2011 | \$10,402 | Automatic door operator for lower level entrance Several enhancements to the nursery Three new bulletin boards - 2 in nursery; 1 outside the chapel Wooden high chairs and infant cradles, 2 each, for Social Hall Funds for expanding OCC's website Wi-Fi coverage extended throughout church Purchase of defibrillator and training for its use Waste receptacles for the lounge area |

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| 2012 | \$9,300 | "Okemos Community Church" lettering and installation on outside retaining wall Battery operated wreaths and candles Fabric & notions for costumes (angels, shepherds, Roman soldier and others) Wireless remote for laptop computers for presentations; Christian Education Committee Bulletin Board for Education hallway TV Stand for preschool room Posters and classroom décor for Christian Education room Maplewood Center Mission/Outreach Committee; build gazebo & basketball hoops Laptop computer & software for Alternative Service Worship Group |
| 2013 | \$13,179 | Refurbishment hand bells (1/2 of cost; remainder from Memorial); Music & Worship Security cameras for areas inside the church; Buildings & Properties Committee Design plan for Sanctuary, Narthex and Balcony; Sanctuary Renovation Committee |
| 2014 | \$13,739 | New Carillon Bell System (Funded jointly with Memorials); Buildings & Properties Wall cabinet for AED machine Pager system and toys/baby equipment for nursery; Christian Education Committee Youth Leaders' materials, magnetic erase board, chairs in youth room; Christian Ed. Move three air conditioning units from ground level to the roof; Finance Committee |
| 2015 | \$10,125 | Large print UMC and <i>Faith We Sing</i> hymnals; request from Church Office Holders for Church information signs and brochures; Church Office Artwork for Church walls; Art & Décor Subcommittee of Buildings & Grounds Storm windows and stain glass window repair; Finance Committee Security cameras for entrances and north parking lot; Buildings & Grounds Brewing system for the lounge; Membership Committee |
| 2016 | \$15,832 | New grill with cover; request from Church Growth and Membership Committee Purchase/install directional signage throughout the church; Membership Committee Security cameras for coffee area, education wing, social hall; Buildings & Grounds Easter Bunny costume; Christian Education Sound/video device for recording music events at OCC; Music Worship Committee Commission of music to celebrate OCC's 175th Anniversary; Music Worship Committee Enhance Wi-Fi and expand coverage throughout OCC; Church Office Window shades for the office managers office; Church Office Upgrade and expand OCC's telephone system; Church Office |
| 2017 | \$15,835 | Heritage Hall; request from 175th Anniversary Committee Welcome center & exterior signage; Vital Church Initiative (VCI) Hospitality Team Recycling receptacles; Earth Ministry Team LCD projector and new bulb; Christian Education Committee Whiteboard wall, office work room; Church Office Refurbishing sanctuary plant stands; Sanctuary Renovation Team Office organization system; Church Office Memorial garden patio furniture High top tables and bookcase; Vital Church Initiative (VCI) |
| 2018 | \$12,734 | OCC Server Replacement & Upgrade; request from Finance Committee Church School Check In/Out System; Christian Education & Vital Church Initiative (VCI) Window Shade for Chapel/Memorial Garden door; Cabinet Worship Consultant: Vital Church Initiative (VCI) (not completed) |
| 2019 | \$22,508 | Design plans for OCC's new kitchen; Cabinet & OCC Renovation Committee Workshop stipen for choral directing workshop at MSU; Music Worship Committee Bottle fillers for OCC's water fountains; request from OCC Treasurer Enhance Vacation Bible School (VBS); Christian Education Committee |

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| | | Catalogue OCC's music library into a database; Choir Director |
| 2020 | \$22,234 | Food Pantry: Increase families served and establish self service; Mission/Outreach End of week celebration for VBS attendees, families, and volunteers; Christian Education Stipends (3) for a Worship Symposium; Music Worship Committee Portable sound (PA) system for non-Sanctuary events; request from Choir Director Install an access door to the flat roof; request from Cabinet Storage shed for equipment and hazardous items; Building & Grounds Committee |

*Since its first distribution in year 2000, Endowment has distributed \$205,351 to Okemos Community Church.

**Total is the level of funding for all approved grant requests each year. Unused funds from projects that came in under budget or not completed are used to support future projects.