

Why are we doing another Capital Campaign?

When we voted to move forward with the Master Plan at Church Conference, we also approved acquiring a loan.



The ***Forward, Faithfully*** campaign establishes good stewardship by reducing the \$1.9 million loan and lowering interest costs.

The more money raised through the ***Forward, Faithfully*** campaign, the less interest required for the loan.

Our goal is to repay this debt quickly, saving us money, and allowing us to move forward with the next steps of the Master Plan.

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faithfully**

“Lord, what do You want to do through me?”

Could we put the debt payments into the MUMC Operating Budget?

No. There are no funds allocated in the annual operating budget to manage debt. Adding the cost of principal and interest for the \$1.9 million loan to the operating budget would be a significant cost and require cutting important ministries and programs.

When does the giving period for our current campaign end and the next one begin?

Contributions for our current capital campaign, Growing in Grace, will end December 2017. Contributions for the ***Forward, Faithfully*** campaign will begin in January 2018.

Is my campaign commitment in addition to my regular giving?

Yes, it is in addition to “regular” giving. Any gift to the capital campaign is restricted and will not be used by MUMC for any other purpose. You are asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that goes beyond your giving to the church operating budget.

More details on the campaign will be sent to you soon. If you have questions, contact Vicki Whittemore at spfb8690@gmail.com.

In this initial stage, you may wonder what part you have in the campaign. Beginning now, your household can pray! Start with the simple prayer:



“Lord, what do You want to do through me?”

Praise God for the lives touched through Memorial and the opportunities we’ve been given to serve. Discern God’s direction for you regarding the ***Forward, Faithfully*** campaign. Take time to consider the statement:

“Not an equal share, but an equal sacrifice.”

Read the story of the widow’s mite in both Mark 12:41-44 and Luke 21:1-4. Each household is different. Prayerfully consider how much God is leading your household to give to the Forward, Faithfully campaign.



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Memorial United Methodist Church

Why the words “Forward, Faithfully”? With God’s help, we had a successful *Growing in Grace* campaign. The work planned through that campaign is complete. As we look ahead at the opportunities that remain in our Master Plan, we see it is time to move forward. We do so faithfully, knowing that God is our focus. Together, we journey *Forward, Faithfully*.

Dates to Remember:

September 24th Beginning of a 5-week *Forward, Faithfully* Worship Series

October 21st *Prayer Saturday*

At a special event, we will gather to thank thanks God for our church and pray for guidance as we proceed forward.

October 22nd *Commitment & Celebration Sunday*

We commit our gifts to God as we celebrate our church history and the promise of the future.

November 12th *First Fruits Sunday*

With faith and love we bring our first offerings for the *Forward, Faithfully* campaign.

November 19th *Announcement Sunday*

We gather for worship and celebrate God’s faithfulness and the generosity of the family at Memorial.



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From the Desk of the Senior Pastor...

Together, we began a journey in 2014 when a Church Conference approved a Master Site Plan and authorized a capital campaign to fund the initial stages. The cost of those initial stages was \$4.3 million. The “Growing in Grace” campaign resulted in \$2.34 million pledged. Through the generosity of church members and unexpected donations, the campaign has brought in more than was initially pledged! The extra funds raised help reduce the amount of money we will owe at the completion of the project.

The success of the campaign allowed for many physical changes to our property: a new roof on Maxwell Hall, updates to the parsonage, exterior restoration and interior renovations to the Sanctuary building, and the construction of an elevator tower, workshop, and covered bus parking.

Now, our next step of this journey begins as the Florida United Methodist Foundation converts the construction loan into a mortgage. From the initial construction of our historic Sanctuary building, through the completion of Maxwell Hall, Memorial has a tradition of borrowing money for construction and then paying it back as quickly as possible. This time will be no exception. The **“Forward, Faithfully”** campaign is an effort to pay off this loan quickly to save money on interest and to free our church for continued progress on our Master Plan.

forward, faithfully - Pastor Beth