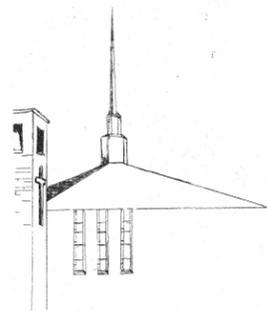


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**Faith Promise Card** **Faithful to the Generations**

I/We promise in faith to give the following to the **Faithful to the Generations** campaign at Mt. Carmel Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Faith promise commitments are from March 2015 to March 2018.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ each week (156 weeks)     \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month (36 months)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ each year (3 years)     \$ \_\_\_\_\_ one time on/about \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Bring this card to church **March 1, 2015** or return to: Mt. Carmel Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Mishy Johnston, Treasurer  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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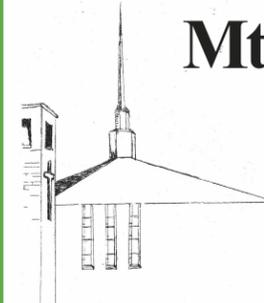
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**Thank you for your faithful support!** **Thank you for your faithful support!**

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*Faithful to the Generations*  
— *A Vision for Our Future*

Issue #5

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*Our Story: Being Faithful to the Generations*  
*Making Our Commitment to Move Forward*

**A Message From Our Pastor**

Dear Mt. Carmel Family,  
This is a very important time in the life of our church. We have made a serious spiritual commitment to future generations of our church family by entering into a relationship with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), keeping us true to the theological foundation of the generations who preceded us.

As we look forward to God's future blessings and the ways in which He will direct us in the years ahead, our church leadership has felt the call to lay a solid foundation for our church facilities. Over the past several months you've received a variety of communication updates regarding plans to maintain and improve our building.

Our **Faithful to the Generations** initiative has focused on ways to make our building more welcoming to our community and more functional for our members while maintaining responsible financial stewardship. Throughout our planning discussions, every effort has been made to contain costs. By limiting redesign concepts within the existing footprint of our building, we are able to maximize building utility while minimizing construction costs.

Having reviewed the building design plans, many of you have provided constructive ideas, which we've been able to incorporate. Thank you for sharing your ideas. I encourage you to continue providing feedback so we can arrive at the best possible outcome.

Of course, before we can begin moving forward with any of our plans, we need to know how much money we'll have to support the proposed building changes. Over the next several weeks, we'll be communicating with you regarding how you can make our plans a reality. Our intention is to fully fund our design plans through the

financial gifts of our church family and friends. We can only go as far with our design plans as God will allow, and the time is approaching for each of us to consider how we'll contribute.

And, so, I ask that each of you prayerfully consider making a faith promise commitment that will enable us to modify and improve our space for more effective ministry both now and in the future. Please know that every gift is important, regardless of the amount, and is an expression of God's grace to us and will result, we trust, in thanksgiving to Him.

Our desire in **Faithful to the Generations** is that God be glorified as we worship Him and make Him known. Please pray about your faith promise, decide what God would have you do, and bring your faith promise card to church on Sunday, March 1. Thank you for your heart for God and your own faithfulness to the generations!

Blessings,

*Pastor Mike*

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# Giving to *Faithful to the Generations*

The total financial goal for the *Faithful to the Generations* campaign is \$580,000. The general breakdown for the use of these funds is:

Loan Repayment for Purchase of Church Building .....	79,500
*Interior Church Improvements.....	340,000
*Exterior Improvements .....	160,500
Total .....	\$580,000

*\*Based on cost estimates from architectural drawings.*

Our intention is to raise the total amount of funding **exclusively** through the giving of our congregation members & friends. We have consulted and been advised by other church leaders who've successfully completed the process of building campaigns to **not** attempt to acquire funds through a continuous series of fundraisers. Simply stated, the sheer number of fundraising activities that would be required and the effort they would take would be overwhelming.

We are not currently planning to acquire a bank loan if we fail to achieve our financial goal, but that may be considered at a future time.

We will certainly acquire a line of credit from a local bank to begin and maintain construction efforts in a timely manner, but a line of credit will be tied to the total amount pledged by our members toward the project.

We will only know how much of the project we can proceed with, **after** we've acquired all of our financial pledges.

## A Three-Year Effort

The fundraising portion of the Faithful to the Generations campaign will cover a three-year period **beginning March 1, 2015** and **ending March 1, 2018**. You may choose to make your donations at any time throughout this three-year period, but we ask you to make your total faith promise commitment on March 1, 2015. This is important because only when we know the total amount of pledges will we be able to begin the construction phase of the project.

## Your Decision to Give

We know that giving to this project is a very important decision, because we're asking that you give **over and above your regular giving**. Thus, we continue to encourage you to pray about your faith promise gift before deciding what you intend to give. Moreover, we ask that you consider the following:

- ◆ Recall the blessings God has given to you, remembering that everything we have belongs to God and our role is to be **a good steward of His resources**.
- ◆ Remember **the impact that can be made for Christ** through your sacrificial gift. Our church has a unique calling to serve God in the community of Aliquippa.
- ◆ Bear in mind that **every gift**, regardless of size, will be an important contribution to God's work through our church.
- ◆ Discuss your family's participation with **all members of your family** and what it will mean to each of you.
- ◆ **Pray to discern** what sacrifice God is asking of you in this process. Pray also for the elders and church staff for wisdom and strength as they lead the church through this process.

Remember, all gifts to the *Faithful to the Generations* campaign are important. We would love to see 100 percent of our members and regular attendees support this effort. We know there will be a sacrifice to give to this building upgrade. Thank you for your support of our church.

## Q& Some questions you may have

### Q How much should I give?

This, of course, is between you and God. We encourage you to go to the Lord in prayer and discern from Him what He would have you give. You may find it helpful to use the accompanying charts to **get a picture** of what a weekly or monthly gift of **two or three percent of your income** would mean over the course of three years. Regardless of the amount you decide to give, all gifts to *Faithful to the Generations* are important and will help us fulfill our mission to spread the love of Christ.

#### Three-Percent Giving Chart

Annual Income	3% Annual Gift	Total 3-year gift	Weekly Donation	Monthly Donation
\$100,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$57.69	\$250.00
\$75,000	\$2,250	\$6,750	\$43.27	\$187.50
\$50,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$28.87	\$125.00
\$25,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$14.42	\$62.50

#### Two-Percent Giving Chart

Annual Income	2% Annual Gift	Total 3-year gift	Weekly Donation	Monthly Donation
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$38.46	\$166.67
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$28.87	\$125.00
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$19.23	\$83.88
\$25,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$9.62	\$41.67

### Q Is my faith promise commitment to Faithful to the Generations in addition to my annual giving?

Yes. A faith promise gift to *Faithful to the Generations* is in addition to regular annual giving to Mt. Carmel's general ministry. We are asking you to consider making your three-year faith promise gift on **Commitment Sunday, March 1**. These gifts will be devoted to improving our facilities.

### Q When should I make my faith promise commitment and first contribution?

March 1 is our Commitment Sunday. We ask that you bring your faith promise card to worship on that day. If you will not be at church on March 1, you can mail your faith promise card to the church or hand-deliver your gift to the church office. While you can begin making your contributions immediately, the church welcomes your contributions when you are best able to begin fulfilling your faith promise commitment.

### Q How often do I make a contribution toward my faith promise gift?

How much you give and when you give is up to you. Many participants will give a portion of their faith promise **each week** or **month**. Some will give on a **quarterly** or **annual** basis. Others may make a **one-time contribution**. You can select a donation schedule that works best for you. The *Faithful to the Generations* faith promise giving period runs through March 2018.

## Make Note of These Upcoming Dates

**Sunday, January 25** – Special meeting after worship to review & discuss the financial component of the *Faithful to the Generations* campaign.

**Sunday, February 15** – Annual congregational meeting to receive the 2014 annual report and 2015 financial budget. Follow-up discussion ques-

tions regarding *Faithful to the Generations* may be asked at this time.

**Sunday, March 1** – Commitment Sunday. All church members and friends are asked to submit their faith promise pledges for *Faithful to the Generations*.

*"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord."*  
- Leviticus 27:30