



## **Sidney United Methodist Church Capital Campaign**

*For Our Congregation*

*...For Our Community*

*...and For Our Future*

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Regarding Organ Fund

- How much has been raised to date?
- Is the \$70,000 organ cost net of funds received earlier?
- Is Daryl Forsythe still in charge of the organ project and how does it fit overall?

The discovery of the structural concerns of our bell tower, shortly after the organ fund kicked off caused Daryl to hold off on continuing the push to raise money solely for a new organ. To date, all funds previously raised (\$7,225) are being held for use toward the total cost of up to \$70,000 to replace it when it becomes prudent. The repair of our bell tower, and surrounding masonry, is our campaign's top priority. The Trustees and Capital Campaign Committee feel our building's maintenance is crucial to continue the work of the church in our community.

#### Regarding Exterior Restoration Project

- Has the contract for repairing the bell tower been awarded and signed by the Church?
- How do we assure competent contractors are hired and their work is guaranteed?
- Who is / will be monitoring the work of the bell tower contractor?
- How will the progress of the project be communicated to the congregation?

We have entered into contract with Imhoff Construction and to date have only signed and paid (\$28,460) to have the Scaffolding put up. Imhoff was recommended by First Oneonta and had additional strong references. We will be moving forward with the exterior restoration as soon as we can determine the most responsible way to secure short term financing. The trustees, headed by Dan Bartz, will meet regularly with the contractor and will monitor the progression of work accomplished. Communication to the congregation will be made regularly through short updates during church services, website updates, email, etc. from the trustees and/or the Capital Campaign Communications committee headed by Scott and Nancy McLean.

#### Regarding integration of technology into our church community

- How is broadcasting service to other rooms within church community outreach?

Going to church over the years has evolved greatly. The use of technology (i.e. a website, facebook page, projector in the sanctuary, ability to visually broadcast the service) allows our church to offer a new venue for attending Sunday services. This non-traditional setting would allow for a modern family-friendly atmosphere. We aim to offer a more relaxed atmosphere for families with small children, and an open, inviting space for community members, to become familiar with our church community.



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### Regarding money issues and the need for a capital campaign

- How did the church get in a position of needing over \$400,000 all at once?
- How will donations / pledges be handled by the church?

The bell tower was constructed over 70 years ago in 1933, over those years the materials have aged and undergone much environmental wear. Currently the brick and mortar exterior has deteriorated and allowed water in, which over the winter freeze and thaw cycles have increased the damage to the bell tower area of the building. While rebuilding and re-pointing masonry is an extremely labor intensive and costly endeavor, it is necessary to prevent our structural problems from increasing exponentially.

Please see the Case Statement for more detail and an accurate breakdown of estimated project costs.

All donations to the Capital Campaign will be directed to our Church Financial Secretary Linda Hitchcock who will record the source of the contributions before the donations are deposited into the Capital Campaign account of which Garrett Cole is the Treasurer.

### Additional Comments / Concerns Related to the Project

- Need to prioritize the project list
- Revisit project list to refine project scope, more accurate costs & volunteer help use
- Need to spend campaign funds in priority order and delay what can't be paid for by campaign

A detailed Case Statement has been generated and clearly defines priority of projects with more accurate estimates of prices. The priority of work to be done was set by consensus of the Trustees and Capital Campaign Committee, giving priority to protecting the structural integrity of our church, followed by responsible repairs and upgrades to our building to improve the comfort, efficiency, functionality and opportunity of our gathering and worship space.

The priority of the projects are as follows:

- 1: Exterior Restoration
- 2: Organ Replacement
- 3: Replacement of Church Thermostat System
- 4: Interior Upgrades: Pastors office, Craft Room, Youth Room, Hallway Painting, Lighting
- 5: Handicap accessibility to all levels of the church
- 6: Installation of handicap accessible bathroom on sanctuary level
- 7: Technology needs



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- Need to provide opportunity for volunteers to do maintenance and repair projects.

Volunteerism is strong in our church community, and there are too many volunteers to name here. Many of the projects ranking in priority below the bell tower work can employ the aid of volunteers (for example repainting the upstairs), however for masonry, electrical, and HVAC work, the Trustees and Capital Campaign Committee agree we need the services of professional contractors.

### What community organizations use our church?

Organizations and Services within our church include:

Tri-Town Nursery School	Share the Bounty Dinner	Cub Scout Pak 34
Boy Scout Troop 34	Holy Grounds Café	Monday Morning Lectionary
Alcoholics Anonymous	The Dorcas Class	Sunday School Classes
Sidney Community Band	Lydia Craft Circle	Sunday Morning Worship
Sidney Area Food Bank	Higher Grounds Martial Arts	Small Group Studies
Ride-for-a-Friend Ministry	Odyssey of the Mind	Vacation Bible School
Family Life Council	Tri-Town Theatre	

### Who is the leadership of the Capital Campaign?

The leadership of the campaign has been self selected based on active participation and expressed interest. Anyone who feels they have a gift of service to offer is encouraged to participate.

Current leadership positions include (committee members)

General Chairperson – Ritch Selfridge (Roy Nabinger)

Communications Chairpersons – Scott & Nancy McLean (Rick Aiken, Anna Blinn Cole, Donna King)

Celebration Chairperson – Terry DeRoche (Laura Bartz, Connie Cutting, Nora Cole, Carol Barnhart, Don Barnhart, Vi Stevens, Barb Roff, Cathy Barnhart, Gail & Todd Brown)

Spiritual Emphasis Coordinator – Michael Mercurio (Kathy Shaw, Pam & Sean Curtin, Sue Olmstead)

Secretary – Linda Hitchcock (Cathy Barnhart)

Treasurer – Garrett Cole (Wayne King)

Community Solicitation Chairperson – *Vacant* (Tim Curring, Bev Martin, Pat Greene)

Regular Attendees of Capital Campaign Committee meetings – Ron Salyer of the United Methodist Frontier Foundation

Betty Dixson offered to be an advisor wherever needed.