



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q1. Why are we conducting another capital campaign so close on the heels of Bridging Generations?**

The Bridging Generations campaign provided much needed physical renovations to the church, and those renovations are complete:

- A major upgrade of our preschool and our education building.
- Accessibility improvements including the stair tower, elevator and bridge have made our facilities welcoming to all.
- Our courtyard area was leveled and redesigned to allow for children and those with mobility issues alike to enjoy the space.
- What had been an unfinished basement area became the Den and the Nest, dedicated space for our youth programs.
- Upgrades were made to our sanctuary and Tartan Hall.

However, one holdover from that campaign is a 10-year loan which comes due in May of 2025. We anticipate the balance to be approximately \$180,000 by then.

In addition to paying off the loan, we need to improve the overall worship experience in the sanctuary by replacing the thirty three-year-old lighting and updating the sound technology for in-person and on-line worship.. These changes will cost approximately \$170,000.

Finally, there is a need to develop outdoor space in the “back yard” that all ministries of the church can use to support their specific activities. The work may include grading, planting turf, and adding a fence. A cost study is underway, but the initial estimate will not exceed \$50,000.

Bridging Generations II is a two-year capital campaign to raise \$400,000 to cover these three specific areas. The first \$180,000 raised will be used to pay off the balance of the loan.

### **Q2. Why do we need to do this now?**

With current interest rates, we believe the money that would be spent on interest to re-finance the loan could be better used to further our mission in our community and the world. Also, issues with lighting and sound in the sanctuary are increasing as those systems age.

The Bridging Generations campaign addressed a building that did not reflect the church’s warm and inviting congregation . Those changes created a welcoming, inviting, accessible building. This campaign will free up funds for ministry and making a difference in our community and our world.

**Q3 Why can't the sanctuary upgrades be handled through the general budget. We're running surpluses.**

The budget surpluses we have run in the past were primarily due to expenses running below budget because we were not fully staffed. Not only are we now fully staffed, we are in the process of adding the additional new full-time Coordinator of Faith Formation position. Therefore, we don't expect surpluses to continue.

**Q4 Why did we pick these items for the campaign? There are more important priorities than these?**

All of the ministries of Session were asked to submit items for funding that fall beyond the normal budgetary process. These were the items that rose to the top and were approved by Session.

**Q5 What is the campaign goal?**

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$400,000. The first \$180,000 raised will go to pay off the 10-year loan from the Bridging Generations campaign. The remaining funds will go toward lighting and sound in the sanctuary as well as developing outdoor space in the "back yard" of the church.

**Q6. What kind of assets will the church accept for donations?**

The church will accept cash, checks, or appreciated stock.

**Q7. Is this giving a part of our annual pledge/tithe to the church?**

No. Giving to Building Generations II is above and beyond your regular giving.