



# Forward in FAITH

## Capital Campaign

### Frequently Asked Questions

Have questions about Friedens Church's Capital Campaign? Below are some of the most frequently asked questions about the campaign.

#### Why are we doing a Capital Campaign?

In the past year, Friedens Church leadership has come together for prayerful evaluation and contemplation on where God is guiding us. We know that God is calling us to intentionally invest in the future of this vibrant congregation. Now is the time to make better use of our building, enhance community outreach, invest in our children and youth ministry, strengthen our communication, and solidify our financial stability.

#### Is this instead of our regular giving?

No, the Capital Campaign is not instead of our regular giving. Instead, the Capital Campaign is "above and beyond." Stewardship pledges and envelope giving support operational costs, such as staff salaries, existing ministries, utilities, and general maintenance. Campaign contributions directly support the projects/initiatives outlined in the campaign literature.

#### How do we make our Capital Campaign gifts?

Your prayers are so needed through this journey! As with all things, begin in prayer. Then, decide the pledge/gift amount that aligns with how you are being led by the Holy Spirit. You may give the amount that you pledge in various ways over three years (or a shorter period). Once you have come to a decision, please fill out a commitment form and return it to the church. We are dedicating pledges and gifts on Commitment Sunday (May 5th).

#### How much am I expected to give?

It would be impossible to raise enough money to pay for these projects/initiatives through offering plate cash donations or "gifts of convenience." We must rely on everyone to plan for sacrificial generosity, and then do their best to accomplish it...one step at a time. You must be the one to determine how much you can give and budget it across multiple years, as best fits your financial situation. If you are fortunate to be able to give more in the first year, please do so! Such help is greatly appreciated and will allow us to accomplish projects more quickly.

#### How do I pay for my campaign pledge?

If you are contributing from your current income or bank savings, gifts may be made by check or cash. Most financial institutions have bill pay services that allow donations to be sent directly from your bank. Just sign up for your bank's online bill-paying service, and you're halfway there. You may have your campaign gift sent each week, month, quarter, or once for the entire year!

## **Will other types of donations be accepted?**

In addition to giving from current income or bank accounts, you may support the Capital Campaign in many other ways. Some additional gifting considerations are stocks, bonds, mutual funds, Qualified Charitable Contributions from IRAs (if over 73 years of age), appreciated real estate and more. If you are interested in giving in one of these ways, please contact the church office or Richie Musser (484-364-0781) to learn more. Don't forget to also share with your friends and family who may be interested in participating!

## **When will my contributions begin?**

Your contributions may begin as soon as you would like. Some households may choose to give an upfront gift the first year, some may decide to give weekly/monthly/quarterly throughout the campaign, and some may only give in years two and three. Regardless of when you choose to start payments, we ask that you return a commitment form to the church office to help us properly budget for expenses.

## **When will any work begin? How much is the campaign?**

There are already some projects in progress, such as replacing the carillon in the bell tower! The overall goal and funds directed towards each project/component of the vision will be driven by the pledges and gifts that come in on Commitment Sunday and the weeks and months to follow. Once leadership has an idea of the total funds and timing of gifts a plan will be put into place to allocate the funds. This information will be shared with the church as soon as possible.

## **Where may I continue to find updated information?**

You may find updates regarding the campaign in our bulletins/weekly emails, newsletters, social media, and announcements at services. Major campaign updates will also be on our church website ([www.friedensfolks.org](http://www.friedensfolks.org)).

## **Who are the current members of the Campaign Committee?**

Tina Adam  
Susan Gerhart

Steve & Alicia Mengle  
Renee Watt

Pastor Inge Williams, Pastor

## **Still Have Questions?**

If you have any questions or want to talk about your contribution to the Capital Campaign, please contact our campaign manager, Richie Musser, at 484-364-0781 or [rmusser@kirbysmith.com](mailto:rmusser@kirbysmith.com). You may also contact the church office at (610) 488-7325 or speak to any of the great members of our Campaign Committee!

***Thank you for your continued prayers and support!***