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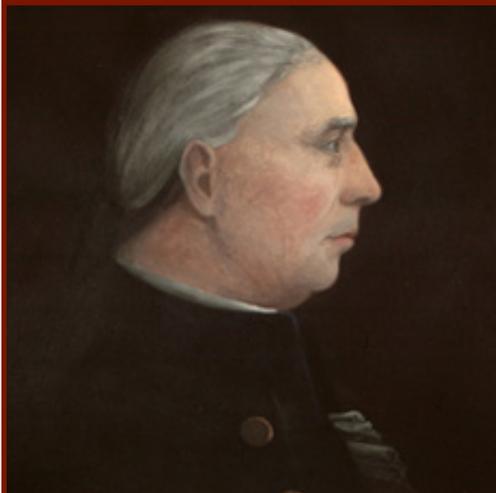
FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE
WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.

LUKE 12:34



First Congregational United Church of Christ
Capital Campaign Case Statement
April 26, 2015

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Why a capital campaign?

There is work to be done on the first church established in Marietta, a historic church that is one of the first few churches built in the Northwest Territory.

Our founders knew that education and worship were essential to the well-being of the people of their community. Though they were not in a position to construct facilities in 1788, the church was established in the first years, deferring construction until the community was safely settled in.

Many members of The Ohio Company, including General Rufus Putnam, are listed as the first members of our church. The well-off and those of more modest means alike contributed funds, labor and goods to build their church. It was their mission to provide a church for future generations — like us. Now, as modern-day stewards, our turn has come. Perhaps one member said it best:

It's why we are here. A light to the world. Physically, a real light in the early wilderness to the rivermen — a light to mark their bearings by. A spiritual light in the wilderness, establishing a faith foundation for all the pioneers who braved the new frontier. A very real presence that provided people and Christian leadership for outposts of the faith as we expanded through what became Washington County. To continue to be a strong Christian voice living out God's extravagant welcome and radical hospitality to all.

There are several reasons to conduct a capital campaign at this time, but the primary reason for doing so can be found in scripture, Luke 12:34:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



What have we done recently to maintain the church?

Several investments and aesthetic enhancement have been made recently:

- 2004 Boiler Replaced
- 2005 Handicap Ramp/Sidewalk South
- 2006 Automatic Door Openers Installed
- 2007 Preliminary Work for Lift Completed
- 2008 ADA Lift Installed
- 2009 Handicap Ramp/Sidewalk North
- 2010 Transept Roof Project*
- 2010 Vinyl Fence Installed
- 2011 Replaced North & South Flat Roofs*
- 2012 Quartz Countertop Installed
- 2013 Replaced Center Flat Roof
- 2013 Extensive Landscaping
- 2013 Installed Hardwood Flooring in Narthex
- 2014 Stairlift, South Side
- 2015 Pipe Organ Upgrade and Repair Completed

Funds for these projects came from general revenues plus special gifts. The projects that we now face are much larger and much more expensive.

*We are making payments on these improvements. A portion of the capital campaign funds will be used to retire these obligations.

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What remains to be done and how much will it cost?

• Towers	\$160,000
• Outside Door Repair	\$2,000
• Repairs/Painting Sanctuary Ceiling, Fans	\$35,000
• Sanctuary Carpet	\$25,000
• Outside Sign	\$20,000
• Plumbing Repairs and Improvements.....	\$40,000
• Previous and Current Projects	\$38,000
Campaign Goal.....	\$320,000

How long will it take to complete these projects?

Tower removal is scheduled for August of 2015 with work on the interior to begin shortly thereafter. A focus on interior work this fall will allow us to show our community a warm welcome during the Advent Season.

We hope to have all jobs completed by the end of 2017. Towers will be restored and replaced as weather permits.

What funds have been pledged or do we have in hand?

- Grant in the amount of \$15,350 from the Marietta Community Foundation
- Matching Gift pledge in the amount of \$2,500 from one member
- Gifts to the Capital Campaign currently total \$16,212

What will be expected of the members?

Members may pledge whatever they feel is appropriate. Pledges may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually or in a lump sum over and within a three year period. All pledges are confidential. We will succeed as one.

What else can we do?

Our discussions have led us to look into several channels for ongoing outreach that can be explored and maintained by a small group like ours:

- Legacy Gifts bequeathed to the Church through estate planning
- Crowdfunding through web-based channels such as KickStarter
- Grants from organizations whose mission includes support for churches
- Rack Card or Gift Envelope made available to visitors who tour the church
- Ability to accept gifts through an upgraded website

These channels will not provide sufficient funds for the above projects in a timely manner. Our primary focus must be internal. Trustees and members of the Campaign Committee are available to answer your questions at any time.

Most of the funds for this campaign will have to come from our members, but we do plan to open the campaign to the community.

Since many community events and services are based in our church home, we hope local residents, businesses and organizations will recognize First Congregational United Church of Christ as a community true to the teachings of Jesus, a beacon for the pioneering spirit, a welcoming family for the displaced, a celebrant of diversity, and a symbol of enduring hope.

Thank you!



The Teachings of Jesus from the Book of Luke

Our campaign theme comes from the Book of Luke. We believe that a capital campaign to improve our facilities is an expression of our faith, and is in keeping with our responsibility to be good stewards as well as our mission of service to our congregation and our community, now and in the future.

To put the chosen scripture in context for us at this moment of our church history, here are a few relevant passages that precede our chosen theme.

In this passage, Jesus tells his disciples what God has provided for them, including the gift of eternal life in His kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is a treasure of the heart, an investment in the Kingdom of God is an act of faith that comes from the heart.

Luke 12:22-23; 30-34

He said to his disciples:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Questions about the campaign may be referred to:

Trustees

Jim Lindley, Chair; Rob Lofty, Martha Taylor, Eric Lankford, Bonnie Miller, Joyce Robinson, Judy Phillips

Capital Campaign Committee

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