

Faith Presbyterian
Church





Dear Friends,

It is rare that we are given the opportunity to really make a difference in our world, but we have just such an opportunity before us. As Austin grows, so does our community and the needs we serve at Faith Presbyterian Church. It is our desire to sustain our current facilities and continue serving each other and our church through our Faith Forward campaign.

Many individuals and families came before us who made our church and current facilities possible. When called, Faith has always been a generous congregation and for that we are grateful. Now it is our turn to grow God's work through the ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church by joining together to leave an even greater church for future generations. We hope you are excited as we are to be part of the effort to make it happen.

We urge you to join us in committing wholeheartedly to this wonderful campaign. It is through our generous giving that we will make a difference in our church, our community and our world.

It is our honor to serve as the Co-Chairs of the Faith Forward campaign. TOGETHER we will succeed.

Grace and Peace,

Your Co-chairs for the Faith Forward Campaign



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Laura Johnson



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeana Lungwitz".

Jeana Lungwitz

A Place of Faith and Moving Forward for All God's People:

Austin ISD Teen Parent Preschool

Bread for All

Faith Community Garden (A Ministry of FPC)

Faith Presbyterian Church

Faith Food Pantry (A Ministry of FPC)

Filipino-American Christian Fellowship (A Ministry of FPC)

Hispanic Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Narcotics Anonymous

Parents, Families, and Friend of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Yoga (A Ministry of FPC)

Young Life's Young Lives Meetings

Wildflower Unitarian-Universalist Church

Women for Sobriety



A few of the Filipino-American
Christian Fellowship
congregants



AISSD Teen Parent Program



YoungLives Bible Study



One of the members of the YoungLives Bible Study Group at their annual Easter Egg hunt.

A Church for Today!



Faith's Campus Cleanup Day



Hand Chimes Choir

Faith Forward!

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

-Matthew 25:40

Over the years and before it was the “in” thing to do and be, Faith was moving forward for the cause of Christ in the character of Jesus’s love. That love is expressed for the outcast as we have worked to include and show hospitality to those on the margins of society. We have witnessed this most dramatically over the years through our Martin-Rutherford building for childhood education and through our own Faith Food Pantry.

Faith continues to move forward offering a genuine welcome to people of all ages and walks of life. Just think about it. In addition to worship and quality faith exploration for people of all ages, we currently offer our facility to:

- teenage parents and their children,
- those struggling with drug addiction,
- parents, family and friends of transgender, gay and lesbian youth and adults,
- the hungry,
- and three churches that need space to worship and explore faith in their own way.

Our church is also a sanctuary for many members and visitors who have had negative experiences with churches in the past who find healing by being a part of our progressive community. We give God thanks and celebrate this diversity and inclusion of all people regardless of sexuality, race, gender identity/expression, background or nationality.

God has called Faith forward again into this time and place so that we can share God’s love with all these and more.

To fulfill the call God has in mind for Faith Presbyterian Church and in order to move forward, we need more of our annual budget to go towards Faith ministries instead of short-term facility remedies and debt.

If this were just about money, we would not be asking this of our members. We believe this is about God and God's work in our community to minister to women and men, young and old, rich and poor, as well as the immigrant and those of diverse orientations and identities.

Those we reach out to as well as our members will be able to experience the inclusive love of God immediately on arrival at a healthy, happy, and hospitable campus that takes into consideration all of God's people.

Will you join me in moving forward with Faith?

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle M. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kyle" being more prominent.

Kyle



Our Current Situation

First, the Wright Fellowship Hall, our initial worship space on our campus and our primary community space today, is showing the most age and has a chronic problem with rodents and mold. We need to immediately remove the mold and bring the facility up to healthy and welcoming standards for our congregation and community groups. We also have general campus improvements that have been sorely needed for some time and which cannot wait any longer.

Second, we want to be fiscally responsible with the parking lot debt and pay it off so the Presbytery's funds might go toward other projects at other churches (the intent of the fund). Even though it is an amazingly low interest ten-year loan, we would like to be debt free as part of this campaign.

Debt Details:

Henrietta M. King Memorial Fund of Mission
Presbytery

Initial Loan in 2017: \$45,000

Current Principal Balance: \$39,448 (March 2019)

Current Interest Rate: 1.75% Amortization

Period: 10 years Maturity Date: January 1, 2028

Months Remaining to Pay Loan: 102

Annual Debt Service: \$4,908.48 annually or \$409.04
monthly

Finally, we hope to bring a better sound system to our sanctuary for the hearing impaired as well as lighting upgrades that better secure our campus and make navigating it at night safer. We also hope to save money in the long run and help our environment by investing in solar panels on our broad roofline.



Water damage from sanctuary roof



Mold damage in Fellowship Hall

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of this campaign?

The purpose of this campaign is to make several critical improvements to our campus and eliminate our debt. These improvements are necessary for the current and future mission of our church. We want to be free from the weight of our loan so that we can put more budget dollars every year towards ministry instead of repaying a loan. We also need to fix some key issues with our building and make a few enhancements so we can continue to offer life-changing ministry.

When was the last capital campaign?

Our last capital improvements campaign was prior to 1992 to build the current sanctuary to create the welcoming worship space we have today.

Why did we take out a loan... and how much do we owe?

In 2017, we took out a very low interest (1.75%) loan to be able to move ahead with repaving our parking lot, which had become increasingly dangerous for all groups meeting in our facility. In addition to the amount we financed (\$45,000), Wildflower Church paid \$18,000 toward the project. We are grateful to them for sharing in this burden.

What will the campus improvements include and what is the cost estimate?

Remediate mold in Wright Fellowship Hall (\$14,200)
Repair sanctuary roof damage (\$4,000)
Repairing sidewalk in the courtyard (\$3,000)
Clean redwood siding on Wright Fellowship Hall (\$13,700)

Replace damaged marquee (\$15,000)
Pay off presbytery's loan for parking lot (\$40,500)
Upgrade lighting (\$1,700)
Upgrade restrooms with any asbestos abatement (\$91,000)
Upgrade sanctuary sound system (\$5,000)
Install solar panels for ongoing utility savings (\$62,000)

How is this campaign funded?

In addition to the projects we are raising money for, \$17,000 goes toward the cost of the campaign which includes our consultant as well as the cost of mailings and promotional materials.

Will our tenants help with this campaign?

The two tenants we have signed leases with, AISD Teen Parent Preschool and Wildflower Unitarian-Universalist Church, pay for annual maintenance through their rent. In addition, Wildflower has already paid a one time \$18,000 gift over and above their rent to pay for the parking lot. It is unusual for tenants to do this, so we are grateful to Wildflower for their generosity.

What is the First Fruit Offering?

The First Fruit Offering is your first gift to the campaign. We will collect our First Fruit Offering during worship on Sunday, June 16, Sunday, June 23, and Sunday, June 30. We hope to begin our first priority of mold abatement as soon as the First Fruit Offering is received.

How much should I give?

Contributions to this campaign are planned over the course of three years. Your gift to the Faith Forward campaign is above your annual giving to the church's annual budget.

The idea of "not an equal share but an equal sacrifice" conveys that the amount will be different for each household. For some, the gift may come from savings, stocks, investments, inheritance, or real estate. For others, they may adjust their monthly budget to make room to give more.

Some prayerful questions to consider as you discern how much to give:

- What does the God want to do through me?
- What does sacrificial giving look like for our household?

3-Year Giving Guide

Per Week	Total	Per Week	Total	Per Week	Total
\$10 =	\$1,560	\$90 =	\$14,040	\$175 =	\$27,300
\$25 =	\$3,900	\$100 =	\$15,600	\$180 =	\$28,080
\$30 =	\$4,680	\$110 =	\$17,160	\$190 =	\$29,640
\$40 =	\$6,240	\$125 =	\$19,500	\$200 =	\$31,200
\$50 =	\$7,800	\$130 =	\$20,280	\$225 =	\$35,100
\$60 =	\$9,360	\$140 =	\$21,840	\$250 =	\$39,000
\$75 =	\$11,700	\$150 =	\$23,400	\$300 =	\$46,800
\$80 =	\$12,480	\$160 =	\$24,960	\$350 =	\$54,600

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Faith Forward Events

Gratitude Sunday May 5

Celebration Sunday May 19

Commitment Sunday June 2

Announcement Sunday June 9

First Fruit Offering Sundays June 16, 23, & 30



*God, what do You
want to do through
me?*



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