


# Generation to Generation



Grateful Past—*Promising Future*



## A Note From Our Pastor

Dear CPC Family,

As we have gathered for worship over the last few weeks, we have had an opportunity to reflect on all the ways that we have seen God at work in our lives. We have filled the walls with gratitude cards from people of all ages and we have been deeply moved by the “Cardboard Testimonies” of members of our congregation. By the power of the Spirit, lives have been transformed at CPC for almost 200 years and we are moving boldly into the future trusting that God will be at work here for generations to come.

This brochure offers more details about the goals of our **2022 Capital Campaign, Generation to Generation** and the work which we hope to accomplish in and around the building. Our hope is to revitalize our building in ways which will better equip us for mission and ministry both today and in the years ahead. With our faithful contributions of every size, we can all take part in passing on a thriving congregation to those who will come after us. God will use each one of us.

Will you join me in supporting this campaign as we pray, “God what do you want to do through me?”

In Christ,

*Tracey*

P.S.: If you missed the “Cardboard Testimonies” you can find them here:  
<https://www.clintonpresbyterian.net/capital-campaign-2022>

**“Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.”**  
*2 Timothy 1:14*



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### SANCTUARY REPAIRS (*Estimated Cost: \$340,000*)

Repairing the Sanctuary (Retiring Debt & Other Refurbishments)



### EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS (*Estimated Cost: \$145,000*)

Replacing the Roof  
Repainting the Exterior of the Building



### WELCOME & ACCESSIBILITY (*Estimated Cost: \$70,000*)

Rebuilding the Ramp  
Interior & Exterior Signage



### INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS (*Estimated Cost: \$110,000*)

Renovating the Bathrooms, Classrooms and Kitchen

**Consulting Fees and Other Campaign Expenses: \$35,000**

**CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$700,000**

#### Capital Campaign Timeline:

- 3/13**      **Gratitude Sunday:** Offering thanks for the many ways God blesses and provides for us.
- 3/20**      **Ministry Sunday:** Reflecting on how God works in and through our mission and ministries to transform lives.
- 3/27 – 4/2**    **Home Gatherings:** Connecting around food and fellowship to discuss our vision for the capital campaign and provide time for questions you may have while enjoying some fellowship time together. We would love for all church members to sign up for a time slot so that we can talk through all of the wonderful things ahead. This is just an introduction and question / answer session, so no need to bring anything with you.  
**Sign up online:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFAA2AA1F85-home>
- Sunday, 3/27 at 5:00 pm:** Fellowship Hall (Pizza and Babysitting Will Be Provided)
- Tuesday, 3/29 at 7:00pm:** Zoom (For anyone who is not nearby or cannot attend in person. Information will be sent to everyone ahead of time.)
- Friday, 4/1 at 6:30 pm:** Manse (Homemade Shepherd's Pie)
- Saturday, 4/2 at 10:30 am:** The Bruno's (Brunch)
- 4/10**      **Commitment Sunday:** On Palm Sunday, we will receive pledges for the campaign and prayerfully dedicate them during our worship service.
- 5/1**      **First Fruits:** We will welcome the offering of the first installment of our pledged gifts for the campaign.
- 5/15**      **Celebration Sunday:** We will announce and give thanks for the total commitments received so far for the campaign and we will also pause to celebrate this season of generosity in our church life. We are planning on an outdoor meal, some music and plenty of fun for all ages.



## SANCTUARY REPAIRS

### Repairing the Sanctuary

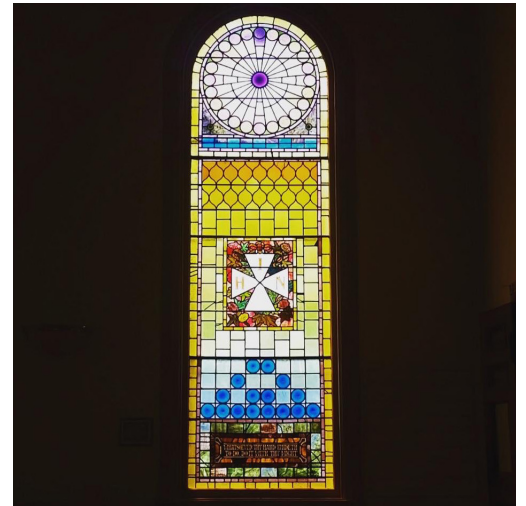
Before COVID caused us to pause worshiping together in the sanctuary, did you ever notice the cracks in the plaster ceiling? If the ceiling could talk it would say, “Hey, I’m 130 years old!” Our sanctuary ceiling was supported by a plaster and lathe technique, common in the late 1800’s, with plaster “keys” supporting the ceiling.

After 130 years, many of the keys had become brittle and broken and, as years passed, that heavy plaster was being held up by fewer keys resulting in ceiling cracks and areas of downward deflection. The danger was that an area of heavy plaster could finally separate completely from the lathe and collapse. The experts who examined our ceiling advised the damage had progressed to the point that it required immediate attention. Concern for safety and the fact the sanctuary was not in regular use prompted Session to proceed with the ceiling repair in 2021 with the help of a favorable term low interest loan from the Presbyterian Church USA. The capital campaign will help us retire that loan.

There are several methods to repair plaster and plaster moldings. After much research we settled on HPCS (Historic Plaster Conservation Services) which allows for the preservation of the existing plaster by consolidating it. The process converts the ceiling from a fragile suspended system to a strong consolidated system adhered to the lathe. The plaster ceiling moldings and the large chandelier medallion were drilled and doweled to the consolidated ceiling where they were separating. Craftsmen recreated the molding patterns to hide the repairs. The work carries a 25-year warranty. After consolidation, the surface cracks were cleaned, filled, and sanded smooth, and the ceiling painted. Cracks in the walls, though not a structural hazard, were also repaired and the walls and trim were painted.

Our beautiful stained glass windows are also circa 1890- early 1900’s. The lovely Angel window at the rear of the sanctuary was recently restored by Jeff Hazelette in honor of Debbie Hazelette. The windows that flank the Angel window are deflecting badly due to age and heat. We plan to restore them and install new state of the art exterior protection from UV rays and heat, both enemies of leaded stained glass. The remaining windows are not as badly damaged, and we hope to address them in the future.

Funds from the capital campaign will allow us to retire the debt from the sanctuary ceiling repairs and provide for the refurbishments of the stained glass windows.







## EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

### Replacing the Roof

The roof on the fellowship hall is 30 years old. The shingles are at the end of their useful life, and we have recently had to patch leaks. The roof will be removed, any damaged wood or flashings will be replaced and a high-quality shingle with a long warranty will be applied. A ridge vent will be installed to properly vent the attic over the fellowship hall.

### Repainting the Exterior of the Building

The church exterior was last painted about 20 years ago. We are in the process of having the exterior evaluated for needed wood repair due to age, rot and / or dry rot, particularly the moldings, windowsills, corner boards and bell tower. Necessary repairs will be done so that the exterior can be painted. We hope to accomplish this work during spring / summer of 2022.





## WELCOME & ACCESSIBILITY

We pride ourselves at CPC on being a welcoming church; especially when you think about worship, passing of the peace, chatting with visitors, support from our deacons and the warmth new members are welcomed with. However, our building doesn't reflect that messaging. Let's think about our building for a moment through the eyes of someone who has never been here before:

- If you're brand new to CPC, and are encouraged to go to fellowship time, where is that?
- Do you know where the Coral Spice room is and what it is used for?
- As you sit in worship and need the bathroom, how would you find the bathroom discreetly?
- You're attending a funeral at CPC and the bathroom outside the office is in use—what now?
- After the children's conversation, you would love for your kids to go to the nursery. Where exactly is that?
- If you have mobility issues, what do you think when you look at that long walkway and steep front stairs?

We can do better by implementing the projects outlined below.

### Rebuilding the Ramp

The plan is to replace the handicapped accessible ramp with one that is much sturdier and has more longevity. We need a ramp that clearly shows that all are welcome here. The ramp will be safer, will include short steps for those who simply need an easier way to enter the building without walking the entire ramp, and will include an area for cars to pull in to safely and comfortably drop off their precious cargo without worrying about cars behind them. This is how we welcome.

### Interior & Exterior Signage

We plan to invest in signage that is both more obvious and more helpful to visitors, members and outside organizations who use our space. New directional signage will be added both inside and outside the building. The exterior signs will help those who stop by CPC navigate through the parking lot and the different entrances. The interior signs (i.e. directory, room labels, and directional signs) will help visitors and members easily navigate through the halls and get to their destination. These signs will also help anyone enrolled in CPC pre-school as we plan to have an exterior sign for the entrance and all of the classrooms and bathrooms labeled. These signs will serve as another signal of our warm hospitality and allow all to feel at home.







## INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

### Renovating the Bathrooms, Classrooms and Kitchen

Let's keep in mind that the interior of our church matters to more than just our members. Every week, we have visitors from the community: CPC pre-school families, scout troops, community groups, funeral and wedding attendees, and anyone else needing a place to meet. We've been told that the two areas that guests focus on the most are bathrooms and classrooms.

Our bathrooms need a lot of help. A reconfiguration of the bathroom on the main level will allow it to be accessible for those with disabilities. The women's bathroom on the top floor will include an elimination of one door so that we can have a simple foyer and vanity and better use the space. The men's room will be reconfigured so that the space is much more efficient.

Our classrooms are not in need of a complete overhaul—that's good news! The plan is to simply improve storage, freshen up paint and flooring, and organize the space so that it can be better utilized.

Lastly, we hope to invest in our kitchen with a project that is more accurately called a "refresh" as opposed to an "overhaul". The hope is to replace the countertops, make room for a freezer, replace the dishwasher and reface the cabinets. Where we can better use the space and can reconfigure cabinetry within the budget, we will do that. Our fellowship hall is so warm and welcoming, we would like our kitchen to have the same feel.

Ultimately, these upgrades will show that we are here for the long haul and will serve as a true welcome to everyone in the community and everyone who visits CPC.

*\* Architectural plans for the bathrooms are available in the church office if you wish to see more details.*



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why Is CPC Doing a Capital Campaign and Not Just Using Funds Within Our Savings?

This is the first capital campaign at CPC since 1976. Over the last number of years, we have drawn from our savings to both provide for deferred maintenance and also embark on new projects around the property. Most recently, capital funds have been used to repair the air conditioning in the sanctuary and also provide for the restoration of the front doors of the sanctuary. However, the needs of our building are greater than what can be sustained by our existing funds alone. Therefore, we are offering the congregation this opportunity to invest in the revitalization of our building.

### What Will Be the Priority of How Campaign Funds Will Be Utilized?

The projects below have been identified to fit our campaign goal.

#### Priority 1

- Retiring the Debt from Repairing the Sanctuary
- Repairing the Two Rear Stained Glass Windows
- Replacing the Fellowship Hall Roof
- Painting the Exterior of the Building
- Rebuilding the Ramp
- Renovating the Bathrooms

#### Priority 2

- Interior and Exterior Signage
- Renovating Classrooms
- Renovating Kitchen

### What if We Were to Exceed the Goal of This Campaign?

The projects below have been identified should we be blessed with additional dollars.

#### Priority 3

- Replacing Flooring in the Upper and Lower Levels of the Church
- Repairing the Remainder of the Stained Glass Windows
- Adding Central Air to Offices, Classrooms and the Fellowship Hall Area





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How Long Do We Have to Raise the Money?

Since this is a 3-year campaign, many people will spread their giving over the 3 years.

### How Much Should I Give?

What you give is a personal decision. You will receive a Commitment Card that has the following chart on the back to help guide you in your decision.

#### THREE-YEAR GIFTS CHART

\$10.00 per week = \$1,560	\$70.00 per week = \$10,920	\$140.00 per week = \$21,840
\$15.00 per week = \$2,340	\$80.00 per week = \$12,480	\$150.00 per week = \$23,400
\$20.00 per week = \$3,120	\$90.00 per week = \$14,040	\$160.00 per week = \$24,960
\$30.00 per week = \$4,680	\$100.00 per week = \$15,600	\$160.25 per week = \$25,000
\$40.00 per week = \$6,240	\$110.00 per week = \$17,160	\$170.00 per week = \$26,520
\$50.00 per week = \$7,800	\$120.00 per week = \$18,720	\$180.00 per week = \$28,080
\$60.00 per week = \$9,360	\$128.20 per week = \$20,000	\$190.00 per week = \$29,640
\$64.10 per week = \$10,000	\$130.00 per week = \$20,280	\$192.30 per week = \$30,000

### I Have Assets Other Than Cash That I Would Like to Donate. How Do I Do This?

Please see pages 10 and 11 of this detailed brochure for more information on Creative Strategies In Giving. If you have any additional questions please reach out to [generations4cpc@gmail.com](mailto:generations4cpc@gmail.com).

### What Is the Deadline for Submitting My Commitment Card?

Commitment Sunday is April 10, 2022. On this day we will receive commitment cards during the worship service. Commitments can also be made online on or before April 10, 2022 at <https://www.clintonpresbyterian.net/capital-campaign-2022>.

### After I Complete My Commitment Card, How Will the Money Be Collected?

There are several options.

1. You can write a check for the full amount and send it to the church office. On the memo line write Capital Campaign. You can include a donation along with the Commitment Card or make your donation at a later time.
2. You can make periodic payments that you can place in the offering plate or return to the church office.
3. You can give via the online giving webpage on CPC's website. Giving can be set up to contribute weekly, monthly, or one time.

### What if My Financial Situation Changes, Can I Change My Commitment?

Yes. Your commitment is not a contract. If you need to make any changes you may do so by contacting the church office.

## CREATIVE STRATEGIES IN GIVING

### What Are Gifts Other Than Cash?

Gifts other than cash include stocks, bonds, annuities, property, and other assets.

### What Assets Could I Give?

Appreciated assets held more than one year, such as publicly traded stocks, mutual funds, bonds, real estate, collectibles, and other readily marketable property often provide tax advantages.

Personal property such as automobiles, jewelry, and other items may also be given. There may be no capital gains tax benefits to these gifts, but the financial and spiritual benefits can be tremendous.

### Why Contribute Gifts Other Than Cash?

The tax code is very generous toward this form of giving. Giving the asset directly to the church allows the church to sell the asset, thereby eliminating potential capital gains taxes to the donor. This also results in a larger gift to the church.

### How Does the Tax Benefit Work?

**Itemized Deduction:** The donor is allowed to include 100% of the market value of many of these assets as charitable contributions for tax purposes, if held more than one year.

Because of its tax-exempt status, the church will receive the full market value, less transaction costs, at the time of sale without paying capital gains taxes.

### What if I Sell First Then Give the Cash?

You may be subject to capital gains taxes thereby reducing the after-tax proceeds from the sale.

### How Do I Give Assets, Such as Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds to the Church?

#### Asset Transfer Options

1. Contact the church office. We will provide you with the transfer instructions.
2. Contact your broker and request the transfer. You will be provided with stock powers or transfer papers to complete the transfer.

When you have completed the transfer, please notify the church office.





## CREATIVE STRATEGIES IN GIVING

### Diverted Funds Gifts

Freeing up funds that are currently going to other areas of spending allows a person to increase giving to God's work. Diverting funds from entertainment, dining out, dues, subscriptions, gifts, allowances, or transportation offers lifestyle adjustments that impact one's giving.

### Delayed Expenditures

Postponing major expenditures such as automobiles, home projects, or trips provides substantial giving opportunities.

### Income Producing Assets

Interest income, payments from rental properties, or income from other assets provide a source for increased giving.

### Sale of Assets

Sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land, or business provides available income for giving.

### Raises and Bonuses

Contributing raises and bonuses are also creative methods that can be used to increase giving.

### Freedom From Debt

Looking ahead to the next three years, you may discover that debt obligations will be fulfilled. This frees up revenue for additional giving.

### Charitable Giving Resources

Reviewing all charitable donations in light of their impact on the Kingdom of God affords a potential resource for significant giving.

### Savings and Annuities

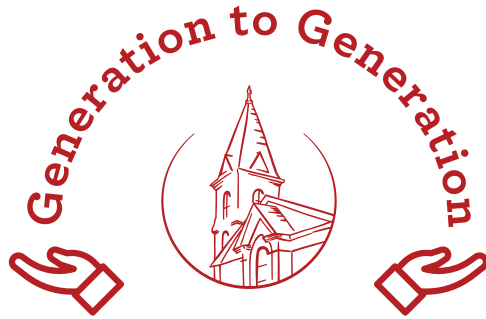
Savings for special projects, retirement, or a "rainy day" may offer a resource for increased giving. A portion of our savings may gladly be given to the work of God's Kingdom through our church.

### Corporate Gifts

Business owners may be able to provide gifts-in-kind that may result in a stronger gift to the church and tax benefits to the donor.

### Special Tax-Free IRA Gifts

For those aged 70 ½ and older, it is possible to make tax-favorable charitable gifts from most types of IRA accounts. A total of up to \$100,000 per year can be transferred directly from IRAs to qualified charities, such as our church, free from federal income tax. There may also be state income tax savings. For those 72 and older or those who have begun taking their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), donations given in this way count toward their RMD for the year of the gift. To take advantage of this benefit, it is important to make the donation directly from the IRA to the church. For those with check writing privileges on their accounts, this may be the most efficient way to make qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. Contact the church office or your tax advisor for more information.



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This capital campaign will allow us to both retire the debt incurred from the ceiling repairs and also complete the other renovations outlined within this brochure.

By the grace of God and with your partnership in this work we can ensure that the generations to follow will have a homebase for mission and ministry. It is our responsibility to ensure that our church home is well cared for and made ready for their use. Would you join with our church leadership in praying our campaign prayer, “God, what do you want to do through me?”

### For More Information

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**“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.”**  
*Psalm 145: 3 – 4*

