Building Our Future Together

To my St. Andrew UCC family:

We have taken some important steps for our future by calling a new Pastor and a new Director of Music Ministry. We joyfully and gratefully provide leadership for worship experiences that are not only spiritually enriching but also thematic, forward-thinking, and prophetic for the twenty-first century.

But our worship life is only part of who and what St. Andrew UCC is. We are poised to be, in my opinion, a church that is a beacon in our community. Can you see it? Our number of visitors has been steadily increasing, and I truly believe that we will attract folks not only from the local community, but also folks who may need to drive a brief distance to come to us. Many UCC churches are “commuter churches” because of their uniqueness and extravagant welcome. We, too, will do the same.

Our beautiful campus is used during our worship time together, but it is also used for various church functions and activities which, I’m sure, will increase in number. In addition, there are many twelve-step groups and community organizations that have changed so many lives because we make our facilities available to them. This is part of our mission together. Maintaining and improving upon our facilities will help ensure the continuance of our mission and indeed our distinctive presence in our community and beyond.

Our future is calling. Our future is now. Please give generously and in gratitude so we can fulfill the mission that God has set before us. I’m so excited to be with you during this exciting time in the history of St. Andrew UCC.

Your servant leader,
Rev. Paul
Capital Campaign Projects

TOTAL COST: $700,000

ROOF AND AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT
COST: $335,000

- Replace roofs of Sanctuary, Stewart Hall, and Office
- Replace all air conditioners
- Timing: Replace as necessary
OUTDOOR LIGHTING AND PAINTING
COST: $70,000

- Replace outdoor lighting in both parking areas
- Paint outside of all buildings

TRANSFER TO INVESTMENTS
COST: $200,000

The $200,000 assumes we have a capital campaign every 10 years which will give us $20,000 per year toward our budget deficit. With $50,000 per year from the stock market and $30,000 per year from wills and bequests, this covers our $100,000 annual deficit.

REPAY LINE OF CREDIT
COST: $75,000

- Our current line of credit is due on 5/1/18
- We will renew it for 5 years
- We would like to pay off this loan as interest rates climb
CONSULTANT FEE:  
$20,000 total

- $14,000 goes to UCC for building and stewardship support
- $6,000 goes to a mission of St. Andrew’s choice

CAMPAIGN TIMING:

- March 2018: Approval by congregation
- April-December 2018: Campaign underway and financial commitments made
- 2019-21: Financial contributions received

St. Andrew is entering a very dynamic and exciting period in its history, as we are on the brink of becoming a church for the 21st century! This campaign will ensure that we have the resources to carry out this vision, and continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Sarasota and beyond.

Nancy Goethe

The capital campaign is important for the continuing success of St. Andrew United Church of Christ. As a newer member, I am excited about this! It will provide a valuable buffer for the future needs of our facilities. You play a key role in that success. Let us work together so that we will have an awesome church in which to praise our Lord.

Jim Beard

Personal Statement for Proposed St. Andrew UCC Capital Funds Campaign

I am 100% for our proposed Capital Funds Campaign:
- It is facing our future with prayerful confidence in the mission of Christ, for He is the One in whom we have faith and is trustworthy;
- It is a witness to our commitment to BE THE CHURCH;
- It is timely and practical as the best way to maintain and improve our facilities;
- When separate from the general budget, it would little detract from the vision, outreach and life of our St. Andrew faith community.

In Christ, we can do it!  

Paul Binder

ST. ANDREW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Have you remembered St. Andrew UCC in your will?