

frequently asked questions

1. Q: Will projects be started before the campaign funds are available?

A: The short answer is no as there are already funds in the Capital Campaign account. The Trustees and Board approved the repairs of the gutters in May with a plan to loan ourselves the money to pay for part of the project. We thought the repairs were to begin in July. Now that the repairs are starting in September and since the repairs are a top priority of the Capital Campaign, leadership may adjust how to pay for this project. Beyond this, no renovations will start before the Capital Campaign has concluded and the Congregation decides how to proceed.

2. Q: Will there be a check and balance in place so we know the funds collected go to the projects they were intended for?

A: As with all financial expenditures, there is a process. All bids and renovation decisions will emanate from the property committee and any sub-committees they decide to form. Regular updates will be made to the Trustees, Board, and Congregation. Bills will be processed by Annetta Holt and the Property Committee Chair will approve expenditures by signing a voucher for payment. Expense reports can be generated at any time and will be provided to the Trustees and Board on a monthly basis.

3. Q: Will the Board guarantee the capital funds raised will only go to the TOP 5 or more PROJECTS as presented to the Congregation by the Design Team?

A: The Trustees and Board will act prudently with all capital funds. Any deviation from the plan brought from the Design Team will need approval from the Board and Congregation.

4. Q: What happens if we don't raise enough funds to complete the TOP 5 PROJECTS?

A: The Property Committee will devise a plan. The Board and Congregation will approve any plan.

5. Q: I assume the projects will not be started until Property has received bids, correct? Will the projects be completed in order?

A: Any estimate you have seen to date is only a projection of expected costs. All renovations will need bids to be procured from the Property Committee. Money will dictate a lot of decisions. There is no guarantee projects will be completed in order. In some circumstances, it may make sense to combine several efforts at the same time,

especially when it comes to work in the sanctuary. (For example, we would not want to put in new carpet and then do plaster repair work.) The Board and Congregation will approve any plan the Property Committee will propose.

6. Q: When will the roof repair be started?

A: The work on the gutters is scheduled for September. White Construction has the bid and promised to start after the completion of other projects.

7. Q: Is our goal to complete the TOP 5 PROJECTS?

A: Our goal is to complete as many projects as possible. Our success is dependent on the amount of pledges received.

8. Q: What will a new sound system provide?

A: A new sound system will address many needs. Updated equipment will include a new sound board and cabinet. This cabinet will be put in a more effective place in the sanctuary. New speakers will be positioned to reach every area of the sanctuary, especially under the balcony which seems to be the most difficult place to hear. New microphones, specifically designed for either speaking or musical performance, will be purchased. Audio/visual components will easily interact with the sound system. A new sound system (including a/v equipment) will offer us the opportunity to reach our goal, "To grow in membership by providing alternative forms of worship and programming." Even if we purchase all the necessary a/v equipment, our current sound system is not able to handle the demands needed for new and alternative worship opportunities. NOTE: Any new worship styles will not replace the current form of worship—any such service/s will be an additional outreach to attract potential new members, especially younger people, which is also a stated goal of our Congregation.

9. Q: Did the Board approve the selected projects?

A: The Board accepted the Design Team Report, March 18, 2012. The Design Team presented their report at a Congregational Meeting, April 7, 2013. There were no questions from the Congregation at that time. The Board approved the creation of the Capital Campaign Committee in April, 2013.

10. Q: Contributions have been made to a "Carpet Fund." Is there still money in that account?

A: As of, July 31, 2013, the Carpet Fund has \$1,555.



Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

—Psalm 16:6



I enjoy history because I can see how others have chosen whether or not to build on what has gone before. Now that we have decided to do this campaign, we have that opportunity. I hope these historical facts will interest you.

September 11, 1910, this building was dedicated. A.M. Hale was the minister at the time, but Rev. J.H. Gilliland of Bloomington preached the sermon and led the service of dedication. After the morning sermon, Mr. Gilliland conducted the canvass for pledges. The ladies of the church led off with a pledge of \$2000. Three others gave \$500 each. Pledges received during the day totaled more than \$7,500, which left less than \$2,000 of the indebtedness yet to be provided for. The total cost of the building was \$21,652. That was a good sum of money at that time.

Have you ever wondered about those persons whose names appear on the windows in our sanctuary? Memorial windows were placed in memory of former members: B.F. Martin, one of the charter members—J.C. Reynolds, Mrs. Eliza Clark, Mrs. Margaret Phelps and Mrs. Leota Russel. All were faithful members and Mrs. Russel, a member of the building committee, died during the church building period.

Rev. Colin J. Robertson was the minister when I first came to this church as a student in 1939. He dedicated and baptized our two sons. He was a dedicated minister and wonderful friend to Joe and me along with his wife, Maxine.

I would like to quote what he says in the booklet *100 Years of Service* about the church:

The church of the future will be strong—not because of large membership rolls, but because her members will be open minded, forward looking and consecrated to the church's cause. Christians will be more courageous, more tolerant and more forgiving than Christians have ever been. Our church will carry her load in the future as in the past. Let us face the future with hope, confidence and above all faith in Christ as the Son of God and the World's Redeemer.

Rev. C.J. Robertson was a forward-looking man. Do these words resonate in our thoughts today? As I read what he said, I feel confident that we will continue to carry out our responsibility and to seize the opportunity to build on what has gone before.

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May each of us financially support the campaign so that these church projects can be funded! In this way may we help revive and restore the life of our church.

Mary Stipanowich
Campaign Co-Chair



First Christian Church—Macomb (Disciples of Christ) has been a vital part of our lives for over 50 years. Nancy is a 50+ year member and I a 44+ year member along with our children, Eric, Doug, and Margaret; and our grandchildren, Grant, Collin, Griffin, and Drew. Nancy and I were married in the church in 1969. Our family has grown up in First Christian Church. The friendly and loving congregation has provided support during joyous events such as births, baptisms, marriages, and fellowship.

I feel **renovate—heart • home • hope** is an excellent way for us to provide support and develop programs for future ministries of the church and the next generations so they may experience and share in the love and support we have received from FCC.

Part of the funds from **renovate—heart • home • hope** will also make some much needed improvements to our facilities. These important improvements will help to enhance the beauty of our church and make it more welcoming, inviting, and comfortable for all people and all ages.

Please pray that we generously support **renovate—heart • home • hope**. Thank you for being a part of this very important step in our faith journey.

Dan Reed
Campaign Co-Chair

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

—Acts 20:35



Capital Campaign
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Our capital campaign theme is direct. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Macomb is under renovation. We are starting internally with our heart. Heart is a metaphor for our faith or spirit or resolve or any other word that means something to you and your relationship with God. The renovation of our heart is the start of a new promise we make to God. We pledge to make a few improvements so that we might be even more faithful to the one who is always faithful to us.

Our home renovation has two facets. We see the church not only as our “worship home” but also as “God’s home.” The improvements we will make, especially to the sanctuary, are intended to make things better for us and God. In our renovated home we will seek to learn, sing, pray, listen, speak and commune—all with the expectation of meeting God face to face.

The renovation of heart and home points to hope. We hope to be a bit more like the church of our past—that time when we had more diversity of age, more programs and more people in worship. We hope to pass on a legacy of being a vital church on the corner of Jackson and McArthur to people we do not even yet know, or may ever get the opportunity to know. We hope to help people truly know our God of grace and love and forgiveness. To conceive of these possibilities is the first step in the ‘renovate hope’ process.

In July of 2011, Anne and I bought a house in Kansas City. We knew the possibility existed that we might begin the search and call process fairly soon, but we bought a house anyway. Every inch of our new home was touched in some way with paint, flooring or complete over-haul—think kitchen! It turned out great. We loved our new house and neighbors. In April of 2012 the interview process with First Christian began. By the end of May, you called me to be your minister. In June of 2012, we sold the house we had just bought and renovated. As a couple, Anne and I put our trust in God that even if we entered into the search process, everything would turn out all right. By the way, life in Macomb is way better than all right!

The same is true for us as a church. We are putting our trust in God and looking to a bright future. It will take all of us. Prayers, time, talents, over and above giving of financial resources—all are necessary to help us reach our goal. In peace and confidence may we be open to the leading spirit of God as we renovate-heart • home • hope.

Peace,

Rev. Kelly Ingersoll
Minister, First Christian Church

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Loving and Generous God,

We praise and give thanks for all You have provided for us—this fellowship of believers and especially our eternal salvation, through the cross of Jesus Christ.

As we prepare to open our doors to the future at First Christian Church through our Capital Campaign, may our giving be generous as we share our time, talent and treasure.

Guide us with your wisdom as we seek to renovate your house and our home of worship.

Unite us as we work to renew our church, our hearts and our minds.

Nurture us in your spirit so that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts.

Grant us the spirit of wisdom, generosity and perseverance as we strive to do your will.

With love, may our joyful giving be a visible sign of the true treasure we hold in Jesus the Christ, Son of the living God. Amen.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

How much you decide to pledge and give is entirely up to you. There is no set amount expected. You will have the opportunity to select your payment method; weekly, monthly, annually or all at once.

Consider the following when making your pledge decision:

- What might God ask of you?
- FCC needs everyone to contribute.
- Every “gift” is important, regardless of size.
- Continue praying for this campaign.

NOTE: The Capital Campaign, renovate-heart • home • hope pledge, will be over a three-year giving period. All pledges are confidential and should be in addition to your regular contribution to the stewardship campaign.

Please remember to bring your pledge envelope to church on Fulfillment Sunday, September 29, 2013.

If you are unable to attend church that day, please mail it to arrive by Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

Each one must give
as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7

CHURCH HISTORY

1845

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was organized. There were 48 members, most of whom came from Kentucky, where the Campbellite church was strong. The congregation contained almost 10 percent of the adult population of Macomb.

1845



The first FCC was erected in Macomb, IL, on Carroll Street, near the southwest corner of the current Chandler Park. It was the third church in Macomb. The Methodist and Presbyterian churches were already established. The lot cost \$40.

1878



C.V. Chandler was acquiring title to the block where the original church was located for a city park. He offered to secure another lot for the church and to donate to a building fund in exchange for the property. The church accepted and put Chandler on the building committee for the new building. The second FCC was erected at our current site. The building and furnishings cost a total of \$4,970.

1910



Thirty years later the congregation had grown and decided anew the building was inadequate for their needs. The old structure was torn down. The third and present FCC was erected at our current site. During construction, church met in the courthouse. This time the cost was \$21,652.

1910-1995



Significant changes have been made over the years, including construction of an education building, addition of an elevator, and rebuilding of the pipe organ.

1945

The 100th Anniversary was observed with a week of celebration. Dedication services were held on September 27, 1958 when Rev. R. M. Hall was minister.

1995

The church celebrated its 150th Anniversary. Dedication services were held on September 17, 1995, when Rev. James Stovall was minister.

2010

We celebrated the 100th anniversary of the present building while Rev. Steve Workman was minister.

top ten projects

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE
1. EXTERIOR REPAIR		7. EDUCATION WING	
East and west side door flashing ¹	2,000	Add second toilet for children—upstairs	30,000
Front steps	17,000	Improve window treatments throughout education wing	10,000
Roof edge and guttering on all sides ²	27,000	Monitors to view sanctuary installed in Nursery, Children’s Church room, and basement	N/A
Steps on west entrance ³	5,800	Provide paint schemes throughout	11,350
Update marquee and other outside signs	31,000	Provide storage for classrooms upstairs	2,000
TOTAL EXTERIOR REPAIR	77,000	Replace ceiling lighting fixtures	5,000
2. SANCTUARY		TOTAL CHILDREN’S ROOMS	58,350
Change electrical breakers to regular switches	2,000	OFFICE AREA	
Provide handicap accessibility—step-up to Parlor	500	Provide matching furniture	N/A
Recover cushions and chairs—main floor and balcony	16,000	Replace flooring	N/A
Redesign choir loft to increase space	N/A	Replace ceiling lighting fixtures	2,000
Repair and paint entire space	20,000	TOTAL OFFICE AREA	2,000
Replace carpet	41,000	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS	
Repurpose old cry room—coat racks	500	Paint ceilings/walls	8,500
TOTAL SANCTUARY	80,000	Replace flooring	N/A
3. YOUTH SPACE		Replace ceiling light fixtures	2,000
AV lockable equipment with internet access	2,150	TOTAL ADULT ROOMS	10,500
Game Table	2,500	CHOIR ROOM	
Paint and redecorate	3,000	Purchase posture chairs	N/A
Purchase comfortable furniture	2,250	TOTAL CHOIR ROOM	N/A
White Board, accessories, etc.	650	TOTAL EDUCATION WING	70,850
TOTAL YOUTH SPACE	10,550	8. FELLOWSHIP HALL	
4. SOUND SYSTEM		Install new STAIN RESISTANT carpet Fellowship Hall	10,000
Computer with system that is multimedia friendly—installation visitor vision friendly		New cabinet, south wall	3,000
Mounted screen/projector with video capture capabilities (internet in sanctuary)		Paint fellowship hall/kitchen	12,750
Sound booth/board, lockable		Purchase new chairs for Fellowship Hall (150)	3,200
Speakers (to include under balcony)		Purchase round tables (8-10)	750
Microphones that serve for singing or speaking		Replace flooring with tile in kitchen	5,800
Training		Replace paneling with dry wall	5,000
TOTAL SOUND SYSTEM	41,000	TOTAL FELLOWSHIP HALL	40,500
5. EDUCATION WING PLUMBING		9. SIGNAGE	
Update sinks, faucets, and toilets	10,000	Flexible signage (hallways, bathrooms, elevator—some outside and some inside)	1,000
Convert sink to double sink in hallway	500	Install exit lighting to meet code throughout building	N/A
TOTAL EDUCATION WING PLUMBING	10,500	TOTAL SIGNAGE	1,000
6. OUTSIDE RECREATION AREA		10. ELEVATOR ENTRANCE COVERED	
Resurface basketball area with tennis court material (4 square, basketball, and volleyball), 2 or 4 BB goals	3,000	TOTAL ELEVATOR ENTRANCE COVERED	N/A
TOTAL OUTSIDE REC AREA	3,000	TOTAL TOP 5 PROJECTS	219,050
		TOTAL TOP 10 PROJECTS	334,400

NOTES: ¹ Will be completed with roofing | ² Start in September | ³ Funded by gift—not included in the total | N/A—Estimate not available

