

Christ Church Episcopal – Capital Projects History

As we consider our individual response in gratitude for all that God has provided, through our hours served, dollars given, and care shown, we are asking all church members to participate in a “cottage meeting” discussion to exchange ideas and dreams for how Christ Church might live more fully into God’s mission. How might we be a more vital presence in our community?

The meetings are scheduled between October 17 and November 3 and we will add more if needed. This is an opportunity to connect with your fellow parishioners, and we encourage all ideas that may inspire positive change- from the physical to the spiritual; for the infant to the senior.

Below are some helpful facts for reference:

- 2011: Our last capital campaign. We raised approximately \$300,000 for asbestos abatement, drainage, HVAC etc.
- January 8, 2017: At the 2017 Budget Forum, the Wardens and Rector explained to the parish that the funds that were previously used to make repairs to the building (income off investments of about \$25K per year) would be used to fund the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry position since the parish had clearly articulated a desire to fill that position. Because of the many building repairs needed, we would run a Capital Campaign in 2017.
- January 15, 2017: The parish approved the 2017 budget at the Annual Meeting, hearing once again that a Capital Campaign is needed for work on the buildings.
- May 2017: The vestry and Rector begin recruiting members for a Capital Campaign Committee.
- June 27, 2017: The vestry, along with members of the Finance Committee and Capital Campaign Committee, met with Leslie Pendleton from the Episcopal Church Foundation to hear about the ECF approach to a capital campaign and the services they offer.
- July 25, 2017: The vestry meets and votes to begin the Discernment Phase of the Capital Campaign with ECF and Leslie Pendleton.
- October 1, 2017: ECF consultant introduces the first phase of discerning our need for a capital campaign to the congregation, and trains facilitators to lead the cottage meetings.
- The vestry and buildings and grounds committee have identified the following maintenance needs in no order of priority:
 - Chapel:
Steeple repairs, chapel and upper room roof replacement, Chapel and Parish Hall exterior painting, Chapel and alley replacement windows, Chapel exterior columns, shutter repairs/ replacement
 - Beebe House
Exterior painting, columns and chapel window replacement, kitchen wall/ceiling repair, window replacement, carpet replacement, interior painting
 - Parish Hall
Carpet in Parish Hall and back hallway to church
 - Church
Roof replacement, furnace/AC replacement

The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains and guides us, the more we recognize the multitude of fruits that come forth with that love. -Henri Nouwen, *Lifesigns*