



St. Paul's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Capital Campaign

My Dear St. Paul's Church Family,

By now, you may have heard that with great excitement we are embarking on our Transforming St. Paul's capital campaign! Hopefully, you have begun praying, "God, show me what you want to do through me."

God has been working in Rochester for 167 years, supporting families and transforming lives. St. Paul's celebrated its 100th anniversary by breaking ground at our current location on May 4, 1958. Through this campaign, we prepare to move boldly into the future, trusting God to continue working through us for generations to come.

**See, I am
making all
things new.**

Revelation 21:5a

Regardless of the amount God leads you to pledge, every gift is essential and will enable us to reach our goal. Together, let's pray our way through this campaign so we may Restore, Renew, and Reach Out, welcoming new faces to our beloved St. Paul's community of faith.

Love and blessings,

Shari Purdie
Transforming St. Paul's Co-Chair

SAVE THE DATE
**Commitment
Sunday**
5 • 4 • 2025

We are Having a Party!

CELEBRATE ST. PAUL'S!

Sunday, April 27 in Hickey Hall

Brunch: 10:30 a.m. • Lunch: 12 p.m.

Great Food • St. Paul's Trivia Game

Build a Dessert • Photo Booth

Make & Take Polymer Clay Butterfly

All Are Welcome! Bring a Friend!

Since 2020, St. Paul's has faced challenging times. Revenue has only minimally increased despite fewer members, and the church staff and leaders have worked diligently to reduce expenses amid rising costs. Staffing reductions and realignments have met the ministry plan budget, but programs have relied on volunteers and minimal funding.

In 2023, the Administrative Board approved a strategic plan to focus the church's mission on inspiring people to live and love like Jesus, and identified key strengths in music, worship, children and youth ministries, and missions, leading to goals for 2027 to facilitate growth.

The strategic plan also recognized critical infrastructure needs and called for a capital campaign to raise \$1.5 million over three years. This will allow the church to maintain, repair, and improve facilities, enhance security, and boost energy efficiency ensuring St. Paul's can continue its ministries and serve the community. We invite you to learn more, pray about it, and plan to make a commitment this April to support this important campaign.



St. Paul's is at a crossroads, and your investment will help us boldly step into the bright future God has envisioned. The Transforming St. Paul's campaign will allow us to allocate annual offerings to ministry and programming, instead of building repairs.

Our Vision Statement

Restore, Renew, Reach Out



What is the Plan?

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Scan QR code for details
or visit stpaulsrochester.org

Questions we ask as we prioritize projects:

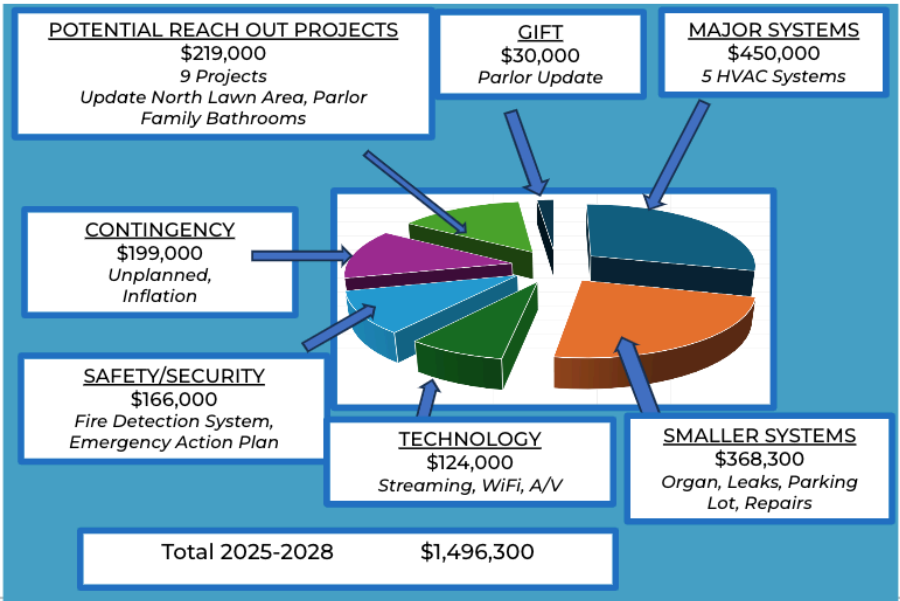
- Impact on operations if a failure occurs?
- How likely is a failure?
- Can we wait until a failure occurs?
- Are funds available?

Information we seek to make a decision:

- Is staff or congregational input needed?
- Is professional redesign required?
- Can the system be restored (fixed?)
- Should the system be renewed (replaced?)
- Are there opportunities to add new capabilities?
- Can it be integrated with other projects?

Use the QR code to access details for:

- List of projects, schedules and costs
- Project descriptions, completed and planned



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Frequently Asked Questions

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How long will the Transforming St. Paul's campaign last?

- Three years: May 2025 – May 2028

What is our target goal?

- \$1,500,000

How can I support the campaign?

Learn more, pray about it, and plan to make a commitment this May for what you plan to donate over three years. Our Trustees can then plan and schedule projects, knowing the funding is available. Your estimate can be increased or decreased in the future as circumstances require.

How is the Transforming St. Paul's different than the annual campaign?

Transforming St. Paul's 3-year capital campaign will fund:

- Major facility repairs
- Facility replacements
- Facility improvements that exceed basic property maintenance

The annual campaign funds:

- Worship programs, Music programs, Children and Youth programs
- Evangelism programs and Conference apportionments
- Administration (salaries, office and business expenses)
- Property maintenance (insurance, utilities, minor repairs)

How will this capital campaign impact St. Paul's and its ministries?

Restore/replace mechanical systems that are not functioning properly:

- Heating, Ventilation, Air-conditioning
- Fire alert systems
- Significant technology upgrades will improve communication in the building; classes, worship services, and our online community
- Repairs and maintenance: roof, leaks, parking areas, rusted beams

Renew key areas throughout the church that need updating:

- Improved lighting throughout the building
- Improved technology

When designated capital funds are available through your donations, annual funds will be available for current and additional programs. Programs are the key to the growth of St. Paul's.

Reach Out to our community:

- Improved facilities and a visible church entrance are welcoming.
- Technology upgrades and staffing could facilitate stronger connections and bring more people to St. Paul's.

Other money can then be used to augment our many local and global mission endeavors, and offer year-round children and youth outreach ministries. We are poised for growth in this community, and Transforming St. Paul's can firmly launch us into the growth that God intends for us.





God, what do you want to do through me?
 "Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts"

What Can I Do Now?

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Pray about enhancing our ability to spread God's message.

- Praying together allows us to seek God's wisdom in our decisions to begin transforming St. Paul's.
- Praying together fosters a shared purpose and commitment to our goals to restore, renew, and reach out.
- Praying together for financial success demonstrates reliance on God's ability to provide the necessary funds.
- Praying together can ensure that Transforming St. Paul's aligns with God's will and furthers the church's mission.
- Pray about what you can commit to in order to make this vision become a reality.

Potential Sacrifices

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If I gave up an activity, what could that add up to over a three year period?

Activity	Week	Year	Three Years
Skip one family size bag of chips	\$5	\$260	\$780
Skip two drive-thru coffees	\$10	\$520	\$1560
Skip a family meal out	\$60	\$3,120	\$9,360
One family vacation per year		\$5,000	\$15,000
Delay car purchase for 1 year		\$6,000	\$6,000

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
 2 Corinthians 9:7 NRSV

For More Information

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