



Basehor United Methodist Church

Sharing God's Love-Expanding Our Ministry

Capital Campaign Quarterly Update (2)

What is it?

Campaign Vision: At Basehor United Methodist Church, we want to share our love of God and each other with our community. We are committed to growing the number of Christ's followers and deepening the faith of our members. As part of our congregational vision, we want to work towards developing more outreach and ministry for families, children, and youth. We believe this will require a capital campaign to reduce our debt and plan for expanded programs and facilities for activities. We believe that by embarking on this project as a congregation, we can draw together as a community called to share Christ's love.

Campaign Goal: The campaign goal is to raise \$250,000.00 in pledges over a three-year period. \$150,000.00 of this would be used to pay down loan debt, and the remaining \$100,000.00 would be used for ministry expansion efforts.

Campaign Prayer: God of abundant grace, Open our hearts and minds to your spirit that we may know your love. Move us to fling wide our doors in ministry to all people. In this time of challenge and opportunity may we catch your vision for Basehor United Methodist Church and grow into all you would have us become. Amen.

When is it?

Now: BUMC has progressed through the developmental stages of the campaign and held Commitment Sunday on June 17th 2007. The campaign will run for three years into June 2010. We are in the second quarter of twelve in the campaign and are receiving gifts, which are being put toward paying off the principle on our loan and implementing new outreach programs.

The total received amount as of 12/17/2007 is \$40,149 from 57 giving units. Numbers Breakdown: 60% of the gifts will be put toward the principle on loan debt and 40% will be put toward ministry expansion. Thus as of 12/17/2007 we have paid a little over \$19,000.00 on loan debt and have approximately \$11,000.00 available for ministry expansion.

Why get involved? Pastor Kibum Kim

Whenever I get to go to Korea I worship at the church where I grew up. It has grown a lot since I left. There are more people that I don't know than I do. Still I see faces I remember who still remember me as a kid. The kids I grew up with are in their mid forties. Even after all these years when I am there I feel like it is still my church and that I am home.

My hope is that our church is like a home to you all. I want you to feel this is your church, and you belong here, even when you come back after years of absence. I want you to take ownership of this church now and participate in its future. Giving now for our future is one of the ways you can take ownership. This is why I want to encourage you to give if you have not done so yet. Just imagining what we will be like in few years gets me excited. Let me borrow from a TV commercial: "It's your future. Be there!"

Where have our gifts been spent so far?

Programs: Wednesday Evening Program Director Angie Bohndorf

The WOW! Program (The Word On Wednesdays) began on October 3rd with 14 children in attendance. In just two and a half months, the program has grown to 29 registered children! The WOW! Program is held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. It is designed to teach children stories and themes of the Bible through various learning strategies. The children rotate through stations each week, which focus on the same Bible story or theme throughout the course of the unit. The components of the program include Art, Computer, Creative Cookery, Games, Music, Science, Storytelling, and Videos. The unit entitled "The Gift of Jesus" will be completed on December 19th. There will be a short holiday break, and WOW! will resume on January 3rd with a unit called "The Lord's Supper," followed by "Easter: Go and Tell" in February.

Additionally the gifts are assisting in the reorganization of the Children's Church Program at BUMC. Since mid-October, Angie has been planning and organizing lessons for children ages 3 through 1st Grade. Church members sign up to volunteer and carry out the lessons each week. The Children's Church lessons include a Bible verse, songs, arts and crafts, and active games to keep the children engaged. This has been a great success. The children are enjoying the lessons, and the volunteers have provided a lot of positive feedback.

How do I get Involved? Campaign Co-Chair John Flower:

The Christmas Season we just celebrated brought to us the joy of *giving* and *receiving*. We were excited about the gifts we were *giving* and just a little excited about what we might *receive*. As I reflect on the Season and this past year I'm reminded how our Church was rife with excitement during our Capital Campaign. There was a twinkle in our eyes as we prayed about our *giving*. Just what could we *give* to help our Church in paying off our debt and growing our ministry. We were also excited to learn what the Church would *receive* when the total of everyone's *giving* was finalized. As a co-chair it was rewarding to see the excitement within the Church during this time, which has continued through today. The campaign was a success and we are now *receiving* and *giving* from your generous gifts as shown above. We as Christians were *given* the gift of Christ and *received* the Grace of God. In our commitment to the Capital Campaign we are able to *give* so others can receive the word of God.

Thank you all for your generosity and your love of Christ. If you would still like to make a commitment to the capital campaign, simply contact the Church office or any of the co-chairs (Erin Morrison, John Flower, Cheri Gallion) or Pastor Kim.

Who is it? *God and us!*

It's all about God and helping more people know him and helping us live for Him! Continually pray for our church and leadership to direct this campaign as God sees it, so we might further His vision for us.



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