



Basehor United Methodist Church
Sharing God's Love-Expanding Our Ministry
Capital Campaign Quarterly Update (5)

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: The campaign will run for three years into June 2010. We are in the fifth quarter of twelve and are receiving gifts, which are (1) being put toward paying off the principle on our loan and (2) reaching out to the community by expanding ministry.

The total received amount as of 08/17/2008 is \$73,252.94 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 and campaign expenses. Thus as of 08/17/2008 we have paid a little over \$40,990.76 on loan debt and have approximately \$29,301.18 (Combination of spent and available) for ministry expansion and campaign expenses.

Why get involved? Pastor Claudia Bakely

What a thrill it is to be a part of this vital, growing congregation! I feel very blessed to have been appointed here as your pastor. This congregation made a huge faith step when they decided to build for the future. The new programs and staff that have been so successful this year, and the beautiful, very visible building with all of the room to grow combined are a clear message of your faith in God's future for this community. All of that work has borne fruit: we have new visitors every Sunday, and our spiritual life is strong. Our mission is to "Know God's Love and Share it With Others" and that's exactly what's happening at Basehor UMC. I urge you to continue your support for this campaign, help us to pay down our debt and increase the spread of the Gospel so that we can continue to move forward with joy in our walk with Christ.

Where have our gifts been spent so far?

Programs: Children’s Ministry Director Angie Bohndorf

The WOW! Program (**W**ord **O**n **W**ednesdays) will be starting again Wednesday, September 10th. We're looking forward to another great year full of new lessons, new experiences, and tons of fun! The first unit is called "Creation" and will focus on the fact that God created the world and everything in it. The children will learn that everything God created is good, and that God provides for all of creation. The unit will also help children learn to gain an appreciation for God's world, and to learn to accept responsibility for God's world. WOW! will take place every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church.

Vacation Bible School was a huge success! Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures was held June 23-27 with a record-breaking 71 children registered! It took 23 volunteers and a lot of prayers, but we pulled off a very successful week and had loads of fun!

Children's Church continues to blossom. It is very exciting to see the number of children continuing to increase. The kids are learning valuable lessons through stories, arts and crafts, music, and games. We are also beginning to coordinate the Children's Church program with the Preschool Sunday School curriculum so that the lessons are introduced, reinforced, and extended.

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

To be a part of our Capital Campaign all you have to say is, “Yes, I will.” Yes, I will make a commitment to the future of our church. Many of you have taken the opportunity to make your commitment during the initial Capital Campaign. Your commitment has seen our church lower its debt and grow a successful new children’s program. For those of you who have not made that commitment please join us in growing the church and our outreach program by making a commitment today. Be a part of the success of our church---your church.

Thank you all for considering making a commitment and helping us grow the love of Christ. Simply contact the Church office or any of the co-chairs (Erin Morrison, John Flower, Cheri Gallion) or Pastor Claudia

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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