



Basehor United Methodist Church
Sharing God's Love-Expanding Our Ministry
Capital Campaign Quarterly Update (6)

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 sixth 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 12/15/2008 is \$82,488.00. Numbers Breakdown: 60% of the gifts will be put toward the principle on loan debt and 40% will be put toward ministry expansion. Additionally we will have a percentage taken off of the top for campaign fees and costs of having The Church Development Foundation administer the campaign.

Why get involved? Pastor Claudia Bakely

Jesus' "Great Commission" to his disciples was this: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:19-20) In the local church, we are called to follow Christ's commandment, and we seek to do that by being as welcoming and hospitable as we can to those who are not yet a part of this faith community. Our programs, our buildings and grounds, our very hearts are focused on what we can do to invite people to know Christ's love. You have done a wonderful job: our numbers have been increasing and we are even pondering the need for more space. The nursery is full of babies, and more are on the way! How wonderful! Your faith commitment to the work of this church stands with the solid assurance of Christ's presence and abundant blessings. Thank you for your faith and work.

Where have our gifts been spent so far?

Programs: Children's Ministry Director Angie Bohndorf

The WOW! Program (**W**ord **O**n **W**ednesdays) started up again on Wednesday, September 10th. We began with a unit called "Creation." The children were engaged in many wonderful activities which focused on learning about God's creation, appreciating creation, and accepting responsibility for God's world. It was a great unit to kick-off a new year of WOW! We have completed two additional units since the start of this year. The "Creation" unit was followed by "Daniel in the Lion's Den." Children learned how Daniel and his friends trusted God and God protected them. The unit focused on how we can learn to trust God, too. We just

finished the Christmas unit, "Journey to Bethlehem." The children participated in many activities pertaining to Advent and the birth of Jesus. We concentrated on the real "Reason for the Season." It was wonderful to see the children get so involved in the "Adopt-a-Child" Mission Project for this unit. They provided all of the gifts on a wish list for a 10-year-old boy in our community.

Exciting news! In December of this year, we were given the gift of a new Computer Station for the WOW! Program. Since the beginning of the program last year, we had been using 2 desktop computers with different operating systems which had been pieced together to give us something for the children to work on. We also used 2 borrowed laptops on computer nights which were newer and more updated. Although we were grateful for having all of that, we never knew what to expect with all of the computers being so different. Sometimes they worked, and sometimes they didn't. The new computer lab was 100% donated to us through Sam Miller and his employer Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus. We now have 5 new computers with operating systems in check. They are all equipped with wireless Internet connections, internal speakers, and headphones for the children! What a Christmas gift for our children of WOW!

There have been about 12-15 children attending the WOW! program each week. I look forward to watching the group grow as we move into the second half of the year. The pool of volunteers for the program continues to increase. We have a wonderful congregation, always willing to help out whether by volunteering their time and talents, or by donating items to the program to help our money stretch. After a brief intercession for the holidays, WOW! will begin again on January 7th. We'll begin with "The Ten Commandments," followed by a unit on Lent and then Easter. WOW! takes place every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church. For more information or to see pictures of the children engaged in their WOW! activities, visit our website at www.basehormethodist.org.

Children's Church has really taken off! As our congregation has grown, so has the number of children. There have been 14-16 children ages 3 through 1st Grade attending on Sunday mornings. Coordinating the Children's Church lessons with the Preschool Sunday School Curriculum has been a great success. Lessons are introduced, reinforced, and extended through stories, arts and crafts, music, and games.

How do I get Involved? Campaign Co-Chair Cheri Gallion:

What a wonderful time of year this is!! The birth of our Lord and Savior is such a joyous occasion for any community of believers. This community, our own Basehor United Methodist Church, is such a joyful congregation any time of the year, but having witnessed our annual Christmas Joy celebration, it is again a reminder of how joyful and fun loving this congregation can be.

Everyone's thoughts are of the season right now, but we need to be mindful of our commitment to our Capital Campaign which is half way through its duration. For those who have made a pledge, please make sure you are up to date as the year comes to a close—tax time will be coming soon and this may be an advantage for 2008. If you are newer to our congregation and have not had an opportunity to become part of this Campaign, please talk to one of our Co Chairpersons (Erin Morrison, John Flower or Cheri Gallion) or Pastor Claudia to find out how to be involved in this mission. Our children's W.O.W ministry is dependent on these funds and you can see each Sunday how vital this is to our youth. Other ministry possibilities are being discussed to reach out and expand our presence and impact on our community. Your response to this Campaign is enabling us to do this.

Please give prayerful thought to your participation. May your Christmas season be a blessed and joyous one for your family and friends. You may want to invite someone new to our Christmas Eve service this year to let them see us sharing God's love and expanding our ministry.

Thank you all for considering a commitment and helping us grow the love of Christ.

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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