

Campaign Prayer

Please join us in your daily prayers by praying our campaign prayer:

Faithful God, we thank you for the guidance and countless blessings you have given our congregation over the past 200 years. Now, as we embark on our third century, we ask for your inspiration. Help us respond effectively to the opportunities you put before us. Give us a willingness to be generous. Remove any hesitation we have and strengthen our resolve to do more in sharing the love of Christ with our community. We look with hope to the future and we renew our commitment to serve you, trusting your eternal love for us. All this we pray in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.



“Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow” Schedule

- March 4th: A detailed description of the capital campaign and frequently asked questions will be provided.
- March 9th: Gratitude Sunday
- March 16th: Ministry Sunday
- March 23rd: Prayer Sunday and Prayer Walk Event
- March 30th: Generosity Sunday
- April 6th: Commitment Sunday
- May 25th: First Offering of 3-Year Gifts



March 9th to April 6th, 2025

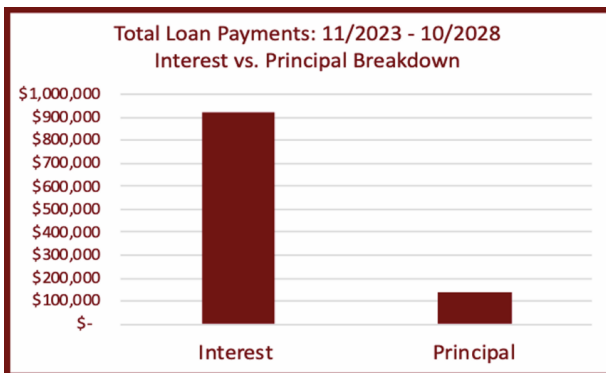
*God,
what do You
want to do
through me?*

What is the “Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow” capital campaign?

Powell United Methodist Church has been blessed with incredible growth since moving to 825 E. Olentangy Street, our current home. After building a church in 1989, we expanded our ministry with classrooms, restrooms, and a music room in 2000, and expanded further with the new sanctuary in 2006. With the addition of these facilities came financial debt, which currently stands at just over \$2.5 million. We have the strength to remove the debt that has kept us from our full potential. All funds raised in this “Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow” capital campaign will be used to reduce this debt.

Why now?

In October of 2023, our interest rate increased from 4.25% to 7.38%, and this higher rate will continue at least until October 2028.



Between November 2023, and October 2028, of the \$1,062,411 we will make in total payments, \$922,060 (87%) will go toward interest, while only \$140,351 (13%) will go toward reducing our loan principal. What if our annual \$212,483 in debt payments were redirected to ministry? What could we do with those kinds of resources to transform people’s lives in the name of Jesus Christ?



How will this transform the church?

The goal isn’t just to be debt-free. Based on surveys and feedback from the congregation, we have identified four key areas - Children and Youth Ministries, Mission and Outreach, Worship and Music, and Staff Recruitment and Retention - where additional resources will position us to better respond to the real needs in our world, invite new people into a relationship with Christ, and ensure that our ministries continue to flourish. As we reduce our debt, we will be in a stronger position to partner with God for the next chapter of Powell United Methodist Church’s life and ministry.



How can I help?

The heart of the campaign will occur between March 9, 2025-April 6, 2025, with Commitment Sunday being on April 6, 2025. Pledges will be collected over a 3-year period. We are asking everyone to consider a special gift to the campaign that goes above and beyond their regular giving. Understanding that everyone is in a different financial situation, a theme of equal sacrifice, not equal giving, is being emphasized in this campaign. If circumstances limit you choosing between campaign giving and regular support, we respectfully ask that you continue prioritizing your ongoing giving to the general fund to sustain our day-to-day ministry.