



SACRED SPACE FOR ALL

a new century on the avenue

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the goal of our Capital Campaign?

To repair and preserve St. Charles's historic buildings for future generations. We want to ensure that St. Charles continues to be a vital sacred space for worship and a valued community resource throughout the 21st century.

What about grant funds and how do they relate to the Capital Campaign?

St. Charles received a prestigious \$250,000 grant from *The National Fund for Sacred Spaces*. The Fund's knowledgeable staff works with grant recipients every step of the way, supplying expertise and guidance for raising matching funds and hiring architects and contractors. *This coveted grant is a once-in-a-century opportunity to preserve our buildings.*

What matching funds will the Capital Campaign raise?

The National Fund grant requires St. Charles to raise \$500,000 in matching funds for phase one of construction to preserve our sanctuary building.

Isn't that a lot for a small congregation?

The National Fund performed expert, detailed analyses of what is needed to start repairing and preserving our buildings and how much we can raise through a well-managed capital campaign. St. Charles leaders and the Steering Committee are confident that we will meet this ambitious goal.

As the campaign kicks off its active solicitation phase, it has received the first installment of the grant and pledges for a total of \$165,655.

Where will be Capital Campaign be raising funds?

The funds already raised are from church members and their family foundations. The campaign will seek gifts from church members, friends of our congregation and community and regional foundations.

Who is leading the Capital Campaign?

Tina Clark and Susan Cotton are Co-Chairs. The Steering Committee—which includes church members, a community partner and community members—consists of Laura Ates, Darla Durham, Linda Easterlin, Todd Heifner, Nathan Lott, Nancy Sanders and Beth Terry.

Senior Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Lott has devoted visionary, innovative leadership and impressive amounts of time to securing the grant, managing the preservation project and tending to a myriad of details.

We hear a lot about the future of the church as a community resource. How often do Community Partners use our church campus?

Twenty Community Partners use the church buildings every day of the week, meeting a variety of human needs. They include mental health professionals, recovery groups, youth organizations, arts non-profits, college ministries, social justice non-profits and faith communities. Community Partners will continue to play a major role in the future of St. Charles.

What is the scope of the work?

Phase one will remove extensive amounts of damaged plaster in the sanctuary building. The roof in the central building connecting the sanctuary and education wing will be repaired. Once the plaster is removed, the complex job of repairing the sanctuary exterior and making it water-resistant will commence.

Who is doing the work?

St. Charles has skilled architects and experts in building preservation working on the project. Robby Cangelosi of Koch and Wilson Architects is the architect. Cypress Building Conservation is directing the repairs. We have a fifth-generation master plasterer at work. All contractors have been carefully chosen for expertise and experience in historic buildings.

Is there a phase two or three?

Phases two and three, to preserve all our buildings, are in the planning stages and will not commence until phase one is complete and fully funded. Phase two includes a complete HVAC update for all buildings, complete plaster replacement and elevator repairs. Phase three will address plumbing, bathrooms and ADA compliance. Cost estimates for all phases are about \$3 million.

How will the Campaign raise funds?

A team will be doing person-to-person solicitations among church members, community members and friends of our congregation as well as seeking foundation support. Each donor may set up one-, two- or three-year payment plans. The campaign also accepts gifts of stock.

How will St. Charles ensure the integrity of the Capital Campaign funds?

Sacred Places funds are kept in a separate account from other church funds. The senior pastor and administrative pastor review donations. The Steering Committee Co-Chair and senior pastor review checks paid to contractors and expenses.

Who do I contact with questions about the campaign or more information about giving.

We are happy to help with any question. Contact us at (504) 861-9514 or office@scabc.org.

