



May 19, 2022

Dear Members and Friends of Sunrise United Methodist Church:

It is with much joy that we report our plans to make the final payment on our church facility mortgage in November of this year, or possibly earlier. Last fall we made our final payment on our church parsonage. These milestones have been made possible through your faithful response to God in your financial stewardship to the facility needs of our church. With the conclusion of these two events, our church is moving into the next stage of our ministry.


The elimination of the church and parsonage mortgage payment load on our financial resources is presenting us with a wonderful opportunity to expand our mission outreach ministry to those individuals and causes beyond our church walls that needs help in our world. We are also presented with a parallel financial need to make provisions for the long-term major maintenance and upkeep of our church and parsonage to maintain the facility base of our ministry in good and working order.

The Administrative Council of our church acted at the April 2022 meeting to approve a plan to meet future financial needs of the church for increased Mission outreach and long-term capital maintenance needs in anticipation of completing the final mortgage payments by November. The Council approved a proposal to create a new church reserve fund to replace the current building fund which has been utilized to pay off the church mortgage. Funds currently being held in the Building Fund will be totally utilized to make the final payment on the mortgage. The new fund, Capital/Maintenance Reserve Fund, will be implemented to hold funds set aside for the future major needs of our church and parsonage such as air conditioning, roofs, window replacement, etc. The Council recommended that starting in 2023, we increase our mission budget to further extend our outreach into God's kingdom.

We would like to ask those of you who have been actively supporting the current building fund through recent one-time donations or on a continuing basis to consider continuing your financial contributions to support these new stewardship opportunities. Gifts made to the General Fund will be utilized to pay for increased mission outreach. Donations designated for the Capital/Maintenance Reserve Fund will be placed into that fund for the future facility capital maintenance needs. Contributions currently being made through ACH or other means of giving designated for the Building Fund will be placed in the Capital/Maintenance Reserve Fund following the final mortgage payment for the church.

We look forward to our continued partnership in Christian stewardship. Again, thank you for your faithfulness.

  
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