

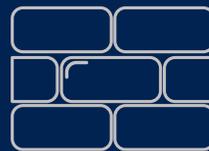
UNTO ALL GENERATIONS

Grace UMC Fall Giving Campaign 2021



“Now to the One who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21





Fall Giving Campaign 2021

Investing in Grace for the Age to Come

As you may have noticed, we are in the midst of a turning of the age. The COVID-19 pandemic, along with various cultural and social transitions, has changed so much about our world, and the rate of change we are experiencing can be disorienting and distressing. These circumstances call out to the church.

Our Lord and “the times” call out to us to respond not just in the short term, but to engage and invest in ministry “unto all generations.” This fall at Grace UMC we are raising funds that are aimed at ensuring that we can remain in ministry, with the help of God, in the age to come and beyond.

This is not our annual giving or stewardship campaign. This is a rare opportunity for extravagant generosity above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings which will impact multiple generations. We are inviting one another to make large investments in these projects which will impact generations beyond our own.

2021 Fundraising Goal - \$500,000



Project 1: Planning for the Future

Charting the Course for the Age to Come

The Grace Leadership Board has approved a partnership with a consulting group named Ministry Architects to help us chart the course for the next 3-5 years of ministry at Grace. The full proposal is for two years of comprehensive work which will have a multi-generational impact.

After a generous \$25,000 gift for this specific project, we are raising another \$35,000 to take full advantage of this strategic consulting opportunity.

Project Summaries & Fundraising Goals



Project 2: Infrastructure Improvements

Strengthening a Place Called Grace

Our “Place Called Grace” on Wellington Rd. has been home to this congregation for the last 27 of its 154 years. Much of our current facility is ready for significant improvements including replacement of three air handlers (HVAC units), roof maintenance, pressure washing the Grace Tower, and re-sealing the parking lot.

We have started an annual discipline of saving for these kinds of projects in the future. This year we are raising \$200,000 to make these major improvements (many of which are overdue) on behalf of future generations of worshippers.



Project 3: Building a Grace Columbarium

An Eternal Resting Place at Grace

Numerous members of our Grace family have expressed a desire to be laid to rest at Grace UMC so that when future generations visit their eternal resting place they too can be blessed by this place. We are pursuing plans to build a columbarium in the same style and vicinity as the existing Clover Hill Cemetery. This will be a beautiful permanent addition to the church grounds, and an important ministry of the church.

Once the columbarium is in use, its cost will be absorbed over time through interment fees, but we need to fully fund the project before we can make it a reality. With your help, this project will bless both current and future members who wish to be laid to rest on this holy ground.



Project 4: Outdoor Ministry Expansion

Open-Air Worship & Fellowship

In our post-pandemic context, we have found more and more reasons to “do church outside.” For this reason, Pastor Drew has asked that we invest more in outdoor ministry spaces. Adding an outdoor chapel, as well as playground equipment, a small group fire ring, and picnic tables, will augment our capacity for outdoor worship, small groups, fellowship, and fun.

Some of the labor and materials for this expansion can come through Scout Troop 670 Eagle projects in the near future, but funds toward this project will help us make sustainable plans that use high quality materials so our efforts will last for generations to come.





Project 5: Pre-School Scholarships Fund

Grace for God's Little Ones

Grace continues to be a place where children are vital members of our church life, both on Sunday mornings and during the week at our preschool, Grace Children's Learning Center (GCLC). This year we have discovered a significant and growing community need for affordable Pre-K education. GCLC can offer just that and more, but we rely on scholarship funds to make early education available to those who need it.

Raising \$15,000 would support the annual tuition for 2 full-day students or 5 half-day students. Gifts of any size will help us reach this goal.

How to contribute

We ask that all offerings be made within 2021 if possible, and that all gifts be designated for the "Unto All Generations" fund. You may give online by selecting "Unto All Generations" (from the dropdown menu).

Name(s) _____ Address _____

Gift: \$_____ I/we will make my gift online ___ I/we will send a check ___

Given in honor/memory (circle one) of _____

You may include my/our name on a donor list to inspire others to give ____ Please keep this gift anonymous____