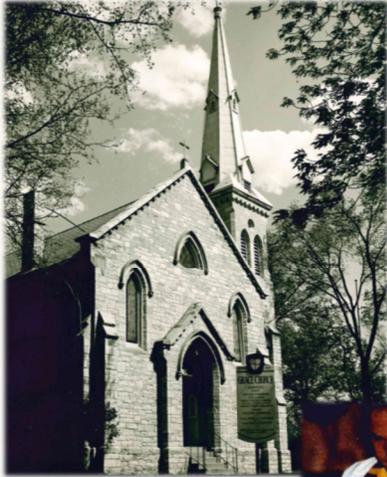


# 160 Years of Grace



**Grace Episcopal Church  
2019 Capital Campaign**



## A Note from Our Rector:

Grace Church is our home. It's where we share our faith and find our faith home.

As we celebrate the past 160 years of our parish life, *Our Journey Continues...* gives us a unique and exciting opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. This opportunity ensures the journey of Grace Church will continue for our children and their children, for the next 160 years... and beyond!

*Our Journey Continues...* is a capital campaign to provide permanence to the care of our buildings and grounds.

We are asking for a gift beyond your annual giving. We will still be depending on your continued annual pledges to maintain our mission at Grace Church. This gift, which can be made over three years, will lay a foundation and be a true blessing for generations to come.

This brochure will give you details about why we are asking you to support this capital campaign. I ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to your church home.

I ask you to join us as *Our Journey Continues...*



The Reverend Todd S. McDowell, XIV Rector  
Grace Episcopal Church

## Our Goal:

Raise \$1 million in pledges, to be collected over a three-year period. Donations will be distributed in the following manner:

**70% to Grace's Buildings & Grounds Fund**

**10% to new lighting in the church nave**

**10% to pay off the majority of our debt**

**10% to Grace's Legacy Outreach Fund**

## Prayers for our Journey:

*Lord, what do you want to do through me?*

Most bountiful God,

We come together in gratitude  
for your generations of blessings  
to us at Grace Episcopal Church.

Open our eyes and hearts to your will  
for the future of this parish.

Stir in us passion, courage,  
and commitment for the work ahead.

Remind us that without you we can do nothing;  
but with you, all things are possible;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

***Amen.***

The majority of this campaign is so visionary in positioning Grace for some current and future generations (who don't find giving to an operational budget motivational or enthralling).

Not only will your parish see long-term benefits, but short-term as well. Extra available dollars translate into the potential for additional or embellished ministries.

This campaign allows your parishioners to dream of a flourishing parish, unencumbered by the "mundane" operational expenditures and responsibilities.

- Terry Goolsby, Senior Vice President  
Horizons Stewardship Company

Broad support and commitment from and by parishioners is needed in order to maximize the amount raised. No amount is too small. Our goal of \$1MM gives the parish the funds needed to annually cover building and grounds maintenance expense in perpetuity as well as being able to make needed improvements in lighting, significantly payoff current outstanding debt and provide money for outreach.

- Mike Heyer,  
Senior Warden

**In your  
own words...**

I encourage you to support our capital campaign in gratitude for days past and present, and with hope for future generations who will come to call Grace home.

- Carla Kurth

## Understanding Grace's Endowment Funds:

To understand what this capital campaign is all about, it's important to understand Grace's endowment funds.

### The basics:

An endowment fund is an investment fund established by a foundation that makes consistent withdrawals from invested capital. The capital in endowment funds, often used by universities, nonprofit organizations, churches and hospitals, is generally utilized for specific needs — in our case, to further God's mission. Endowment funds are typically funded entirely by donations that may be deductible for the donors.

Financial endowments are usually structured so the principal amount invested remains intact, while a portion of the investment growth is available for immediate funding for the mission of the church. Monies given to the endowment funds provide income for eternity.



We have two endowed funds at Grace Church. 21.7% of our 2019 operating budget comes from these endowed funds. Each endowed fund is invested in a diversified portfolio, overseen by Grace's Endowment Trustees.

### ⇒ **The Grace Endowment Fund:**

**Market value as of 12/31/18 = \$1,546,874**

Established in 1983, this is a traditional, restricted endowment fund. Missouri Unit Trust Laws allow us to use up to 4.999% of its value each year, which goes directly into our annual operating budget.

### ⇒ **The Grace Legacy Fund:**

**Market value as of 12/31/18 = \$978,095**

Established 2013, this quasi-endowment fund allows donors the flexibility to direct gifts to their favorite ministries:

St. Matthew Mission Fund  
Ministry and Outreach Fund  
Organ and Music Fund  
Altar Guild / Flowers Fund  
Children and Youth Christian Formation Fund  
Women's Ministries Fund  
Columbarium and Memorial Garden Fund  
Buildings and Grounds Fund  
Undesignated Fund

You will find a complete investment report on page 34 of our 2018 Annual Report, available on our website or in the church office.



Above: Father & Son Acolyte Dinner (1960)  
 Below: First Sundays @ 5 (2019)



## Grace as Community Space:

Our facilities are part of our ministries and serve the community in many ways. In addition to all those attending our regular worship services and parish events, more than 300 non-parishioners call Grace “home” throughout each week. Some of the groups using our facilities include:

- **St. Thomas Deaf Church:** an Episcopal mission for deaf worship and support
- **The Lab School:** a not-for-profit preschool
- **SPROG:** a transformative summer program for underserved children in our community
- **Contemplative Outreach of St. Louis:** teaching and practicing Centering Prayer
- **Christian Yoga:** weekly classes to strengthen body, mind and spirit
- **Boy Scouts**
- **Alcoholic Anonymous and other 12-step groups**
- **Kirk Care, Episcopal City Mission, Episcopal Church Women and other nonprofit board meetings**

## Distributing Our Capital Campaign Funds:

### Grace Legacy Buildings & Grounds Fund 70% of funds raised

The first goal of this campaign is to boost our existing endowed funds enough to cover our annual ongoing facilities expenses, eliminating the need to use funds from our operating budget.

We already use our existing undesignated endowed income to help pay our building expenses each year. However, our expenses total much more than the endowed funds can cover.

Reaching our campaign goal of \$1 million will put an additional \$700,000 in our Buildings and Grounds Fund, generating approximately \$35,000 a year.

Adding those investment proceeds to what is already in place will mean our ongoing facility expenses would be covered year after year by the endowment.

Ongoing facility expenses include:

- **Utilities:** electricity, water, natural gas, sewer, trash
- **Building maintenance:** custodial services, HVAC, elevator, security & fire alarm systems, building supplies
- **General equipment repair** (not large capital projects)
- **Grounds maintenance**
- **Insurance**

Grace’s 2019 budget anticipates our general facilities expenses will be more than \$120,000. If those expenses are completely covered by our endowment funds and our levels of annual stewardship pledging remain steady, we potentially will have thousands of additional dollars in our budget to strengthen our ministries... *think of the possibilities!*

We are called to be good stewards of all that has been given to us. Generations before us built the foundation on which we now stand. It’s up to us to strengthen that foundation to make sure it is still standing for future generations.

THE  
*Episcopal*  
 CHURCH



*welcomes you*

**By supporting this capital campaign, you will make it possible for our buildings and grounds to be the home for many new generations of Grace!**

## Distributing Our Capital Campaign Funds:

### New lighting in the church nave and sanctuary 10% of funds raised

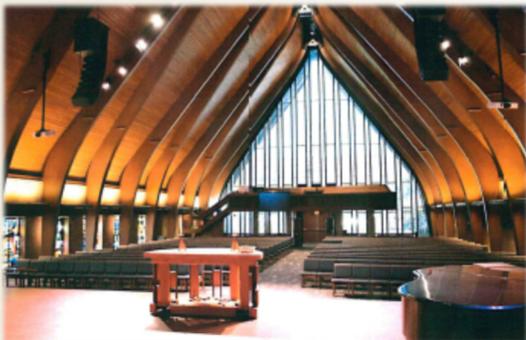
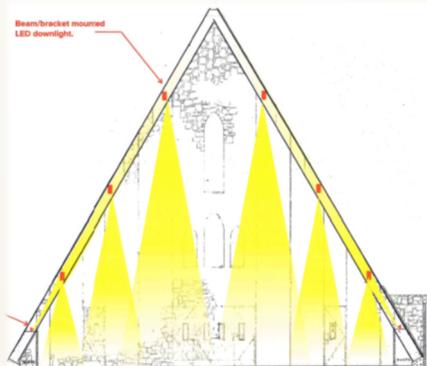
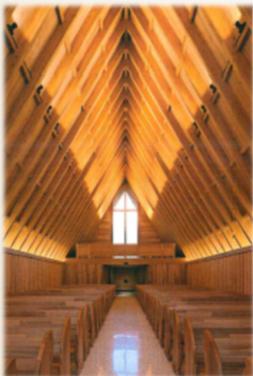
Grace's worship space is beautiful, but rather *dark*.

As a matter of fact, a recent study done by Randy Burkett Lighting Design of Webster Groves (paid for by a generous member donation) shows our space is well below the recommended lighting levels for reading.

Foot-candle (FC) is a common unit of measurement used in the lighting industry to calculate adequate lighting levels in buildings or outdoor spaces. As a point of reference, 20 FC is the recommended level for reading. Higher levels (50-100 FC) are recommended for specific spaces like the altar, lecterns, and choir loft. Our nave measured as low as 4 FC. So if you've ever had trouble reading at the lectern or seeing your worship bulletin in the pews -- you can quit blaming your own eyesight!

A goal of this capital campaign is to improve the lighting in our nave and sanctuary. The first phase of this improvement plan is to add 40 LED downlights and a new lighting control panel. Ambient and accent lighting will be added as future projects. We are in the process of getting contractor bids.

**By supporting this capital campaign, you will brighten our church and allow God's light to shine for all who worship with Grace.**



Examples of lighting projects by Randy Burkett Lighting Design

## Are you wrestling with your decision?

If your answer is "yes," believe it or not, that's a good thing. It means that God is working within your heart, directing you to a level of giving that is a true challenge for you, one that is a step up in your trust and reliance on God.

You are not alone. Every single church member will be wrestling with this same decision. Please remember that giving to this capital campaign does not replace your annual giving — we will still be depending on your continued annual pledges as we maintain our mission at Grace Church. This gift will lay a foundation and be a true blessing for generations to come at Grace Church.

May God grant you "the peace that passes all understanding" in your decision.

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen.  
For what is seen is temporary,  
but what is unseen is eternal.*

2 Corinthians 4:18

In your own words...

"Our Journey Continues" comes at the absolute right time in Grace's history. This year we will be celebrating Grace's 160<sup>th</sup> year and I am very thankful to all the Grace members before us and what they did to get us here. But now we must step forward and put in place the means to keep Grace going for the next 160 years.

- Tim Engelbrecht,  
Grace Treasurer

## Distributing Our Capital Campaign Funds:

### Pay off the majority of our debt 10% of funds raised

Grace's history dates back to 1854, with H.I. Bodley hosting Morning Prayer in his Kirkwood home. The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri officially welcomed Grace as a parish in 1859. Growth - and the expenses that come with growth - have continued since those early days.

Our first church building at Argonne and Taylor (*now Eliot Unitarian Chapel*) was consecrated in 1860. The parish took on debt to build that church, and paid it off in 1864.

In 1958 Grace's Vestry voted to build a new facility at Argonne and Woodlawn. The building we now call home was consecrated in 1961. Expansion continued in 1964, with the addition of classrooms and our parish hall.

A capital campaign in 2000 raised funds for a two-story addition with an elevator, restrooms, and more office space. A loan was needed to complete the project.

Ten years later, another capital campaign allowed us to install new air conditioning and heating systems, along with energy-efficient windows and doors throughout the building. That campaign surpassed our goal of

\$1 million, making it possible to pay off the debt from the 2000 improvements. In 2013 we celebrated paying off all our debt as we merged with St. Matthew's parish.

Like all buildings, age is taking its toll on our facilities. In 2016 we took out a \$135,000 loan (with a 2.8% interest rate) from the Diocese to replace the leaking flat roofs over the narthex, kitchen, stage and offices. We also had to replace aging boilers in our HVAC system. We have paid down approximately \$31,000 of that loan.

In 2018 we applied for and received an additional \$60,000 on that same diocesan loan to replace the roof over Albright Parish Hall. The roof has been patched at least six times in the past and now has multiple holes and rotten underlayment. Along with the new roof, we will also be making necessary tuckpointing and gutter system repairs.

The balance of our diocesan loan now stands at \$164,000. We are fortunate to have received a lower interest rate of 1.35% on the loan, keeping our monthly payments the same as they were before we increased the principle.

**By supporting this capital campaign, you will help us pay down our loan by as much as \$100,000 as we reach our goal.** We would then put a plan in place to pay down the remainder of the loan.

Right: Old Grace Church at Taylor and Argonne  
(picture taken in 1959)

Far right: Cornerstone laying for the new church at Argonne  
and Woodlawn (Oct. 23, 1960)

Below: Parish Hall under construction  
(picture taken 1965)



In your  
own words...

Grace Church is a second home to our family. We worship and learn there and feel confident that the building and members will be there when we need them to be.

- Joanie Van Rees

## Distributing Our Capital Campaign Funds:

### Tithe to Grace Legacy Outreach Fund 10% of funds raised

The mission of the Church is the mission of Jesus Christ.

Christ calls us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the poor, and care for the sick. We are the body of Christ in our world.

The final goal of this capital campaign is to give back -- to share our blessings outside the walls of our building.

We do this in the form of a tithe: 10% of what we raise in this campaign will go to the Grace Legacy Outreach Fund. Each year, 5% of the fund will be used for ministries serving those in need in our local community, around our country, and throughout our world.

Some of the ministries we support at Grace include:

- Kirk Care, Trinity Food Pantry & Hot Lunch, and Deaconess Anne House Little Free Pantry: serving the hungry and those in need in our local community
- Hands on Kirkwood: an annual community event to provide clothing, food and services to our neighbors in need throughout Kirkwood
- Shepherd's Center: provides programs and services to keep older adults independent and active in our community

- Episcopal City Mission: providing chaplaincy services to give hope and healing to youth in St. Louis area detention centers
- Episcopal Relief & Development: an inter-national aid agency, providing health initiatives, food assistance and crisis response around the world.
- American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem: provides educational and health care services to residents of the Holy Land, regardless of religious affiliation.

Each year gifts beyond the budget help us support many ministries in our community, our country, and our world. Because of your gifts, Grace Church provided more than \$20,000 to ministries that help us carry out our baptismal covenant in 2018.

A significant gift to the Grace Outreach Legacy Fund from the Ben & Barbara Berry Estate in 2017 has made it possible for Grace to include additional outreach ministry funds in our budget each year.

**By supporting this capital campaign, you will help our Legacy Outreach Fund grow and increase our ability to provide assistance for those in need for generations to come.**



Top left: New flat roof installed (Aug. 25, 2016)

Left: Labyrinth dedication (Jan. 27, 2018)

Above: St. Matthew's Spire dedication (Sept. 22, 2018)

In your  
own words...

Grace is my spiritual home. Supporting this campaign will link us to one another and to Grace in even stronger bonds than we have now.

- Lyn Ballard

## How to Give:

We hope you see how your faith and your support of this capital campaign will leave a positive impact on our parish for generations to come. Giving is a sacrificial act between you and God. We ask you to pray to discern God's will for your participation in this campaign.

"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice" is important to remember in deciding how much to give.

Clearly, goals such as these demand sacrifice by all of us. To reach our goals, we will need the participation of our entire church family. Commitments can be pledged over a three-year period, over and above your annual giving and offerings.

Please remember that gifts may come from many different sources. You may wish to consider giving stock, real estate or inheritance. Perhaps you would consider selling a car you no longer need, estate jewelry, or a portion of a family trust. You also may have significant tax savings by donating retirement accounts such as an IRA and 401(k) to Grace Church. Please check with your financial advisor. Each of these gifts will glorify God while leaving a permanent legacy for the donor.



### 3-Year Giving Guide

<i>Per week</i>	<i>total</i>	<i>Per week</i>	<i>total</i>	<i>Per week</i>	<i>total</i>
\$10	\$1,560	\$110	\$17,160	\$225	\$35,100
\$25	\$3,900	\$125	\$19,500	\$250	\$39,000
\$30	\$4,680	\$130	\$20,280	\$300	\$46,800
\$40	\$6,240	\$140	\$21,840	\$350	\$54,600
\$50	\$7,800	\$150	\$23,400	\$400	\$62,400
\$60	\$9,360	\$160	\$24,960	\$450	\$70,200
\$75	\$11,700	\$175	\$27,300	\$500	\$78,000
\$80	\$12,480	\$180	\$28,080	\$550	\$85,800
\$90	\$14,040	\$190	\$29,640	\$600	\$93,600
\$100	\$15,600	\$200	\$31,200	\$641	\$100,000

## Making a Commitment:

Together on April 14 (Palm Sunday), we will present our formal three-year commitments for *Our Journey Continues....*

We have several special events planned before you make your commitment. Please join us as we remember our past, give thanks for the present, and plan for the future.

Celebrate 160 years of Grace and help our journey continue by making a financial commitment to your church home.

### Dates to remember:



March 17	Gratitude Sunday	March 31	Prayer Event
March 24	Ministry Sunday	April 7	Celebration Event
March 25, 26	Advance Commitment Gatherings	April 14	Commitment Sunday