

## Seeking pledges for Phase II Funding of Renovation for Renewal

Over the past two months, the Building our Future Committee has invited you to celebrate the success of our first pledge campaign in the Renovation for Renewal campaign and has given you information about the need for a second campaign. The second campaign is a requirement of our contract with the United Methodist Development Fund, and conducting the campaign delays the start of the period in which we pay principal in addition to interest. Because of the generosity and commitment of this congregation, we have been able to pay down principal during the first campaign and hope to do so again in the coming campaign. Over time, this reduces the total amount we will pay for our work on the building.

The second campaign collection begins in January of 2021, so the time has come for us to ask you to prayerfully consider what pledge you can make toward this phase of fundraising. At the end of this article, you will find a pledge form to complete and return. If possible, please return your form by December 20. We intend to announce the results of this drive between Christmas and New Year. Our goal is \$552,000.

As Pastor John says each Sunday, please make sure you take care of yourself first. If you are unable to pledge at this time, we certainly understand.

There are two incentives for new donors, who will receive the same mustard seed pins original donors received (while supplies last), and whose pledges will be matched up to a combined total of \$10,000. No contribution is too small, but if you are looking for a way to leverage what you can donate, this is an opportunity to double your money.

Pledges can be paid at one time, or over the course of the three-year campaign. Don't forget to consider ways to participate outside of writing a check. Several sources of funds that have been suggested are:

- ◆ A charitable giving rider on a life insurance policy, donating a life insurance policy, naming the church as a beneficiary on a policy, or gifting policy dividends.
- ◆ Cash from stock market gains, or a donation of stock.
- ◆ Donating income from retirement assets such as IRAs, 401(k)s and 403(b)s.
- ◆ Distributions from Donor Advised Funds or Charitable Trusts

*Please consult a tax professional if any of these methods are attractive to you.*

It will take as many of us as are able to meet the commitment we have made to UMDF. Please help as you are able, so we can continue the ministries made possible by the physical structure of our church building. Thank you for your consideration and for your support.

Pledge for Phase II Funding for Renovation for Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be paid in 2021: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022: \_\_\_\_\_ 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed pledge form to:

Missoula First United Methodist Church

Attn: Building our Future Committee

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