

North Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Building for the Future
Growing and Reaching Out



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11



We invite you to grow in faith alongside your fellow members and embark on our three-year campaign to raise \$500,000 for structural building improvements on the front end of our building.

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It is our purpose at North Sewickley Presbyterian Church to reach out and share God's love with families of all shapes and sizes, to be a beacon to our community, and to welcome everyone into our midst. We are a loving family of believers who truly support each other and walk with each other in faith.

While in spirit we are all these things, in functionality we are not. Our physical church entrance is in need of repair:

- Certain adjustments are needed for fire safety, accessibility and engineering requirements.
- We have elderly members who cannot join us for fellowship time because they cannot walk down the stairs.
- We are situated in a prime location within our community, yet our entrance is confusing and at certain times of the year, unsafe!

It's time to reach out to God in faith and trust that he will lead us forward. It's time to reach out to our congregation. It's time to reach out to our community.

Message from the Pastor

It is clear that the time has come to move in a bold direction into the future. Our goal as a church is to be a home for all who come here, no matter what their needs might be.

However, you may have noticed it is currently extremely difficult for everyone to have access to both levels of our building. With this *Building for the Future* campaign, we will change the entrance area of our church so it can provide a more accessible way for people to worship and attend social events. The project will also include the installation of an elevator. In order to raise the funds to undertake a project of this magnitude, we have committed to embark on a capital campaign.

I am praying that God will speak to your heart about the importance of this project and the capital campaign, and that you will be able to contribute to it during the three-year pledge period. Remember, the real mission of our church — to lead people into a personal relationship with Christ and to help them grow in this relationship — is still the focal point. To do that well, we must have adequate facilities. Thank you in advance for your prayerful and financial support of this campaign.

In Christ,
Pastor Mauri

Campaign Timeline

Leadership Giving	Fall 2013
Week of Prayer	Jan. 26 - Feb. 1
Fellowship Service and Congregational Lunch	Feb. 2
Congregational Small Group Meetings	February 2013
Dedication Service	Feb. 23
Break Ground	Spring 2014



Building Components

- Remodel the front end of the church for accessibility, efficiency and appearance
- Enlarge the narthex
- Add an elevator in the narthex upstairs and entryway downstairs
- Face the new entrance toward the parking lot
- Add a vestibule leading into the new narthex
- Relocate the sound room for efficiency adjacent to the office
- Bring building up to codes for fire safety and accessibility
- Build a new sidewalk and porch leading into the church facing the parking lot
- Restructure the ceiling to meet engineering requirements
- Enlarge the downstairs vestibule and kitchen

As a mission-focused church, we are designating 10% of money raised during the *Building for the Future* campaign for missions our church supports. We will donate to TIH Ministries, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and The Nehemiah Project at Pine Valley Bible Camp. More information about each of these projects is available in the narthex and on our website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How is my campaign pledge different from my annual pledge?

A. Bless you for making an annual pledge. The annually pledged funds are used for our operating budget and expenses and are vital to the life of this church. This campaign is asking you to prayerfully consider an **additional** pledge above and beyond your annual pledge.

Q. What are additional ways I can help?

A. Pray. Volunteer. Get involved. Contact Campaign Chair Wes Creese or any of the committee chairs listed in your *Building for the Future* brochure.

Q. What if contributions surpass our goal?

A. We do expect to be blessed with meeting our goal, and if we surpass it, any additional funds will be held in a capital reserve account for use for other capital projects as determined by session.

Q. How is this campaign different from the other building campaigns we've held in recent years?

A. Our building committee has been steadily working on structural improvements over the last several years. This *Building for the Future* campaign is designated specifically for our needs right now and is directed at the next phase of construction. For more about what this stage entails review the Building Components section of the brochure.

Q. What about the stained glass windows?

A. Many of these hold significant meaning to members of our congregation. Don't worry, these will be preserved and incorporated into the new structure.

Q. How much money is going to be raised from outside our church?

A. We, as members of this church, prayerfully considered and voted for this campaign. It is our responsibility to support the project financially. The committee will be providing a proportionate giving chart to aid in your giving plans as we embark on this \$500,000 campaign.

Pick up a full listing of FAQs in the narthex or visit our website.

Our Roots

In 1846 a group of township citizens received Presbytery permission to organize a church. With faith that God would provide, they met for over a year beneath a huge oak tree on the original property further down on Chapel Drive. The following spring, members cleared the property and constructed the first church. Since then, our congregation has constructed a school, a boarding house and a pastor's home, undertaken multiple renovations — including a pulpit, stained glass windows, new roofing, a new floor and carpeting, a belfry, Sunday School rooms and a kitchen — and then constructed a second church (in our current location) and a manse. And most recently, as many will recall, remodeling on our current church included new bathrooms, a new parking lot, air conditioning and redistributed Sunday School rooms.

Each time we have prayerfully considered God's call on our congregation to be mission-oriented, to be reaching out to those in need, to be welcoming and a place of warmth and love. We have put our trust in God that he would provide. But we have not sat idly by. We have poured ourselves into each project, each campaign, and each task, realizing we are appointed specifically by God to be his hands and feet in this community.

Read the full history online: www.nspreschurch.org/history.



Message from the Campaign Chair

At North Sewickley Presbyterian Church, we are uniquely poised within this community for outreach. However, it is imperative that our facility is functional, compliant, and welcoming. This campaign will ensure we are able to complete the necessary renovations while preserving the fiscal ability to address future capital improvements.

I know God is walking beside us throughout this journey, and our members are ready for this growth. I look forward to these next three years and leading our congregation, with God's help, through our *Building for the Future* campaign.

Faithfully,
Wes Creese

Committee Chairs

Campaign Chairman: Wes Creese

Leadership Gifts: Wes Creese and Dru Duffy

Finance: Rayanne Grant

Fulfillment: Sidney Fisher

Hospitality: Tracey Creese and Dolores McDanel

Prayer: Alice Hall

Promotion: Susan Paff

Support: Pat Whisler and Cece Oliver

Congregational Gifts: Jake Vagias

Church Mission

North Sewickley Presbyterian Church is a caring family, sharing the love of Jesus Christ with families of all shapes and sizes. Like the mighty oak tree our first members gathered under to worship, we are:

- Rooted deeply in Christ and His Word
- Growing in faith and love
- Connecting to God and one another
- Branching out through the power of the Holy Spirit to offer new people new life in Christ



Building for the Future Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that to whom much is given, of them shall much be required: pour out upon us the spirit of Your own abundant giving; that as we have received the church building in which we worship, we also may freely give, that others may enjoy a like inheritance, and become partakers with us in the fellowship of Your church. We commit this capital campaign to You, believing that is Your will to move forward with this expansion. May it ultimately be to Your glory and honor.

AMEN

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