



Restore, Renew & Reach Out

A Capital Campaign for Glyndon United Methodist Church

Our History & Mission

Glyndon United Methodist Church (GUMC) has a long history in Glyndon, Maryland – having originally been established in 1879 (under the auspice of Glyndon Methodist Episcopal Church). It has survived a fire in 1929 with a new building taking its place and dedicated in 1931. GUMC is a traditional church and a caring spiritual community in which we challenge and support one another to reach more people with the message of God's love and acceptance through Jesus Christ by ...

- Loving each other and loving all our neighbors (love),
- Maintaining our spiritual foundation through prayer and study (pray),
- Discovering and using our gifts in service to God and others (serve).

Our Vision

GUMC is experiencing a renaissance with new ministries, affinity groups, and fellowship gatherings enabling our growth as disciples in the body of Christ and our reach into the community of Glyndon and beyond. Our long-term vision is to grow the church, expanding our reach into the community and extending our ministry to those in need. We wish to spread the love of Christ and provide examples of what it means to be a part of God's kingdom by our welcoming nature and our service in the world. GUMC has a rich history that we wish to preserve, while we also seek to adapt to social and technological changes in the world. Furthermore, through enhanced visual and social communications and outreach, GUMC can continue to draw more people into God's call for them.

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Much as we must maintain our own mental and physical health and our relationship to God, we must also provide for the care and needs of GUMC. In order to do so, the following projects are identified to restore and renew our church facilities to assure they are safe and inviting for generations to come:

1. Repair/replace the 86-year-old slate roof on the church and parsonage.
2. Replace the carpet in the sanctuary and common areas to remove trip hazards and improve the attractiveness of our building.
3. Restore and renew the ramp, sidewalk, and entryway to ensure the safety of all and improve the visual appeal of our primary entryway.

4. Upgrade the audio system in the sanctuary and Dew Hall which will be augmented by video capacity to enhance worship experience.
5. Upgrade and modernize the kitchen so that it passes state certification requirements to enable us to serve the wider community.
6. Construct a pavilion and install new playground equipment in the “backyard” to create an outdoor worship and fellowship space and to provide a community gathering place.

Our Campaign

The following chart lists the expectations to achieve the goals laid out in the previous section:

Repair Roof	\$180,000
Carpet	\$30,000
Ramp/Entryway	\$40,000
Audio/Video Enhancements	\$50,000
Upgrading the Kitchen	\$30,000
Backyard Design	\$95,000
Total:	\$425,000

To achieve these visionary goals, we wish to begin a 3-year capital campaign to raise these funds. We believe we can exceed this goal and retire or significantly reduce the mortgage.

How You Can Help

To ensure that our congregation believes in and supports the goals of this capital campaign, we have hired Hewett Consulting to conduct a feasibility study. Hewett Consulting is a national research and capital stewardship firm based in Charlotte, NC. Every member and regular attender of GUMC will receive a congregational survey. In addition, a set of committed church leaders will participate in a confidential personal interview with our consultant, Rev. Dr. John Hewett. Please consider taking the time to fill in the survey or to speak to Dr. Hewett to help contribute to the study. This Capital Campaign is part of our renaissance and is evidence that GUMC is on the move, taking the next step in God’s plan for us.