
SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Building the Vision: The Next 75 Years of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

Campaign Summary



As Saint Mark's Episcopal Church celebrates its 75th anniversary, we embark on an exciting capital campaign, *Building the Vision*. Our goal is to raise \$2 million to ensure a vibrant future for our congregation and community. This initiative focuses on three pillars: enhancing our congregation's spaces, fostering deeper relationships, and maintaining our iconic building. Key projects include repairing the bell tower, upgrading kitchen and bathroom facilities, and modernizing our HVAC systems. Your

support will help us preserve our legacy and build a welcoming, sustainable, and thriving Saint Mark's for generations to come.

Upper Arlington and Beyond in 2025: An Exciting Place to Be

Upper Arlington is blossoming with new developments, from Quarry Trails to the Bob Crane Community Center, Revisioning Henderson Road, and the Gateway. Saint Mark's Episcopal Church stands proudly amidst this growth, serving as a beacon of community, faith, and future possibilities. Our reach extends far beyond Upper Arlington, drawing parishioners from all over the region — some traveling over 15 miles to be part of our vibrant community.

Saint Mark's: A Hub of Growth and Community

In 2025, Saint Mark's is more vibrant than ever. We are welcoming new members, enhancing our community presence, and being recognized as a vital resource and gathering place. This exciting journey is a testament to our commitment and the strong bonds we share.

Looking Forward: Our Vision for the Future

As we approach our 75th anniversary, we reflect on our journey and dream big for the future. In 2021, we asked ourselves, "What is our vision for the future of Saint Mark's?" Together, we identified three pillars that form the foundation of our campaign, *Building the Vision*:

1. **Building Our Congregation**
2. **Building Our Relationships**
3. **Maintaining Our Building**

Over the last 18 months we have taken an in-depth look at Saint Mark's facilities and have consulted with a wide variety of people about the projects that are needed.

In a campus the size of Saint Mark's and especially one that gets as much use by a wide variety of groups like Saint Mark's, there are always projects of various sizes. These are the ones that have been identified as the most important.

Top Priorities:

HVAC Systems \$750,000: Replacing our original 1958 boiler and outdated split systems in the education wing with consolidated, modern HVAC units will improve efficiency, reduce our carbon footprint, and ensure a comfortable environment. This is especially crucial for maintaining a stable temperature in the nursery. We have six different HVAC systems in the main church building. One of those furnaces failed this winter. We will need to replace all of those systems in the very near future. The proposal also includes replacing the oversized water heater that serves the kitchen with on-demand hot water.

Repairing Our Iconic Bell Tower - \$200,000: Our mid-century architectural gem is visible for about a mile from most directions. However, it leaks when it rains, posing a risk of structural damage and potential collapse. Repairing it is crucial for the safety and preservation of our church. There is already water damage from the leaking bell tower in both the parish hall and the nursery.

Addressing Drainage Issues \$150,000: Fixing the inadequate and poorly designed drainage system will prevent ice dams and internal and external damage to the church.

Flat Roof Repairs or Replacements \$100,000: Proactively replacing our aging flat roofs will prevent costly maintenance and repairs in the future. As a part of this we will explore if it is possible and viable to install solar panels.

Cost for Top Priorities: \$1,200,000

Second Priorities

Renovating Bathrooms Campus-Wide \$125,000: Our vision includes unisex stalls with full privacy, common sinks, and changing tables for all ages, ensuring accessibility and convenience for all.

Upgrading Lighting in the Parish Hall \$75,000: The outdated lighting fixtures, impossible to replace individually, will be upgraded to an energy-efficient, programmable system. This will provide adaptable lighting suitable for any occasion and optimize the use of natural light. We will also add lighting to the area between the pillars and the windows where there is none currently.

Painting the Narthex and Parish Hall \$50,000: These high-traffic areas are showing wear and need a fresh coat of paint. Updating these areas will enhance their appearance and cleanliness while maintaining our current color palette, ensuring a welcoming environment for everyone.

Replacing the Memorial Garden Wall \$50,000: The deteriorating wall between the Memorial Garden and the Wildflower Garden requires significant repairs or replacement to maintain the beauty and integrity of these cherished spaces.

Improving Flooring and Insulation \$25,000: Replacing the carpet tiles in the nursery, formation lobby, and children's formation rooms with more hygienic options and better insulating the nursery floor will enhance cleanliness and presentation, crucial in a post-pandemic world.

Cost for Second Priorities: \$325,000

Third Priorities

Kitchen Renovation \$150,000: Our current kitchen stove dates to the time when the parish hall was upstairs. The cabinets, flooring and countertops are reaching the end of their lives. By incorporating environmentally friendly, right-sized technology, we can create a more efficient and sustainable kitchen.

Energy-Efficient Windows and Doors \$100,000: Upgrading to energy-efficient windows and doors where that hasn't been done will enhance our building's sustainability and reduce energy costs.

Cost for Third Priorities: \$250,000

Cost for First, Second and Third Priorities: \$1,775,000

There are a few projects that we would love to be able to do and, if we are able to raise more than \$2 million, these are the next things that we will do.

If We Can

Patio Renovation and Lighting Expansion \$125,000: During the pandemic we discovered what a great resource our patio is. Expanding and enhancing it will create a welcoming front-porch atmosphere, making it one of the first inviting glimpses of our campus. Upgraded lighting for evening use and additional electrical outlets will transform it into a central gathering space for our community.

Landscaping for a Welcoming Environment \$75,000: Enhancing our Tremont Road lawn will create a more inviting and attractive space, while still accommodating events like the Cultural and Artisans Fair and the Upper Arlington Farmers 'Market, thereby increasing our visibility.

New Sanctuary Piano \$100,000: A dedicated Sanctuary piano will eliminate moving and tuning costs, enhance our ability to host events like concerts and recitals, improve our choirs' rehearsals, and expand our musical repertoire. This addition will enrich our worship and community experiences, making music more accessible and diverse.

Office Building Basement Renovation \$25,000: Renovating the flood-prone office basement with water-resistant materials will protect our space and improve storage.

Total for If We Can: \$325,000

Join Us in Building the Vision

As we embark on this ambitious journey, we invite you to join us in *Building the Vision*. Your generosity and support will help us achieve our goal of \$2 million, ensuring Saint Mark's remains a cornerstone of faith, community, and growth for the next 75 years and beyond. Together, we can make this vision a reality.

Let's build our future, strengthen our bonds, and preserve our legacy — one step at a time.