



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CARING FOR OUR HOME

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS NOW?

To celebrate our 200th anniversary, commemorate our predecessors and prepare for the future.

INTRODUCTION

Covenant Presbyterian Church, located in downtown Springfield, Ohio, is committed to welcoming everyone to join in worship and service. Our building is a prominent landmark that pays tribute to our founders who had a vision of a faith home that celebrates beauty and the enduring love of our Lord.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S MISSION?

In joyful thanks for God's promises, we the people of Covenant Presbyterian Church commit ourselves to grow: In God's grace through worship, prayer, stewardship and faith education; in spirituality and hope through the nurturing life of our congregation; in service to persons in need and working for justice; in witness to Christian love, by reaching out while strengthening our congregation.

HISTORY

Covenant Presbyterian Church was the result of an agreed merger of First and Second Presbyterian Churches in November 1919. In 1925, the congregation approved plans for a new church building at a cost of approximately \$400,000. George Savage, a well-known Philadelphia architect who specialized in church design, drew building plans. P.J. Reeves, also of Philadelphia, designed the exquisite stained glass windows. The church continues to be the beautiful building in which we "Live and have our Moral Being." Our church is a cathedral of soaring arches, strong columns, inspirational stained glass and gleaming organ pipes.

As a downtown church committed to service of the people of our community, we understand our responsibility to care for our treasured church home. Our members routinely drive past other churches to enrich their spirits in this place

of friendship, music, art and architecture, study, preaching and meaningful service. Our beloved building shows signs of age. Since 2009, \$275,165 has been spent on critical building maintenance issues. We have also spent \$66,967 on repairs to our pipe organ. In order to keep functioning at its best, the church is in need of significant repairs and updates.

As we prepare for the 200th Anniversary of Covenant Presbyterian Church, we want to be sure our building is ready to face the future. There are signs of deterioration that can be expected in an older building, such as damp basement walls, leaky windows and crumbling plaster. The heating and plumbing systems are in great need of rehabilitation. It is for these reasons that we have decided to launch a capital campaign to raise \$535,000 to help cover these issues.



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BUILDING PRESERVATION

Our Trustees have assessed the needs of the building and prioritized a list of items that must be taken care of. These items will ensure the safety and comfort of the congregation and visitors. Seventy percent (70%) of the funds collected during the campaign will be utilized for building preservation and maintenance projects.



MAINTENANCE RESERVES

Over time, the building reserve fund has been depleted to attend to immediate needs. For example, repairs were recently made to the entrance and elevator tower to mitigate damage caused by leaks in the roof and walls. It is important to replenish these funds so we don't have to take from the budget for congregational support. Twenty percent (20%) of the funds raised will be deposited into the building maintenance fund to be used on an as-needed basis.

MISSIONS

Covenant Presbyterian Church is a mission-driven church. Some of the most exciting times for members are when "Covenant leaves the building" and works for justice in our community and around the world. Whether it is a local food pantry or a mission trip to the devastated country of Haiti, Covenant members spread the word of Christ through example. As church leadership and the congregation discern how God is calling us to respond, this fund allows us to launch new programs that will help change the lives of others in need. Ten percent (10%) of the money raised will be set aside to expand Covenant's mission work.



Covenant Presbyterian Church looks to a bright future built on a strong past. We are truly a place *"Where Loving God and Neighbor is Transforming Lives."* It is our responsibility to ready our building and property for this important work. Your support will play a critical role. We are counting on your help as we prepare ourselves for a stronger mission in the years ahead.