

# BEYOND HOSPITALITY

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

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## ANNUAL PLEDGE

to the General Operating Fund (for 2025)

### My 2025 Annual Pledge to the General Operating Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly  Annually



I made my Annual Pledge online.

## 3-YEAR BEYOND HOSPITALITY PLEDGE

to the Capital Campaign (thru Dec. 2027)

### My 3-Year Pledge to the Capital Campaign

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly  Monthly  Annually

I/We prefer to give a one-time lump sum of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

I made my Capital Campaign Pledge online.

Please contact me about a gift of stocks, bonds, or other assets.

## WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE

- **BRING** to worship (regular service times) on **Commitment Sunday, November 10**
- **MAIL** in enclosed envelope: Matthews UMC (Attn: Beyond Hospitality) 801 S. Trade St, Matthews, NC 28105
- **ONLINE** via Realm. For help, please contact the Church or email [Realm@MatthewsUMC.org](mailto:Realm@MatthewsUMC.org)

Thanks for Making Ministry Possible!

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING FAQ<sub>s</sub>

## **I understand the church may take on some debt to do this project. Why?**

Pledges to the campaign are for a three-year period. Our current pricing is subject to inflation increases as we extend the project time line into the future. The Finance Committee and Trustees will look at the trade-offs between temporary bridge financing and potential project cost increases to determine the right timing and appropriate debt structure. Any debt obtained for the project would be paid off by pledge receipts and would not be a long-term burden on church operations.

## **Are there ways to minimize the interest costs on debt for the project?**

The sooner pledge payments are received, the lower the bridge financing cost will be. Even though the pledge period is three years, payments can be made earlier if that is convenient and makes sense to the donor.

## **Since we are making our three-year pledges in November of 2024, can we use 2024 as one of the three years?**

That would be wonderful and would aid in reducing the interest expense discussed above. It would also be possible to make an early payment in 2024 on pledges that are set up for the 2025, 2026 & 2027 years, if that is more beneficial from a tax planning perspective.

### ***Some reasons to consider a 2024 payment:***

- Given the strong stock market run during the first part of the year, you may have incurred capital gains in 2024 that you would like to offset with additional contributions.
- You may also have experienced growth in a particular stock that you would like to donate directly to the church so you receive the donation credit at the market value without having to incur a taxable capital gain by selling the stock.
- If you are taking required minimum distributions (RMD) from your retirement accounts, you can request that your financial advisor distribute some of that RMD directly to the church/campaign. Starting in 2024 and using four years for this type of donation might make more sense to you and your financial advisor.

## **How do I make my pledge payments/Can I use the same on line giving portal that I use for general fund giving?**

Payments for the capital campaign can be made in all the same ways that you make contributions to the church. Checks should indicate “*Capital Campaign 2024*” in the memo line. If using the Realm online giving portal, in the drop down line, select “*Capital Campaign 2024*”. If donating a stock gift, please contact Debbie Fitts at 704-841-7672.