

Prepare Ye the Way

A Capital Campaign for Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church



2016-2018

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Preparing the Way for Future Ministry!

Dear Members and Friends of Asbury Memorial UMC,

More than two centuries ago, on land deeded by Daniel Killian, Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church began its long and illustrious career as a beacon of God's light to the residents and passersby of Asheville and its surrounding community. The Reverend Francis Asbury, the first Methodist Bishop in America, used Asbury Memorial as a base from which to establish other Methodist churches across Western North Carolina.

Over the intervening 215 years, Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church has welcomed all comers as a place for spiritual renewal. It continues to be a leader in advocating for and assisting people of all religious persuasions, cultures and economic status, both domestically and internationally. In order to continue and enhance this mission, our church seeks your assistance in helping us achieve the goals of our Comprehensive Capital Campaign entitled "**Prepare Ye the Way.**"

The "Prepare Ye the Way" campaign has three major components: (1) establish a Memorial Garden for cremated remains that will allow the Church to continue to fulfill Daniel Killian's charge "to be a burying ground forever;" (2) improve access to the Church for everyone through new entry ways and parking; and (3) maintain and update our historic building and grounds.

To achieve these objectives that will expand its outreach and enrich the future of our community, and with five decades having elapsed since its last major project, our Church has launched the Prepare Ye the Way campaign with a three-year goal of raising \$300,000. We thank each of you for your careful consideration and generous support that is so essential in helping us fulfill our mission as a United Methodist Church to "follow Jesus, make disciples, and transform the world."

Sincerely,
Elaine Poovey and Scott Glenn



Capital Campaign Committee:

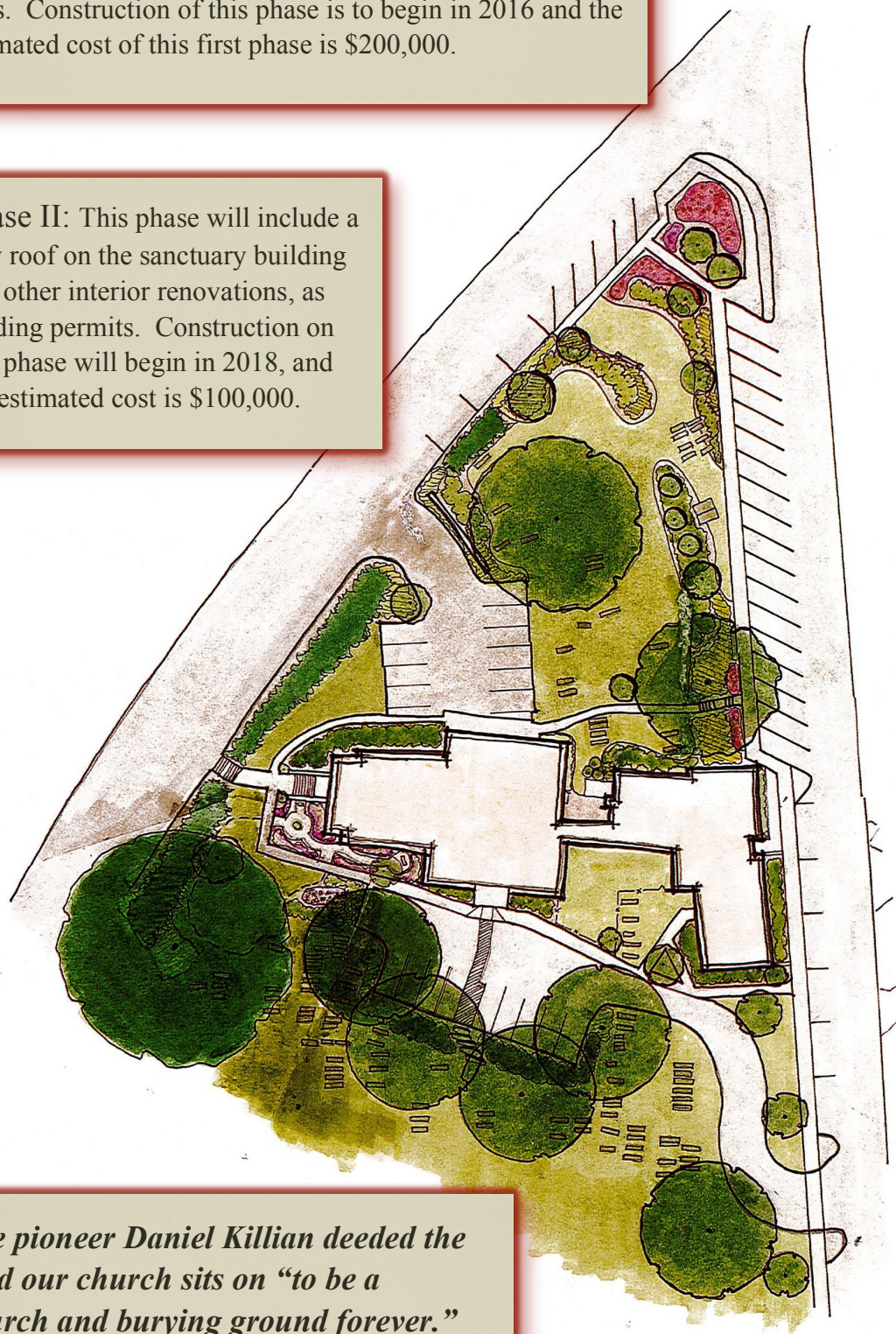
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Phase I: This phase will include major improvements to the grounds of the church. These enhancements will feature a Memorial Garden, accessibility and parking improvements, and a great deal of new landscaping and trees. Construction of this phase is to begin in 2016 and the estimated cost of this first phase is \$200,000.

Phase II: This phase will include a new roof on the sanctuary building and other interior renovations, as funding permits. Construction on this phase will begin in 2018, and the estimated cost is \$100,000.



The pioneer Daniel Killian deeded the land our church sits on "to be a church and burying ground forever."

Frequently Asked Questions

When will all the construction begin?

We will begin construction on each of the individual phases as we reach our benchmark goals to pay for the estimated costs of the construction.

How much will all this cost?

We will be raising an estimated total of \$300,000 for all the phases of construction.

How long will the capital campaign last?

We envision a three-year time frame for completion of the fund raising component of implementing our master plan for our facilities as outlined in the drawing on the previous page.

Will we be going into debt to do all this?

The Church Council has decided that we do not wish to go into debt as a result of these projects. To that end, we will only be doing what we can pay for through the money raised (or pledged) in this capital campaign.

How can I help?

You can help in many different ways:

1. **Monthly Pledge.** Pledging to offer a monthly amount for three years is one of the easiest and best ways to help.
2. **Yearly Pledge.** If you prefer to offer your gift on a yearly basis rather than a monthly basis we are happy to receive your gift in this manner.
3. **One-time Gift.** Some prefer to offer their gift in one lump sum at the very beginning of the campaign.
4. **Gift of Stock/IRA.** Offering your gift in the form of stock or IRA contributions is welcomed, and may have significant tax advantages for some individuals. If you'd like to offer your gift in the form of stock or an IRA disbursement, please contact Bud Allison (828) 250-9816 and he can help make sure this is done correctly and easily.
5. **Other Ways.** If you are interested in giving to the capital campaign in other ways than listed here, please contact a member of the Capital Campaign Committee and we can get you connected.



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