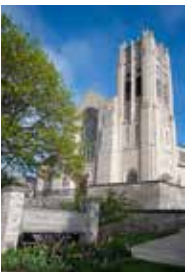


OUR HISTORY AND YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Methodists have been gathering and worshipping in the Fox River Valley since 1837 and were among the first Christians to build a church in St. Charles. We became Baker Memorial UMC when we moved into our current building in



1954. The building was a gift from Colonel Edward J. Baker in memory of his parents, Martha and Edward, who were long-time members of our congregation.

Today we have an opportunity to be a part of the historical presence of St. Charles by working together to keep this building beautiful as well as functional for our community and the people who use our church.

Baker Memorial United Methodist Church is in the midst of a Capital Campaign. The funds received will be used to upgrade and beautify the property. Donations made to the campaign are tax deductible.

Please consider a gift to our Campaign and watch as we renew our church “from the inside out” to serve our community.

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Enclosed is my tax deductible gift of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Baker Memorial UMC. Note *Capital Campaign* on check.

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CAMPAIGN VISION

The St. Charles community has enjoyed the beautiful building given to us by Colonel Baker for over 64 years. The traditional architecture is a vital part of the look and feel of downtown St. Charles.

The community uses our historic building every day, group meetings, a daytime guest ministry for the homeless, Boy Scouts, AA gatherings, The St. Charles Farmers Market...and of course a huge variety of music.

With music lessons, choirs rehearsing, brass and string ensembles practicing and the St. Charles Singers' performances, the building is in constant use. Because we are the center of action in the downtown, things have been well used and now need to be repaired, replaced, and renewed to be welcoming and functional for the community.

We are holding a Capital Campaign to rebuild the church from the "inside out". The sanctuary and the chapel will stay as

they are. The balance of the building and its mechanics are being rethought and a plan for renewal and physical change is being put forth. We are taking care of this exceptional building for everyone to use.

If you feel a connection to Baker Memorial UMC, we welcome and appreciate donations to our Capital Campaign from the community and visitors.

CAMPAIGN FOCUS

Building a new church from the "inside out"

- Repairing/replacing exterior doors to be accessible, operable, and secure.
- Roof and gutter repairs
- ADA accessible bathrooms
- Education and conference rooms
- Hallways and stairs
- Lift/elevator
- Lower narthex
- Lighting, safety, and security systems
- Sanctuary upholstery and organ maintenance
- Upper level library and pastor's office
- Wiley and Baker Halls

Opening a new door

The Cedar Avenue entrance was built to be the back door to the church. Over time it has become the main entrance throughout the week and Sunday mornings. Capital campaign funds would be used to make the Cedar Avenue entrance into a prominent, welcoming entry and gathering space.

Growing our mission

A tenth of all capital campaign funds will be set aside to expand our work in the name of Christ. Imagine

- Investing in evangelism and outreach here in the Fox Valley
- Expanding our Day Guest program, our work with special education students, or other mission opportunities here in the Fox Valley,
- Establishing a long term relationship with mission opportunities nearby, but beyond the Fox Valley, and
- Being a major partner for a focus project with our mission connection in Cambodia.

