

Grateful & Growing:



Being a Good Neighbor

Stewardship & Capital Campaign • St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Capital Campaign Case Statement

We all arrived at St. Andrew's in the middle of the story. St. Andrew's was established in 1906 – long before any of us got here. But regardless of when you encountered St. Andrew's, you know that our parish is a diverse and inclusive family that values you – and every individual – as a child of God, encourages you, challenges you to practice Christ's love, and supports you in your unique ministry. Each of us is a part of the St. Andrew's story today.

Over the past 12 years, capital fund efforts have focused on addressing deferred maintenance and renovation of our church facilities, decreasing our carbon footprint, creating beautiful sacred outdoor spaces, and providing a place where ministry and service can flourish in a multitude of expressions.

In this season of the life of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, we are called to provide for the ongoing vitality of our church. Last year, we were able to acquire the house just north of our existing tandem parking spots (7745 2nd Ave NE) which has a paved lot in the back next to the church's. This acquisition and Capital Campaign:

- Provide 10 more parking spaces, which
 - Promotes the growth of St. Andrew's and
 - Allows us to be good neighbors by alleviating parking issues on neighborhood streets;
- Increase our capacity for partnerships with social service agencies to provide affordable rental housing;
- Enable us to replace fossil-fuel heating systems and appliances with efficient alternatives;
- Allow us to install solar panels on church buildings and rental houses;
- Strengthen our partnership of generations by investing now for future growth and environmental stewardship; and
- Allow us to use one of the houses a Rectory, if needed.

Through the generosity of some of our members, the Vestry was able to obtain temporary financing to purchase the property. We are now establishing the permanent financial plan for this property which includes commitments to pay off the mortgage we are carrying with the Diocese.

In addition, after we raise enough to pay down our mortgage to a manageable level, we are devoting 50% of additional funds to environmental improvements aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint.

Our ***Grateful & Growing: Being a Good Neighbor*** capital campaign presents a challenge, but one that is within the capacity of our congregation to achieve. It takes the cooperation and generosity of the entire church membership. Every member is invited to be an important part of this endeavor. Working together we will certainly reach our goals to serve ministry programs today and enhance our capacity for positive growth in our parish and strengthened community connections in the years ahead.

Our campaign impels our mission and ministry forward. Years from now we will remember with pride that we were a vital part of this chapter of the St. Andrew's story.