

## Pledges

Pledges are over 3 years and will begin as soon as you are ready.

Please be sure to label your envelope as BFF– LIT There will be envelopes in the pews and in the hallway for you to use. Your pledge is between you and God, it can be

made as a one time gift, a yearly gift, a monthly gift or a weekly gift it is entirely up to you. Or it can be a

pledge to just pray for the church.

Some people have completed or have paid part of their pledge to the original campaign and we thank you for that. It is because of that, that we have the \$130,000 in hand to move forward with the project.

### Q. What is the Church asking from you?

The Church is asking you to pray and to consider the importance of this vision to the ministry of our church. Think about how exciting it will be seeing all of our fellow congregants be able to enjoy our beautiful Stained Glass Windows for generations to come, to better utilize the space on the main level and in time, for everyone to be able to join us in fellowship hall because we have made it accessible by elevator. Take some time to review the gift chart and the brochure you have been given. Remember this gift is an over and above gift.

Think of ways to stretch your gift and remember this is a partnership that will last a life time, not just the three years of the campaign.

Come on Sunday, April 7, 2019 prepared to make your confidential 3 year commitment to

**Bridge Our Future Through Faith,  
Lift It Up.**

The team hopes that this booklet has been a help to you in making your decision to become a partner in the campaign.

**Thank you for being our BFF!**



187 Stockton Street PO Box 137  
Hightstown, New Jersey 08520  
609-448-0041

[www.hightstownmethodist.org](http://www.hightstownmethodist.org)

Jeremiah 29:11 " For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good....to give you a future and a hope



# Questions and Answers about the BFF– Lift It Up Campaign Part 2

## What does the project consist of?

**Stage one** Will cost approximately \$250,000. That will cover renovations to the main level, that consist of bringing all electric up to code and electrical work as needed, removing the existing bathroom on the main level and replacing it with 2 new bathrooms one of which will be ADA compliant. This stage will move the Choir and remodel the Carlton Rooms. If we raise \$317,000 we will also do the Faith, Hope and Charity window in the sanctuary.

## How much money do we have in hand and how much do we need to raise?

As of the end of February we had \$130,000, this money is from people who paid money to the campaign before and after the campaign was put on hold. The money has been invested and has been earning Interest. We also have raised \$70,000 in advance pledges from our Leadership and another over \$10,000 in pledges and gifts. With the money in investments and the advanced pledges we will need to raise \$37,920 to do the work on the main level or \$104,920 to do the main level and the one window in the sanctuary.

## When will we start?

Work will begin in the next few months, as soon as the Architect signs off on the plans. We have met with the Electrician and the Construction people and we are ready. The electrical work will be our first priority.

## What about Grants?

Churches are no longer eligible to receive Historic Trust Grants, which we have received in the past. We are looking into other types of Grants and to other types of Partnerships to help with the project.

## Why do we need two bathrooms?

We need two bathrooms to better accommodate our guest. There is no handicap bathroom on the main level and the present bathroom could not be reconfigured to make it ADA approved so we decided to move the bathrooms and to add one for the convenience of all. The one bathroom will be fully handicap accessible with handles, high toilet, etc. The other bathroom will have a changing table and will have a door that goes directly into the nursery.

## How long will the project take to complete?

Depending on how the money comes in the project will take at least 2 to 3 years to complete.

While the project is ongoing the building will be open for services and we will be able to use the rooms. There will be times when we will probably be asked to enter the sanctuary from other means than the door by the office, but we will make sure that everyone is informed.

During construction we will take every precaution to make it as dust free and clear of hazards for the people who need to access the building.

## Flooring

As of right now the type of flooring is not set.

## Elevator

The next phase of the project will be a new entrance and elevator. That phase of the project will not begin until this phase is completed and we have raised money for the next phase. Hopefully it will begin in 3 years.

