

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2025

DREAM

BALANCING AND BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE

first united methodist church
Richardson

At First United Methodist Church Richardson, we have always been a church shaped by bold dreams. From our earliest days, faithful members have listened for God's voice and responded with courage, generosity, and hope. They dreamed of a church where all would be welcomed for Christ, where lives would grow in Christ, and where people of every age would go into the world to serve others with Christ. Now it's our turn to dream.



For the past twenty-four years, it has been my deep privilege to serve as your pastor. And never have I felt a greater need for a church like ours. In a world too often marked by division, FUMCR opens its doors wide, welcoming all as beloved children of God. I've seen firsthand the transformative love that lives here, and I dream of future generations experiencing that same grace and belonging in a thriving, life-giving church home.

The Dream Capital Campaign is our opportunity to invest in that future by retiring our remaining debt and reimagining our campus for the next generation. The intentional decisions we make today will shape the ministry and mission of tomorrow.

These dreams won't become a reality on their own. It will take all of us - every household, every generation - stepping forward in faith. Today, we worship and serve in a church dreamed by those who came before us. Tomorrow, others will be blessed by what we dare to dream today.

Let's dream boldly, together.

In Christ,
Clayton Oliphint



A Church Rooted in Faith. A Future Built on Hope.

In 1886, fifteen members gathered once a month for worship. With open hearts and bold dreams, they built a church that has welcomed thousands since.

Today, we gather in the spaces they imagined. And now, it's our turn.

Our campaign, DREAM: Balancing and Building for Our Future, is about legacy. It's about the lives we will touch and the future we are called to shape.

Let's dream together.



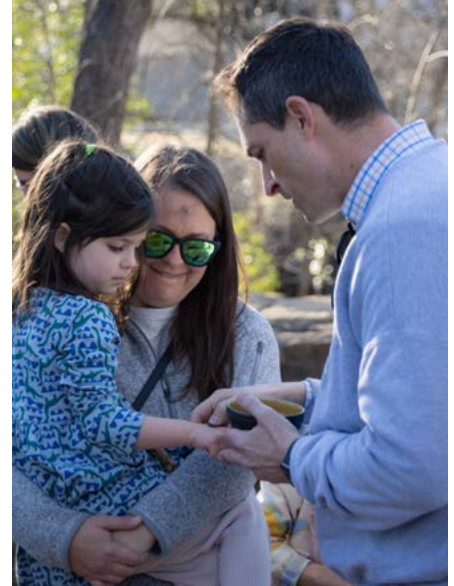
Why We're Here:

Our Mission

With open hearts and minds,
we welcome people for Christ,
grow people in Christ,
and serve people with Christ.

This mission is our shared experience. As people of hope, it's how we come together to make a difference: today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

This capital campaign is our opportunity to strengthen the community that has strengthened us.



Dreaming of Our Future:

Our Calling

This campaign is the result of years of prayer, visioning, and listening, guided by our Strategic Vision Committee, Church Council, Exploratory Committee, Building Committee, and voices from across the congregation.

Their diligent work led to three clear priorities we must act on now:

1. Invest in Children, Youth, and Young Families
2. Broaden Engagement Across All Ages
3. Strengthen Our Financial Position

These are not only the hopes for our future. They are the needs of our present.



1. Children, Youth & Young Families

Investing in young families is investing in the heart and future of our faith community. Yet today, 75% of our members are over age 40.

Barna research tells us most people make faith decisions before graduating from high school. This means the seeds we plant now matter more than ever.

This campaign is our chance to say: We see you. You belong here.

We will build welcoming entrances, inspiring spaces, and clear paths for families to grow in faith.



2. Engagement at Every Age

From Sunday worship to serving in our communities, connection is the heartbeat of FUMCR.

We believe engagement is more than showing up. It's finding purpose, forming friendships, and deepening our faith.

If every one of our 6,000+ members added just one new way to connect, imagine the possibilities.

With refreshed spaces and strategic improvements, we can make those paths clearer and more welcoming for all. We have the opportunity to enrich how people experience FUMCR at every age and stage of life.

3. Financial Strength for Mission Impact

FUMCR has always honored fiscal responsibility. Today, our debt represents **14%** of our annual budget.

Reducing that burden means releasing resources so ministry, outreach, and innovation can flourish.

Every dollar we free from debt is a dollar directed to the work God is calling us to do.



Meet the Co-Chairs: A Message from Us

“We sit in the spaces envisioned by dreamers before us. Now, it’s our turn to dream boldly, so future generations have spaces that reflect their belonging and their faith.”



Bob & Kim Caston

FUMCR has shaped our family’s faith across three generations and continues to ground us in purpose and service. We’re honored to lead this capital campaign as a way to pay forward the spiritual and financial legacy left by those who came before us. We believe this campaign is essential to empowering future leaders, supporting young families, and strengthening the church’s impact in our community. This is our moment to come together, sharing in the sacrifice and the joy, to ensure FUMCR continues to welcome, grow, and serve for generations to come.



Gary & Barbie Coleman

FUMCR has been central to our family’s life for nearly five decades, shaping our faith and connecting us to a loving community. As Richardson has grown, so has our church’s impact, and now it’s our turn to help secure its future. This capital campaign is a chance to ensure FUMCR remains strong for generations to come, supporting ministries that change lives and grow disciples. We’re honored to give back through our service and gifts, just as others did before us.



Ross & Rebekah Gilbert

We joined the capital campaign because we’re committed to investing in the next generation and creating spaces where families can deepen their faith. Upgrading our children’s facilities and adding a community pavilion will make FUMCR even more welcoming and vibrant. Refreshing existing areas and paying down debt shows wise stewardship and prepares us for what God has next. It’s a joy to help build something that will bless our church for years to come.

What We're Doing

Refresh and Refurbishment

- Update technology, including Sanctuary sound and classroom tools
- Renovate the Chapel for worship and family moments
- Modernize Bartula Family Life Center lobby
- Enhance way-finding, lighting, furniture, and campus security
- Improve parking lots throughout campus

Reimagine the Campus

- Clearer, safer entrances for Children and Youth Ministries
- Improved sight-lines, safety, and gathering spaces
- New outdoor Community Pavilion across Custer Road



Financial Strength for Mission Impact

These aren't cosmetic upgrades. They are physical signs of welcome, purpose, and connection for the people attending today, and for those who will join us in the future.





What It Will Take

A commitment from every household, above and beyond regular giving, fulfilled over three years.

Whether you're a long-time giver or this is your first campaign, your part matters. This is our moment to come together in faith and generosity.

We believe this dream is possible because we believe in this church and its people.

We believe we are better together.

Giving Guide: What Commitment Could Look Like

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Year Total
\$25.00	\$108.33	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00
\$50.00	\$216.67	\$2,600.00	\$7,800.00
\$100.00	\$433.33	\$5,200.00	\$15,600.00
\$250.00	\$1,083.33	\$13,000.00	\$39,000.00
\$500.00	\$2,166.67	\$26,000.00	\$78,000.00
\$1,000.00	\$4,333.33	\$52,000.00	\$156,000.00
\$1,250.00	\$5,416.67	\$65,000.00	\$195,000.00
\$1,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$78,000.00	\$234,000.00
\$2,000.00	\$8,666.67	\$104,000.00	\$312,000.00
\$3,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$156,000.00	\$468,000.00

Anticipated Giving Methods:

Online or Recurring Giving - Set up a one-time or recurring gift online anytime at fumcr.com/givenow. A simple way to stay consistent in your support.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) - If you are age 70½ or older, you can give directly from your IRA, up to \$108,000 per year, without paying income tax on the withdrawal. A QCD can also count toward your required minimum distribution if you're over 73.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities - Donate stocks, bonds, or mutual funds held for over a year and receive a charitable deduction for the full value, while avoiding capital gains taxes. Most securities can be transferred electronically to FUMCR.

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) - Contribute to a Donor Advised Fund, and recommend grants to FUMCR over time. DAFs offer flexibility and can maximize the impact of your giving in a way that fits your financial planning.

Cash or Checks - Give by placing cash or check in the offering plate on Sundays or mail your gift to the church. If offering a single gift, please note how much should go towards your annual pledge and how much towards the capital campaign.

See more at: fumcr.com/dream



A Legacy of Faithful Vision



1886

Founded by 15 members, meeting monthly in borrowed space

1898

Raised funds to purchase land by sewing and selling a 500-square quilt



1958

First worship services held at 534 Beltline Road

2000

Voted to move to our current 22.5-acre home



2006

Inaugural worship and celebrations on our new campus

2017

Coleman Family Hall, Worship & Arts Center, and offices open



→ **SPRING 2026:** Refurbishment Begins

→ **FALL 2026:** Ground Breaking on New Construction

→ **FALL 2027:** Project Complete

**“He said to them,
‘Listen to this dream I had.’”**

— Genesis 37:6

Those words began a story of transformation. We believe God continues to call us into a future beyond what we can see, if we have the faith to dream.

Join Us



Campaign Launch:
September 7, 2025



Commitment Sunday:
September 28, 2025



Refurbishment Begins:
Spring 2026



Projected Debt-Free:
2028



**Your dreams
shape our future.
Let's build it, together.**

DREAM

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Learn more & explore giving: fumcr.com/dream



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