

Give Gather Grow

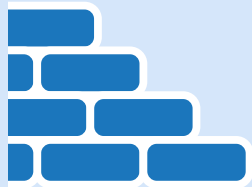


Building for Community



**Lakewood
Congregational
Church**

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***“For wherever two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
— Matthew 18:20***

Dear Friends and Members of Lakewood Congregational Church,

Seventy years ago, our church dreamed up a space to gather and grow in faith and fellowship. From this inspiration came our social hall, stage, and kitchen. The gifts of the saints who came before us strengthened our facilities for effective ministry for decades.

We have used these areas in every way imaginable: for Boar’s Head Festivals, Christmas pageants, Congregational meetings, potlucks, dinners, and other meals, talent shows, Cleveland Pride Band rehearsals, rummage sales, youth musicals, as a gym for Haynes Nursery School students, a safe space for 12-step recovery meetings, a space for our large canvas labyrinth, and so much more. We’ve made so many memories here.

Over these 70 years, time has taken its toll on these treasured and well-used spaces. We’ve made repairs here and there. We’ve cared for them well, but we’ve made very few upgrades. Today, a little glue, a few nails, and fresh paint simply aren’t the answer for the future.

Our congregation keeps growing — along with our fellowship needs. It’s time to invest in these important spaces as this happens so we have a place for our community to gather. We also want to ensure future members have the same opportunities to connect in a safe, accessible, and welcoming space. That’s why we’re renovating. We want to modernize, refresh, and brighten our beloved kitchen, social hall, and West Clifton entrance.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to our **Give, Gather, Grow** Capital Campaign to help make this renovation a reality. We’re confident you’ll see the ways your **gifts** — no matter the size — have made an impact when we **gather** in our renewed spaces as a community of people **growing** in faith and connection.

We and our capital campaign team leadership are here to answer questions and support you in your discernment. Just ask. Many thanks in advance for your support on this exciting journey!

Rev. Joanna D’Agostino
Senior Pastor

Kim Katzenberger
Capital Campaign Chair



Prayerfully Consider a Generous Gift to this Meaningful Project!

Pray. Remember. Envision.

Consider God's blessings in your life and LCC's role in the world. Remember the ones who took care of LCC before us and imagine the legacy you can leave for the future.

Explore Creative Giving Options

Gifts can be made by cash, check or credit card. You may also consider asset-based giving. Our Campaign Team can offer suggestions to discuss with your donor advisor, accountant, or attorney.

Make Your Commitment

Gifts will be unique to each person's circumstance. Most will be fulfilled over 3 to 5 years. Bring your commitment form to worship on Celebration Sunday, and we'll bless our gifts together!



**Join Us on
Celebration Sunday
April 28, 2024!**



Commitment forms will be available during the month of April. If you can't be present on Celebration Sunday, please mail your form to the church or bring it to the church office.



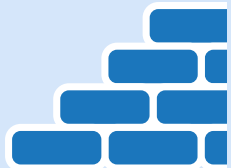
PROJECT COMPONENTS

CATEGORY	EST. COST
Construction Costs	
West Clifton Entrance	\$94,916
Social Hall & Stage	\$557,787
Kitchen	\$267,007
Electrical, Mechanical, Safety, & Asbestos Abatement	\$292,800
Kitchen Equipment & Social Hall Furniture	\$89,000
Theater Lighting & Sound	\$50,000
Architecture, Design, & Engineering Fees	\$120,000
UCC Advisors & Other Campaign Costs	\$62,166
Construction & Other Contingencies	\$50,521

ESTIMATED TOTAL \$ 1,584,197



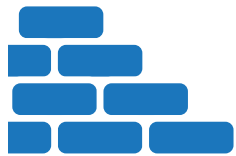
***“Unless **God** builds the house,
we labor in vain.” – Psalm 127***



Rendering for New Kitchen

Photo from our “new”
1954 Kitchen





FAQs

There are many questions to ask and answer about a project of this size. There's also a lot we're learning together. Our team is continually putting thought and prayer into all decisions so we can be the best stewards of our building and resources. Your questions are always welcome along the way.

What will the project entail?

This project will bring much-needed updates to our social hall, kitchen and West Clifton entrance. Fully renovating these spaces will improve how we use them and how they look. We'll also address accessibility at the West Clifton entrance by repairing or replacing worn doors and pathways. Structural updates for the entire project will follow the latest building codes, including asbestos removal and new electrical panels and lighting.

Wouldn't a fresh coat of paint clean things up instead?

The social hall and kitchen have been well-used and well-loved for many years, and now they show the wear and tear from many gatherings. We haven't significantly renovated these spaces since the 1950s. It's time to give them the care and attention they deserve, so they can keep serving as gathering places for our church and community.

The building is so old and has other issues — why focus on this?

For generations, LCC members have enjoyed using the social hall and kitchen to worship, celebrate and connect. We want to ensure these spaces will be available to use in their best form for many years to come. Our Building & Grounds team is always evaluating the other needs of our building, and more recently began a Capital Expense Fund to prepare for future upkeep and avoid deferred maintenance.

When will the project start?

Our current construction timeline will kick off during Spring 2024.

How long will the spaces be out of commission?

Our construction team estimates work will take roughly six months from start to finish.

How will construction affect worship and other activities?

We don't expect our worship space to be impacted by the construction, but the project will impact other activities in various ways. We'll maintain communication with groups who use the space and make adjustments to gatherings and events as needed. Changes will be communicated as soon as information is available.

Will the project impact Haynes Nursery School?

Our plans will not interrupt to the HNS school year, and we will communicate with HNS staff and families through the process.

How much is it going to cost?

Our construction team estimates the project budget at about \$1.6 million.

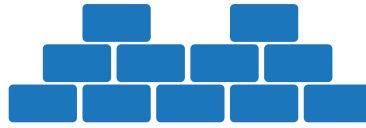
How are we going to pay for it?

Our fundraising campaign will engage LCC's current and past members and friends, as well as groups that frequently use LCC spaces. This will be a 3- to 5-year pledge campaign. We are also seeking grant funding for certain project elements.



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CAMPAIGN TEAM LEADERSHIP

With many thanks to more people than we can name, this group is just a small snapshot of the people who have helped us get this far!



Our Campaign Team Task Group Chairs

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