



**FAITHFUL
FOUNDATION**

*“For I gave you an example, so that you also
would do just as I did for you.” John 13:15*

**2024 Operating Campaign
3-year Capital Campaign**



**We live in community as we
GATHER, GROW, GO, & GIVE together.**

We GATHER each week to worship God together.

**We GROW in our faith by connecting with a small group that
encourages us to learn more about God.**

**We GO out into the community and the world to serve and share
God's love with others.**

**We GIVE of our financial resources and time as a spiritual
discipline and in response to God's generosity to us.**

We are the Body of Christ, called to mission and ministry in the Katy/Fulshear community and beyond. From mission work in faraway lands to the Messiah Sing-a-Long, from disaster relief to providing snack bags for our partner elementary school, from children's ministry to weekly worship experiences, St. Peter's United Methodist Church aims to Connect the World with God's Love. In this brochure, there is information on how we can partner together to provide resources for ministry and reduce our debt to build a faithful foundation for the future.

A MESSAGE FROM
DR. PAT SPARKS
LEAD PASTOR



When I was still in seminary, I had a church member who was a carpenter. He built new houses or remodeled older ones. After I finished seminary, and before I received my first full-time church to serve, I worked with him. I learned a lot about construction. One of the most important things I learned was the significance of a good foundation. If the foundation isn't solid, it doesn't matter how well the house is built. Without a good foundation, the house will not last.

With this in mind, we decided to name our operating and capital campaign "Faithful Foundation." It is our hope to use this campaign to underwrite our operating budget, reduce our debt, and do some capital improvements at both campuses. By doing these things, we will be strengthening our ministry and financial foundation. With this strong foundation, we will be ready to build on our great history of ministry and mission. St. Peter's United Methodist Church has been a witness to the Katy area for over 40 years and we are taking this opportunity to strengthen our position for an even greater witness to the Katy and Fulshear area for the next 40 plus years.

I pray that we all take a step of faith as we join together in our generosity and strengthen our ministry foundation. I pray that we build a faithful foundation upon which we can continue to build on our mission to "Connect the World with God's Love."

Dr. Pat Sparks

A MESSAGE FROM

Rev. Alex Zeisig

SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR



The parable of the two builders has been an anchor verse for me for the last few years. I find myself returning to its teachings and encouragement. The parable in Luke 6:48 beautifully illustrates a life built on enduring principles and unshakeable truth. This verse tells us of the wise builder who "dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock." When the floods came, the house stood firm. What has captured my imagination is that in Israel, you would build in the summer months, and the clay that you would have to dig through is as hard as copper. It captures the hard, difficult work that building on a foundation actually takes. It's a reminder that the strength of our lives lies not in the external structures we build, but in the depth, stability, and quality of the foundation upon which they stand. Just as the wise builder in the parable, we too must dig deep, laying our lives on the foundation that can withstand any storm, ensuring resilience and stability in our personal and spiritual journeys. In the parable the storm comes for everyone, but we can have confidence that when it does, what we have built on Christ will continue to stand.

Rev. Alex Zeisig

A MESSAGE FROM

Rev. Whitney Peper

PASTOR OF CARE & SPECIAL NEEDS

“Faithful foundations is an opportunity to for us as a church, the sons and daughters of God, to collectively commit to laying a foundation for the generations that will come. We are faithful when we give, not because we expect it to benefit us, but because we know and trust that God can and will do amazing things through the gifts we give. This campaign is our opportunity to look into the future and see what God will do in the month, years, and decades to come. We teach our children about the wise man who built his house upon a rock and I think that can apply to us too. The rock is a lasting and strong foundation, and the foundation that every Christian is called to have, is not physical a rock, but a foundation that is made up and secure in Jesus Christ. If we put our foundation in Jesus Christ we know, with absolute certainty, it will be used to glorify God and make disciples for Jesus Christ and here and now, we as St. Peter’s have the opportunity to lay such a faithful foundation that in years and decades to come, others will look and see what we did with a foundation rooted in Christ.”

Whitney Peper

Rev. Whitney Peper



A MESSAGE FROM

Rev. Christie Walker

PASTOR TO THE ELEMENT

“Foundation work isn't glamorous. No one walks into a house and comments on the sturdiness of the foundation. When it's good and solid, we often forget it's there at all. But a good foundation is the most important part of building a structure that can withstand the weather for many years. Jesus even uses this illustration in the Parable of the Two Builders for the importance of building our lives on the solid foundation of faith in Christ. One builder doesn't do the hard work of digging down to the bedrock to build, and when the water rose up, the house came down. The other builder, though, puts in the unglamorous effort to ensure their house will be sturdy.

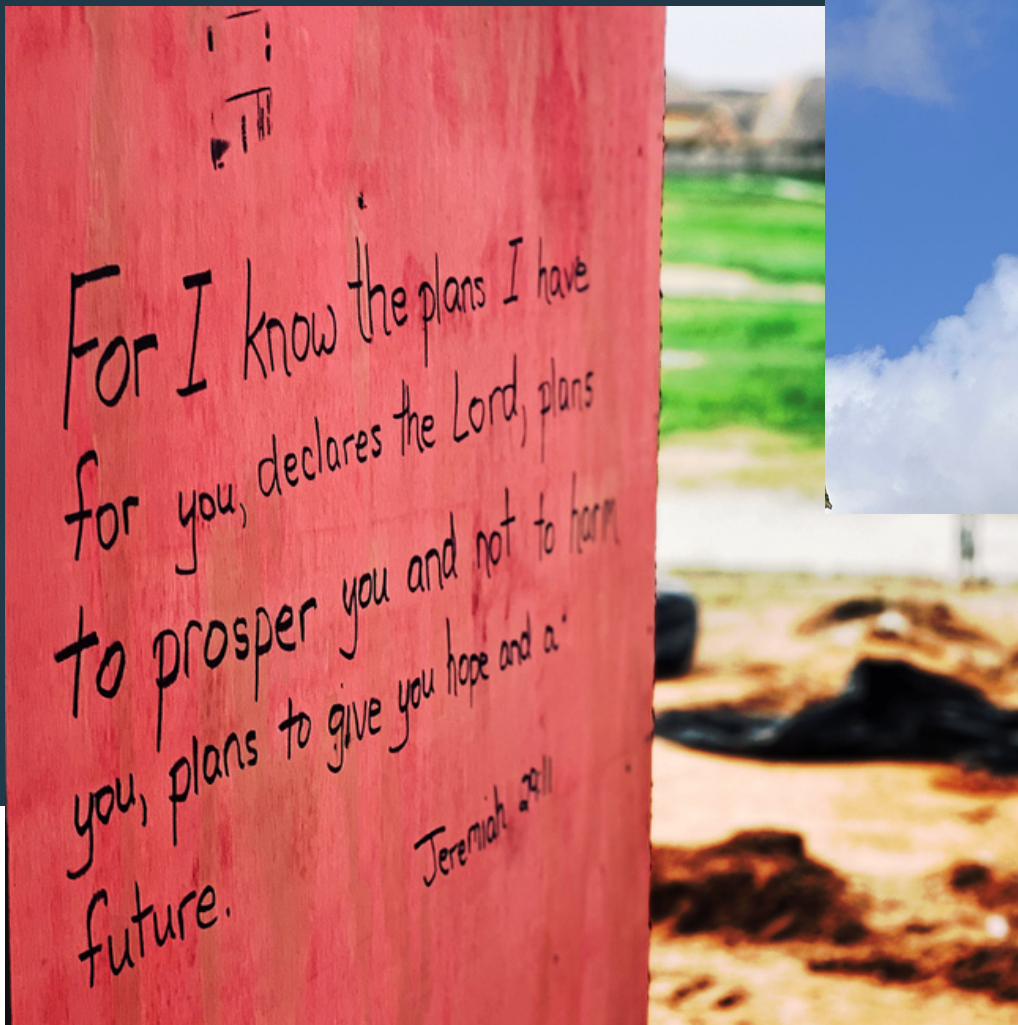
For the local church, the strength of our foundation is in our faithfulness to Christ with the resources we have. But faithfulness isn't always flashy or fancy. This campaign will be a time for our church to do the hard work of strengthening its foundation so that St. Peter's UMC continues to be a church home for faithful followers of Jesus Christ who serve and welcome our neighbors for many years to come.”

Christie Walker

Rev. Christie Walker



TAKING FAITHFUL STEPS NOW
SO THAT WE CAN BUILD A
LEGACY OF FAITHFULNESS.

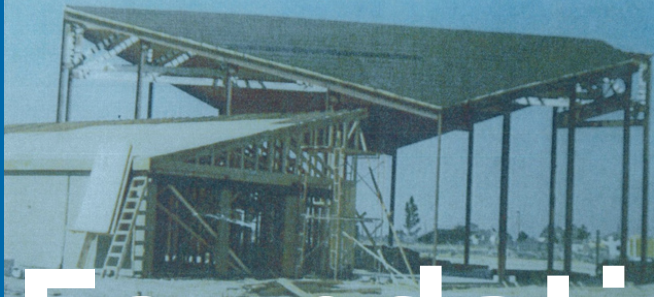


**We seek to Connect the
World with God's Love.**



***So that* we can be
known as faithful
followers of Jesus
Christ in serving
and welcoming
our neighbors.**





Foundational History





"Multiple generations of our family worship together at St. Peter's; we have found a place to each find community and serve together as a family."

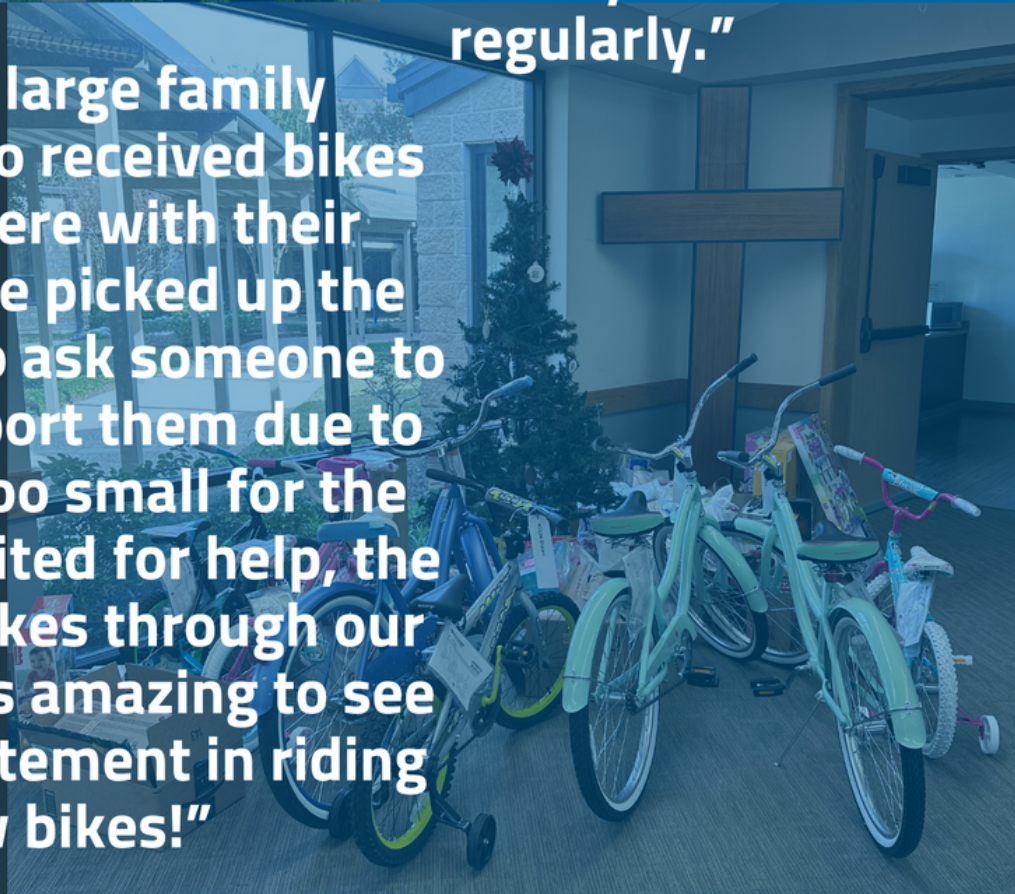


STP MISSIONS

"As part of CWOW, we provided money for 80+ loads laundry and food for fellowship at the Seashore Washeteria. Seeing people excited to go home and get their laundry and how grateful they were was such a blessing. My hope is that we can continue this ministry more regularly."



"There was a large family (6+ children) who received bikes and the kids were with their mother when she picked up the bikes. They had to ask someone to help them transport them due to their car being too small for the bikes. As they waited for help, the kids rode their bikes through our parking lot. It was amazing to see their joy and excitement in riding their new bikes!"



STP CARE

"So appreciative of this group. My mom enjoyed reading their cards throughout her cancer journey."



"This smock was a gift of dignity, love and grace when I needed it the most..."



"Love this ministry. Our son adores the blanket, hat, and mittens made by these incredible women. It warms our hearts as his parents that he is so loved by our church community."



STP STUDENTS



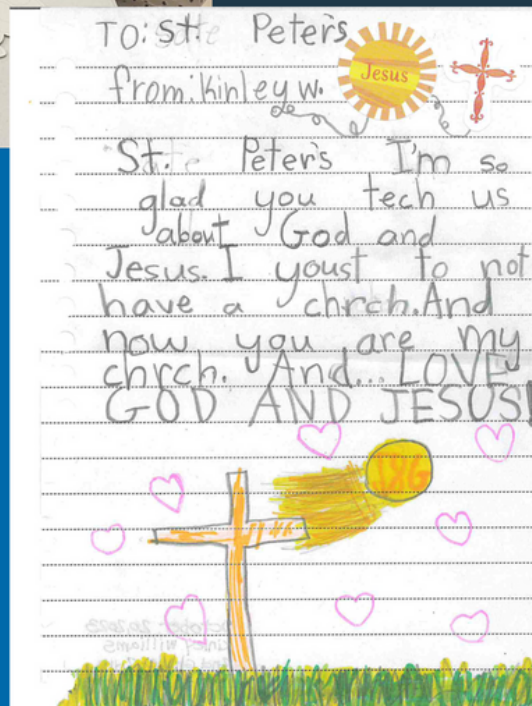
Our students are learning what it means to be part of the larger church through serving in worship, gaining greater knowledge of Scripture & Methodism through confirmation, and being the hands & feet of Christ in the community by serving with our local mission partners.





STP KIDS

Each week, we are able to bless 300+ children in our Sunday school classes and midweek Bible studies.



"Serving allows us to build a relationship with kids and enables us to see the Holy Spirit move in their lives."



STP GROW GROUPS

"We love meeting together in a place where we feel the love and support of others."



STP MUSIC MINISTRY

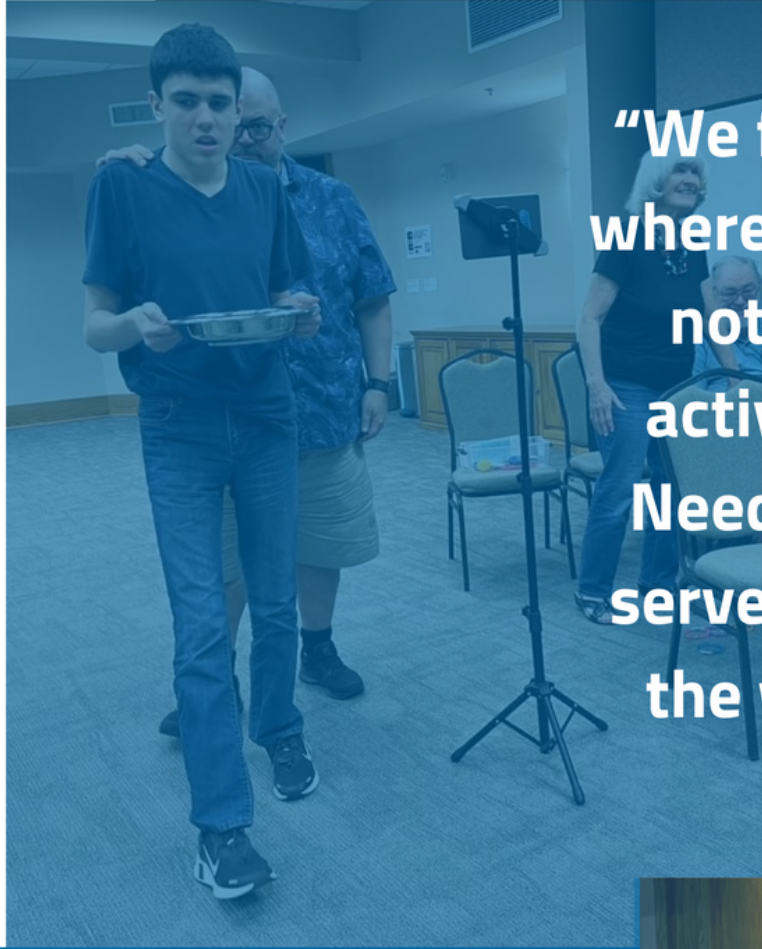


**"It's truly a blessing to listen to the music and
hear people share their gifts."**

This is Your family
Stretching as far as I can see



STP SPECIAL NEEDS



"We finally found a place where we were welcomed, not just tolerated. An active and vital Special Needs Ministry not only serves the individual, but the whole family, too."

"Always glad when our H2O friends join us."

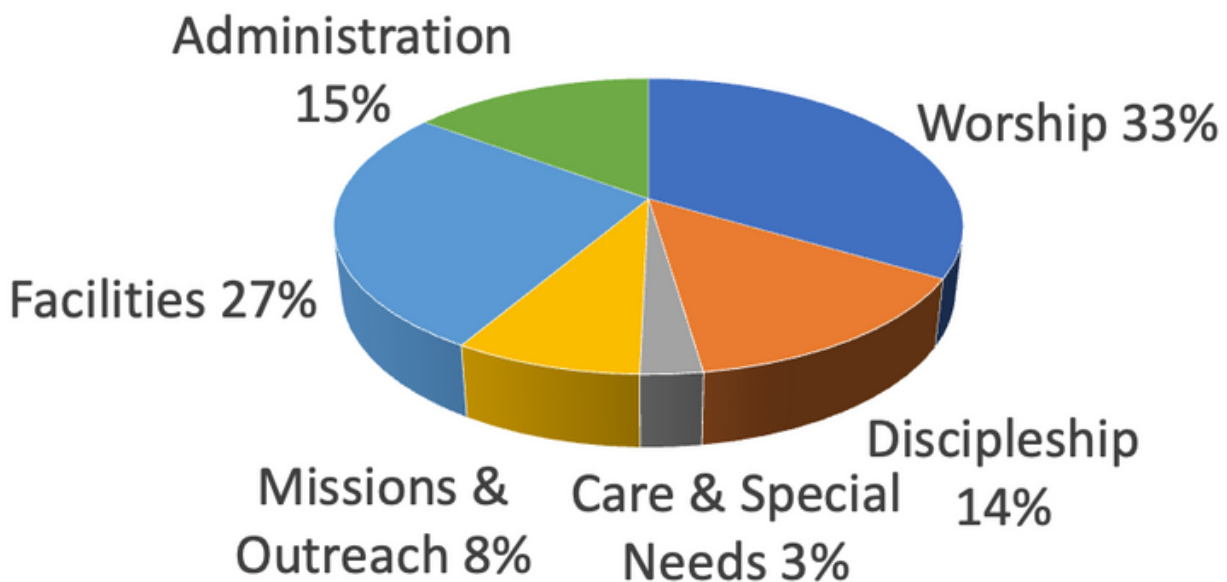
"He was so cute singing and directing with us."



FAITHFUL Generosity

At this time, we have a debt balance of \$3,950,000, which is in two loans with the Texas Methodist Foundation. We would like to set ourselves up for future success by having a campaign that is two-fold. First, we would like to underwrite our Operating Budget for 2024. It is our hope to establish a budget of \$3,350,000, which will help us meet the needs of our ministry goals. Second, we would like for our capital campaign to reduce and/or eliminate our debt and to add another temporary building at the West Campus and do some work to improve the Kingsland Campus. These things will enable us to be in a great position for phase 2 of the West Campus and continued improvements of the Kingsland Campus as we move into the future that God has for St. Peter's United Methodist Church. Our goal for this three-year capital campaign is \$4,500,000.

2024 Operating Goal - \$3,350,000



Worship – 33%

Our Pastoral and Music Ministry partners with our congregation to gather and worship God. Matthew 18:20 says “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”

- Preaching and Teaching
- Celebrating Sacraments
- Leading and Visioning
- Transformational Worship Music

Discipleship – 14%

Discipleship is an integral part of our spiritual journey. Children, Student and Adult ministries strategically work together to create a pathway for people of all ages to nurture faith and grow towards maturity in Christ, from birth through adulthood.

- Children & Student Programming on Sundays and Weekly
- Adult Sunday School
- Life Groups
- Bible Studies
- Men's & Women's Groups
- Resources for Parents and Families
- Senior Adult Groups

FAITHFUL Generosity

Care & Special Needs – 3%

Care Ministry and Support Group opportunities create a strong network of loving care for anyone going through a difficult time. Our Special Needs Ministry welcomes children, teens, and adults with special needs into the community of our church. We strive to provide safe, calming, and welcoming programs so all of God's people feel they belong.

- Visitation
- Pastoral Care
- Support Groups
- Care Team
- H2O
- Friday Night Friends

Missions & Outreach – 8%

Our mission is to Connect the World with God's Love. We do this through missions in our community, our state, our nation, and our world. We participate in missions as a church and in partnership with other organizations in our community.

- Church Without Walls
- Local Mission Partners (Christ Clinic, Hope Impacts, Brookwood Community, The Ballard House, Pregnancy Help Center, Clothed by Faith, the YMCA, Katy Responds)
- School Partnerships
- UMC Apportionments which are an element of a connectional system that was established by John Wesley in the very early days of Methodism. Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

Facilities – 27%

Our facilities exist to support the mission of our church by providing space and amenities for existing ministries and the growing needs of our congregation and community. We have over 70 groups per week meeting on our two campuses.

- 112,000 sq ft on 2 campuses
- Support weekday preschool
- 100+ rooms
- 43 HVAC units
- \$16,000,000 Building/Contents Insured

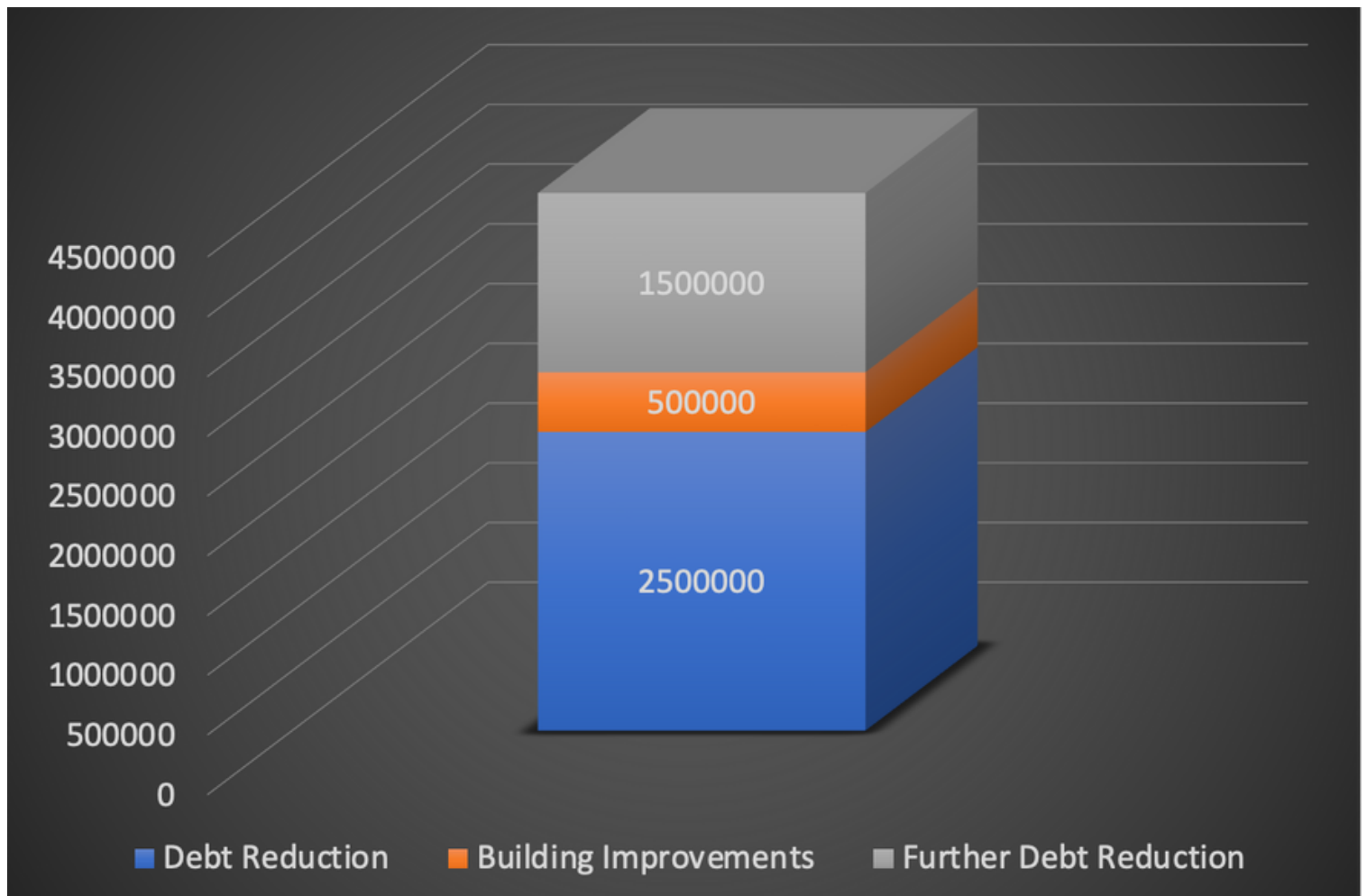
Administration – 15%

Our Business Office provides our congregation, pastors and program staff with the support they need to implement and carry out the mission of our church.

- Business Office Activities (HR, Finance, Technology)
- Database
- Stewardship
- Website Maintenance
- Communication Tools
- Publications
- Special Event Assistance

FAITHFUL Generosity

2024 Capital Campaign Goal - \$4,500,000



Our first \$2,500,000 raised will go strictly to pay principal and interest on our current loan. The next \$500,000 will be used to add another temporary building at the West Campus and do some work to improve the Kingsland Campus. These things will enable us to be in a great position for phase 2 of the West Campus and continued improvements of the Kingsland Campus as we move into the future that God has for St. Peter's United Methodist Church. Finally, anything above \$3,000,000 towards our goal of \$4,500,000 will service the remaining debt.

FAITHFUL Generosity

2024 Capital Campaign Goal - \$4,500,000

Number of Households	Gift Amount	Number of Households	Gift Amount
1	500000	12	15000
2	400000	15	10000
3	300000	20	7000
4	100000	25	5000
5	75000	30	3000
8	50000	50	2000
10	30000	rest	1000 or less

There are a couple of ways that we can reach our goal of \$4,500,000:

1) Our 2023 operating budget projection is approximately \$3,000,000. If every member of St. Peter's gives what they normally give in one year and multiple it by 1.5 and give that additional amount over the next 3 years (over and beyond their normal giving), then we would hit our goal.

OR

2) If every member of St. Peter's gave different amounts according to the following chart, we will hit our faith goal.

Please prayerfully consider establishing a Faithful Foundation with St. Peter's UMC through your generosity.

Together as a church family, reflect on how you have experienced the love of God and our neighbors through our ministries, and how you might help us setup a Faithful Foundation to continue to connect the world with God's love.

