

CONTINUING
THE LEGACY
CAMPAIGN



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BRIGHTON, MI

A LETTER FROM FR. DEON JOHNSON



Dear Members and Friends,

Nearly three years ago, many of us embarked on a historic effort – the renovation and revitalization of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. We built on the legacy of William & Jacintha Clark, our founders, and the countless women and men who have enhanced and called St. Paul’s their spiritual home.

The power and beauty of God’s love has been made tangible through this community—spirits nourished by worship, word and sacrament, suffering relieved, lives given direction and meaning, and enduring friendships formed. By God’s grace, this parish has grown over the years, and I firmly believe that our best days are ahead of us.

As we embark on this new journey, the [CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN](#) seeks to ensure a lasting legacy for those who will come after us. Our 2012-2013 Building Campaign allowed us to complete the beautiful facility we currently enjoy. Through the Continuing the Legacy Campaign we hope to pay down a significant portion of the debt from our building campaign.

By supporting the [CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN](#) you will contribute in a meaningful way to the future of our church and leave a legacy that will impact time and eternity. I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support this campaign. Together, through the generosity of God, we can make the vision of our mission a reality.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deon +". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a plus sign at the end.

The Rev. Deon K. Johnson, *Rector*



CONTINUING THE LEGACY OUR BEGINNINGS

St. Paul Church was started in the early 1830's in an orchard by a small group of Ore Creek, later Brighton, residents under the direction of the Rev. Dr. William Atwater Clark and his wife Jacintha Anspach Clark. The Clarks' dream was made real, even after their death, when in 1878 the Episcopal Mission of Brighton was established and services held in several locations. In 1880, with the help of Chloe Clark, daughter of William Clark and Sophia Fonda, the cornerstone of a new building was laid dedicated to St. Paul the Apostle. June 21, 1881, saw the first service celebrated in the newly completed building.

Through many ups and downs, including periods of closure in the 1920's and late 1930's, St. Paul's was made a parish on St. Paul's Day, January 25, 1964. As Brighton grew so did St. Paul's until in the late 1980's when a major expansion was undertaken and completed in 1992 with an enhanced physical facility.

Our current building, renovated in 2014, serves both the needs of the congregation and wider Brighton community as a place of welcome and hope.

Throughout our history many dedicated church members have renewed the physical and spiritual structure of St. Paul through their special gifts and visioning. As we look toward our bright future we continue to strive to live into Clark's vision while leaving a lasting legacy for the future.

YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

All contributions from the smallest to the largest will be greatly appreciated. St. Paul's respects your right to privacy and fully understands that only your family as a unit can decide on what your financial consideration should be.

Since the financial obligations of each family is different and after your careful and prayerful consideration, please know that your contribution will be held in the strictest confidence.

No one can tell you how much you should give. The family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

This is our church and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT PLEASE REMEMBER

- ⊕ Payments may be made over a period of three to five years.
- ⊕ Legacy Campaign payments are in addition to your regular giving.
- ⊕ Legacy Campaign giving is fully tax deductible.
- ⊕ Checks can be made to: St. Paul's Legacy Campaign



FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT WAS OUR DEBT FROM THE BUILDING RENOVATION/EXPANSION?

The cost of our building renovation/expansion was about \$2 million, of which \$1 million was funded by grants, \$300,000.00 raised from the BELIEVE Campaign, (\$220,000.00 went directly towards construction) and the balance financed. At the end of the construction we had building debt remaining of \$800,000.00 which was to be repaid over 20 years with an interest rate of 4.8%. Those payments began in November 2015 and we have made some headway in paying the debt down over the last year.

HOW ARE WE CURRENTLY PAYING OFF THE MORTGAGE?

When the financing of our building debt was arranged the Vestry and Finance Committee reserved \$80,000.00 of the BELIEVE donations to cover any initial shortfalls from the [CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN](#). Nearly 40 families pledged a \$100,000.00 over three years to The [CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN](#) which, with monthly withdrawals from our reserve account, has kept the loan payments current. Our monthly loan payment is approximately \$5,000.00.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FUNDS FROM FUNDRAISING EFFORTS?

Any additional funds outside the Continuing the Legacy Campaign (fundraising, bequests, “lottery winnings”, “couch cushion change” etc.) are applied to our principle balance, which could ultimately reduce the duration of the loan.

WILL WE HAVE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN IN THE FUTURE?

Our current campaign, to raise \$250,000.00, will only keep us current on our mortgage obligation through 2018. At the end of the 2018, unless we win the lottery or find a LOT of cushion change, we will launch another campaign so we can continue to fulfill our long-term debt obligations.

CAN I MAKE A PLEDGE THAT JUST CONTINUES UNTIL THE DEBT IS PAID?

ABSOLUTELY! Just check that option on the pledge card and you won't have to re-pledge every three years.



WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

St. Paul's Church would like to raise as much as possible towards eliminating the mortgage debt through the efforts of this campaign. Our goal of \$250,000.00 over three years gets us closer to ultimately eliminating our mortgage debt.

We have already raised \$100,000.00 from the first launch of the [CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN](#) and have made progress on paying down our original debt of \$800,000.00. Through the generosity of over 40 families we were able to maintain our debt payments through 2016. With your additional support we will be able to continue to make our debt obligations through the end of 2018.

Every member of our church community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a covenant to the campaign to the best of their ability.



NOT EVERYONE CAN MAKE
THE SAME SIZE GIFT
BUT EVERYONE CAN MAKE
THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE



Name: _____
(First & Last Name)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

- I/We would like to make a **new** CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN pledge.
- I/We would like to **change** my CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN pledge.
- I/We do not wish to pledge to the CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN.

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE A TOTAL OF: \$ _____

FOR A PERIOD OF:

- Until Loan is paid down. 2 years 1 year

WE WILL GIVE:

- Weekly Monthly Annually Other _____

WE WILL GIVE THROUGH:

- My bank Giving Envelopes E-Giving Other _____

- Please contact me about giving via stock transfer or bequest.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Thank you!

Thank you for your pledge towards the St. Paul's CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN. Your pledge makes a difference and ensures the continued life, ministry and legacy of St. Paul's.

PLEASE DROP THIS CARD IN THE OFFERING PLATE DURING WORSHIP

OR YOU MAY DROP IT IN THE MAIL TO:

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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