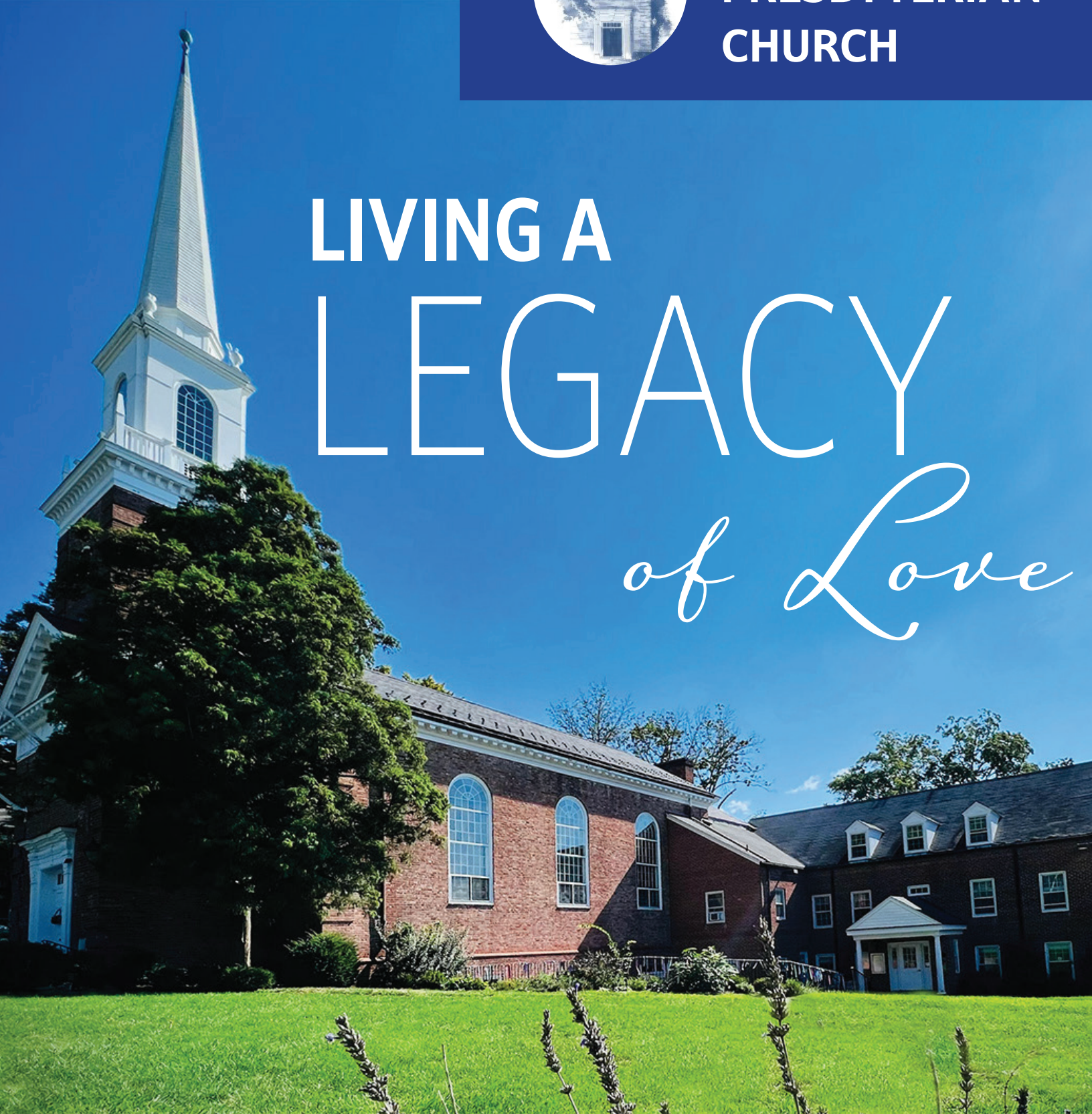




WYOMING
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

LIVING A LEGACY *of Love*



2024 Capital Campaign



Living a Legacy

Dear Wyoming Presbyterian Church Family,

What a joy and privilege it is to celebrate our 150th Anniversary! This is a blessed milestone. Thank you for making WPC a special community that is home to many and welcoming to all.

Part of celebrating our anniversary is to continue sharing God's love through a capital campaign with the theme, "Living a Legacy of Love." The inspiration for this theme came from WPC's new Mission Statement:

"We are a caring, inclusive community that reflects God's unconditional love by putting our faith into action."

For 150 years and counting, WPC's mission continues to be sharing God's love. The words "Legacy of Love" speak to the many ways that WPC has been a source of love in the lives of our church members, and beyond. We paired that with "Living" because it shows that our legacy of love is ongoing, and will continue into the future.

This anniversary capital campaign is yet another act of God's love by preparing for the future. We have been blessed by those who have gone before us and set us up for success. Now it is our turn to bless future generations by ensuring that our legacy continues.

In the following pages, we share our church's vision for "Living a Legacy of Love." Many of these renewal projects are urgent, long overdue maintenance. If not addressed soon, these issues will expedite the deterioration of our buildings. These projects also fall outside of our annual operating budget.

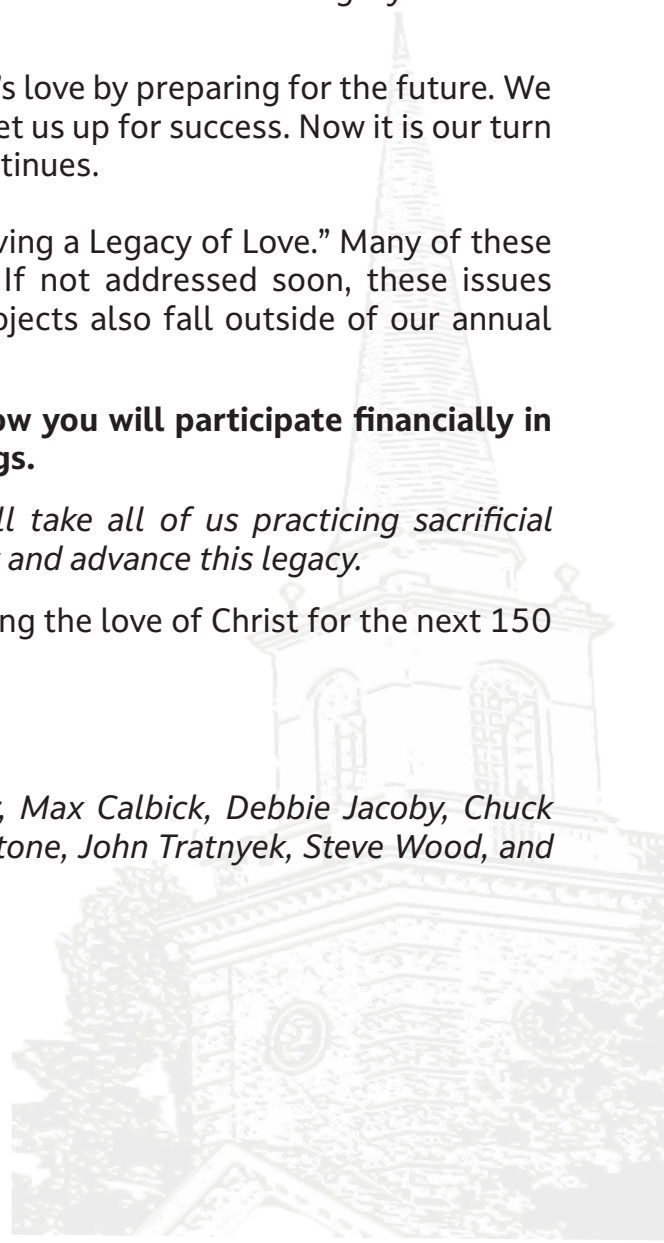
As a responsible steward, please prayerfully consider how you will participate financially in this campaign out of gratitude for God's love and blessings.

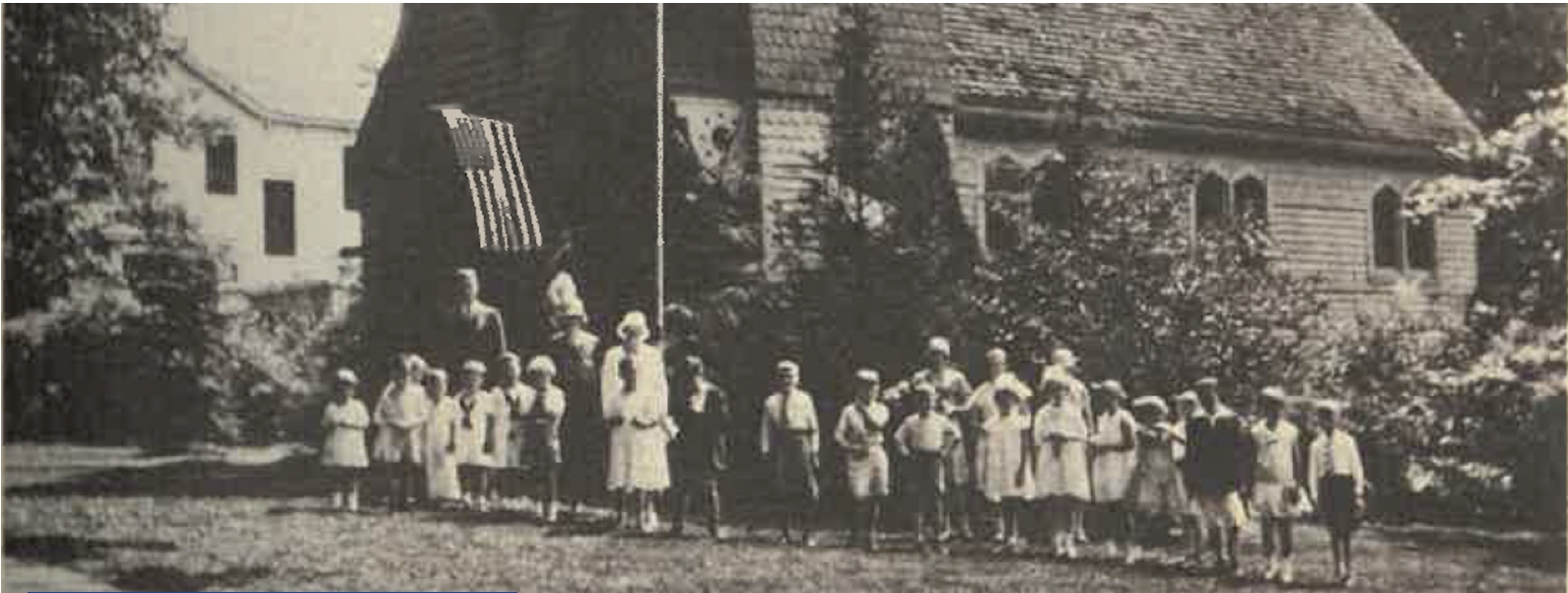
Success in this campaign cannot depend on a few. It will take all of us practicing sacrificial generosity so that future generations will be able to inherit and advance this legacy.

Our greatest hope is for WPC to continue the work of sharing the love of Christ for the next 150 years!

With Gratitude,

The Session of WPC: Pastor Heather Brannon, Mike Auer, Max Calbick, Debbie Jacoby, Chuck Kramer, Doug Olson, Vicki Sanborn, Kathy Stine, Jocelyn Stone, John Tratnyek, Steve Wood, and Clerk of Session David Berry.





OUR HISTORY

Our Beginning: Our church started as an act of God's love for our community. WPC was established on November 9, 1873 inside the railroad station. Our goal was to welcome and care for commuters and their families.

Our Foundation: It took a decade before the first physical church was built in 1883 at our current location. We rebuilt the church twice, with the third reconstruction after the 1956 sanctuary fire. There have been crucial renovation projects over the years. We worked to raise the necessary funds, and together, always found a way forward.

Our Blessings: WPC is a beacon of love. It has been the site of countless worship services, baptisms, weddings, and memorial services. Sunday school has been taught, prayers have been spoken, neighbors have been fed and housed, and love has been shared in this sacred space.

Our Legacy: The time has come to address urgent projects that require immediate attention. This will enable us to continue to live a legacy of love into the future!



OUR PRIORITIES

We have defined four priorities, which will be addressed through urgent renewal projects funded by this capital campaign:



Hospitality

We want to continue being a welcoming and inclusive place for members and visitors alike.



Accessibility

We want everyone to be able to access our entire building without major obstacles getting in the way.



Family Friendly

We want to nurture and support our families and children as our church continues to grow.



Preservation & Sustainability

We want to preserve and maintain our beautiful facilities, including the church and manse, for long-term sustainability.

CHURCH RENEWAL PLANS

The Session has thoughtfully compiled a list of critical renewal projects. Some of them are urgent, long overdue maintenance that must be addressed in order to prevent any further deterioration of our buildings. They also fall outside of our annual operating budget.

Additionally, these projects enable us to be more welcoming to our growing congregation. We have welcomed 40 new members over the past year and a half, most of whom are families with young children. This is the first sign of significant growth in over three decades.

Now is the time to ensure that we are passing down a lasting legacy to our youngest disciples, who are the future of WPC.

In order to make Hospitality, Accessibility, Family Friendliness, and Sustainability a priority, we hope to accomplish the following renewal projects:

Church Renewal Projects, Phases I & II

Phase I (Beginning Spring 2024)

Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall Accessibility	\$3,000
Exterior Signs for the Church	\$4,500
Church Roof Repair	\$8,000
Church Chimney Repair	\$8,500
Bypass Valves for Sprinkler/Sewer	\$12,000
Elevator Controls Replacement	\$41,000
New Hymnals for Worship (\$25/hymnal)	\$4,500
New Website/Rebranding	\$5,000
Manse Backyard Fence	\$5,750

Total Phase I Projects: \$92,250

Phase II (Over the Next 5 Years)

Fellowship Hall French Doors Replacement	\$15,000
Heating Pipes Replacement or Pipes Bypass in the Church and School, As Needed	\$15,000
Church Window Replacement, As Needed	\$127,750

Total Phase II Projects: \$157,750

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$250,000, to be raised over the next three years.

Living a Legacy of Love

We are blessed to enjoy the beauty of our church building and our ministry together because of the sacrifices of those who came before us. Now it's our turn to address the needs — many of them urgent — that will ensure that WPC remains a shining beacon of love for the next 150 years.

Success depends not on a few — but all of us — practicing sacrificial generosity. Now is the time to ask: ***What will our legacy be?***

Let's Continue Living Our Legacy of Love for Another 150 Years!

The Session is asking past and present members and friends to help us celebrate our anniversary by supporting this vital capital campaign. Please prayerfully consider contributing in one of the following ways:

There Are Two Ways to Help Support This Capital Campaign

1. Pledge a Donation Amount by September 30, 2024: Donations are due by April 2027, three years from now. Pledge using the enclosed form or at wyomingpresbyterian.org/150

Note: Pledges can be paid over a 1–3 year period. For instance, if you pledge \$9,000, you could pay \$3,000 per year over 3 years.

2. Donate Immediately: There are three ways to donate. You can send a check to the church office (432 Wyoming Ave, Millburn, NJ 07041), donate online at wyomingpresbyterian.org/giving or donate via stocks/appreciated assets.

For stocks/assets, please contact Stewardship Elder Kathy Stine for guidance: KathyStine@comcast.net / 973-207-6796

Thank you for helping WPC Live a Legacy of Love for the next 150 years!



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2024 Capital Campaign Pledge Commitment



To celebrate 150 years of faithful service to the community and help pave the way for the next generation, I/we make this commitment, pledging my/our financial support to the Wyoming Presbyterian Church's Capital Campaign to continue Living a Legacy of Love.

I/we commit \$ _____, to be paid over (circle a year) 1 / 2 / 3 years,
beginning _____ (month) _____ (year).

Printed name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing address: _____

Please send payment reminders ☐ electronically or by ☐ US Mail

☐ This pledge will be fulfilled with stocks or other appreciated assets. Please contact me.

Additional Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

We request that all pledges be fulfilled by April 2027, three years after we launch this celebratory capital campaign. Thanks for helping us Live a Legacy of Love for the next 150 years!

Questions? Please contact Stewardship Chair, Kathy Stine (KathyStine@comcast.net / (973-207-6796) or Church Administrator, Marilyn Gonzalez (mgonzalez@wyomingpresbyterian.org)



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