



ST. STEPHEN'S Episcopal Church

Ridgefield, CT

Proposed Capital Campaign Goal: \$1,761,000

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St. Stephen's Church is the Episcopal Church's outpost in Ridgefield, CT. Since 1725, the Episcopal Church of St. Stephen's has been on this same plot of land. This, our fourth sanctuary, is already 100+ years old. A lot has changed over these years, but one thing remains constant: We are part of a worldwide network of churches that take seriously that we are human and that living into our humanity requires us to consider how our faith responds to the needs of our world.

Thus, throughout history, we've been among the first to step forward to wrestle with social challenges, wherever we may be. With the Word of God (*scripture*), the witness of the faithful before us (*tradition*), and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our own lives (*reason*), we continue to discover the Living God among us.

It's our turn to serve the needs of our neighbors, updating our campus to be more effective in our effort to communicate God's amazing love through God's people of St. Stephen's Church.

Belonging with purpose

PROJECTS *and* PRIORITIES

KITCHEN/ RECTOR'S HALL: \$496,000



The kitchen serves as a central hub for numerous community-building activities.

Improvements include: 6 burner stove and broiler, a griddle, stainless steel

counters, improved storage, large reach-in refrigerator and freezer, and other essentials to meet code. Remodeling bathrooms for ADA compliance.

The Rector's Hall improvements include: HVAC air conditioning, refinishing the floor, new lighting and ceiling tiles, new tables and chairs, and other basic improvements which make the space more desirable for rental to outside groups.

MEETING BARN: \$265,000

“The Barn” behind the Sanctuary is our most frequently used building on campus, used almost exclusively by AA groups throughout the week. With a few improvements, it can serve the ministry and outreach of St. Stephen's more effectively as a meeting space for groups and music instruction, both within St. Stephen's and as a rental space.

Improvements include: running water to the building, ADA compliant bathroom, kitchenette with sink, more

effective cabinetry and storage space, insulation, double pane windows, roof repair, and new flooring and lighting.

SANCTUARY: \$225,000

In this 21st century, we ask a lot of our 110 year old Sanctuary space... more than it is capable of offering. With some adjustments, it can more effectively provide space for concerts and wheelchairs.



**CHOIR ROOM
AND CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY:
\$40,000**



Improvements include: a sound system which accommodates music (presently it only accommodates spoken word) and accurately conveys it on livestream, adjustable chandeliers/lighting, space for a right-size piano and musical performances, seating and

altar accessibility for wheelchairs and/or strollers, movable baptismal font, a kids-in-worship resource space, and glass doors in the inside of the narthex facing Main Street so that people can see in when the front doors are open, while providing sound and air barriers.

The choir and children's Storytime share the same space underneath the sanctuary. Both groups have adjusted their needs to the parameters already set therein. Updating this space will increase the effectiveness of children's ministry and provide a safer environment for the choir, as well as modernizing the aesthetic.

Improvements include: taking out unnecessary pipes in the ceiling and installing a more aesthetic ceiling with better lighting, preserving the mural, creating better designated space for children's Storytime along with storage, an improved basement bathroom, and design improvements throughout the basement level which convey invitation and warmth.

**THE CAPITAL
BUDGET:
\$735,000**

Our campus is comprised of multiple 100+-year-old buildings that require extensive capital expense in order to maintain the integrity of the structures. The anticipated capital expense for the next 4 years, combined with our budget shortfall results in St. Stephen's overdrawing from our unrestricted endowment.

Anticipated capital costs over these next 4 years is modestly estimated at \$735K in part due to relief provided by the other major projects outlined in this feasibility study. The remaining capital needs include the Sanctuary (painting the steeple, sealing the stone walls, painting the inside, and refinishing the floors ~\$315K) the Rectory porch (~\$400K due to the

need to meet the Ridgefield Historical District Commission's requirements) and complete the replacement of the Memorial Garden (~\$20K).

This stretch goal would free up approximately \$480K over the next 4 years for the Operating Budget, even while being a good stewards our physical assets. This approach will reduce our reliance on the endowment.

Essential Gifts Chart

This chart illustrates the size and number of gifts necessary for a successful \$1,761,000 campaign.

<i>Size of Gift</i>	<i>Number Needed</i>	<i>Cumulative Total</i>	<i>Monthly (over up to 3 years)</i>
\$500,000	1	\$500,000	\$13,889
\$250,000	1	\$750,000	\$6,944
\$150,000	1	\$900,000	\$4,167
\$100,000	1	\$1,000,000	\$2,778
\$50,000	6	\$1,300,000	\$1,389
\$25,000	8	\$1,500,000	\$694
\$10,000	12	\$1,620,000	\$278
\$5,000	13	\$1,685,000	\$139
\$3,000	15	\$1,730,000	\$83
\$1,000	18	\$1,748,000	\$28
\$500	23	\$1,759,000	\$14
Less than \$500.....	Many.....	Goal Achieved.....	Variable

MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing and Living into God's Commandment to Love our Neighbors through Worship, Stewardship, and Service to Others.