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# *Completing the Miracle*

First Presbyterian Church  
Fenton, Michigan

## ***Building on a Miracle – June 2010 – May 2013***

God nudged us through a series of miracles to dream of our church's future in new dimensions.

- Slowed us down (2006-2009) to reduce the project's size while still raising money for the down payment
- Challenging economic times (2008+)
  - Created lower contractor bids giving us more building for less dollars
  - Lowered interest rates (from over 8% at a bank if they would have agreed to 5.25% from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program)
- Inspired our members to contribute more dollars and further reduced the amount we had to borrow
- Completed the project within the timeline and budget in spite of unusual rain and construction surprises

## ***Living the Miracle – June 2013 – May 2016***

God's biggest miracle is that He loved us so much that God sent his Son to show us how to believe and live our lives. We are His disciples in our daily lives. Our renovated church building has brought us new dimensions to our ministry.

- Renovated building exterior draws attention to our presence in Fenton
- Expanded mission outreach programs like Read & Feed, food collections, clothing collections and Family Promise
- Expanded youth programs using the two youth rooms
- Expanded adult learning experiences including three covenant groups
- Added Girl Scout program to the existing Boy Scout program
- Expanded fellowship opportunities and events

## ***Completing the Miracle – June 2016 – May 2019***

When we borrowed the money to renovate our church, we obligated ourselves to pay it back. But, in reality, we are paying it forward to new generations of members just as previous generations did for us. Before our building renovation, many of us thought it would take a miracle for this project to happen. The miracle of the renovated building is our new reality!

All of the recent capital campaigns have made this building renovation miracle happen. We have already paid off almost \$1,100,000 or 2/3 of the project cost!

		Pledged	Received
<i>Project Ezra-Nehemiah</i>	2006-2009	\$445,511	\$465,000
<i>Building on a Miracle</i>	2010-2013	\$458,454	\$526,427
<i>Living the Miracle</i>	2013-2016	\$272,815	\$301,188*

\*2 months remaining

This ***Completing the Miracle*** campaign will pay off the remaining mortgage by raising \$575,000. Paying off the mortgage will:

- Fulfill our commitment because it is the right thing to do
- Protect our ministry programs
- Continue our 176 year legacy for future generations
- Eliminate paying “unproductive” interest fees

*“From Him [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:16*

***Miracles do happen!***

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When determining your commitment to this campaign

- Pray for God’s guidance
- Recognize this opportunity as an “unusual” gift over 3 years
- Also consider gifts from accumulated assets, IRA distributions, inheritances, bonus payments, and other “unusual” sources
- Pledges will be received and dedicated on Sunday, May 22

The table below represents a gift distribution that achieves our goal of \$575,000.

<b>Number of Gifts</b>	<b>Gift/Week</b>	<b>Gift/Year</b>	<b>3 Year Gift 6/1/16 - 5/31/19</b>
10	\$1	\$50	\$150
10	\$2	\$100	\$300
10	\$3	\$167	\$500
10	\$6	\$333	\$1,000
20	\$13	\$667	\$2,000
20	\$19	\$1,000	\$3,000
15	\$26	\$1,333	\$4,000
13	\$32	\$1,667	\$5,000
7	\$48	\$2,500	\$7,500
5	\$64	\$3,333	\$10,000
2	\$96	\$5,000	\$15,000
1	\$128	\$6,667	\$20,000
1	\$192	\$10,000	\$30,000
1	\$256	\$13,333	\$40,000
1	\$321	\$16,667	\$50,000
1	\$385	\$20,000	\$60,000

*Completing the Miracle* Steering Committee: Tom Allen, Deb Bard, Dennis Beardslee, Dick & Nancy Berger, Bill & Nikki Black, Jeff & PJ Collier, Jan Foster, Jerry & Judy Hope, Jay & Kate Kirkey, Chas & Cheryl Kopplin, Barb & Gary LaPointe, Connie Morrison, Polly Sheppard, Karen & Roger Terrill, Ken Wensel and church staff.