

Feast Fund 2020 – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the “Feast Fund”?

The Feast Fund is new fund which supports ministry opportunities that were not possible before because we were paying off debt. Now that the mortgage has been paid off, we’re asking people to re-direct giving previously given to Debt Reduction in order to meet annual goals of the Feast Fund. These goals are set annually by the Council.

What are the 2020 Feast Fund Goals?

In 2020, the Feast Fund giving will be divided evenly between the General Operating Fund (which supports our regular budget) and capital improvements. In 2020, our goals are:

General Operating

- Increase Pr. Christine’s part-time status from 60% to 70%
- Fully fund the budget without using Yard Sale

Capital Improvements

- Replace walls in Fellowship Hall with easy to move, sound insulated partitions
- Create patio/courtyard area between back door and fellowship hall (including better coffee area)

Where does Feast Fund money come from?

We are asking everyone to redirect giving previously given to the Debt Reduction Fund into the Feast Fund.

What if I wasn’t contributing to the Debt Reduction Fund?

We are asking those who weren’t contributing to the Debt Reduction Fund to make an additional weekly, monthly or annual gift to the Feast Fund in 2020.

Should I move money I’m currently giving to General Operating to the Feast Fund?

Please don’t! One of the goals of Feast Fund is to make our General Operating Fund fully able to fund our budget without the need for Yard Sale fundraising, and cutting your regular giving to General Operating will make that goal harder.

Does this mean we won’t have a Yard Sale in 2020?

Not necessarily. However, this could mean that Yard Sale may be a smaller, more manageable event that may be more targeted to community needs. We will not need to have a massive yard sale to raise money to support our budget. Also, we hope that a more manageable Yard Sale will allow us to put more congregational time, energy and “bandwidth” into other ministries.

If we have a Yard Sale, how will the proceeds be spent?

If we have a Yard Sale, it will be handled as a special event, with costs being deducted from proceeds (as was the case when it was in the budget). Profits from Yard Sale will be distributed by Council action. Since we won’t need to cover budget, much more of the profit can be directed to charity / benevolence.

What will it mean to bring Pr. Christine from 60% to 70% status?

Pr. Christine will be here for a few more weekends than she currently is, as well as a few other weekdays. This will also mean that more “pastor time” can be devoted to supporting ministries such as adult bible studies and classes.

Will we eventually bring Pr. Christine back to full time?

If Feast Fund giving continues to go well, that’s a possibility in future years, depending upon Pr. Christine’s wishes and congregational needs and involvement.

Why are the movable partitions in the Fellowship Hall so important?

The current partitions are extremely difficult to set up and take down. Sound proof, easily movable partitions would make classes, fellowship events, service events and meetings (and the transition between those events) much easier. Good quality partitions will also be a good first step in improving the warmth and feel of the fellowship hall, which will improve the quality of all events we hold there.

Why do we need a patio?

A good patio/courtyard space between the fellowship hall and the main entrance would create a warm, welcoming space that would be used for fellowship after services, picnics and gatherings for the congregation, gathering spaces for community groups that currently use our fellowship hall and outdoor class space. Especially when combined with the new, movable partitions (which can easily be opened) this will also allow us to use the front entrance, patio and fellowship hall as one big space for special events.

What are the detailed plans for designing the patio and choosing the partitions?

The details will be planned in early 2020. If you have ideas and would like to help, please contact a member of Council! We are looking for help implementing these plans!

What about other ideas we listed on “Running to the Feast”?

The Feast Fund goals are only the beginning of the plans. Many of the ideas from “Running to the Feast” are already supported in our budget, and we will continue to support those. Many ideas require volunteers and time, and we will be looking for volunteers to help implement those ideas. Some ideas require repair or replacement of existing equipment. We will also be looking to perform many of those maintenance needs either from budget or our Capital Repair Fund.

What about HVAC?

The Congregation already approved funds from the existing Building Fund to replace our aging HVAC systems. In 2019, we engaged an engineering firm to give us recommendations for the best path forward. In 2020, we also plan to begin implementing HVAC upgrades.