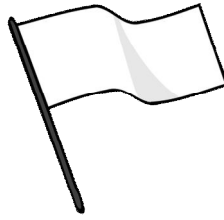


7. Can we realistically meet a five-year goal?

This is a goal in an effort to save First UMC money in the long run and ease the debt burden sooner. To meet our congregation's pledges and gifts, other sources of income have been identified by the Finance Committee to assist us in paying off the debt within this time frame, but the majority of support must come from the congregation.



Crossroads Timeline

September 2003	Congregation Approves Formation of Building Committee
June 2005	Initial 3-Year Commitment Campaign Begins
April 2006	Construction of \$4.2 Million Crossroads Facility
May 2007	Grand Opening of Crossroads
June 2008	Second 3-Year Commitment Campaign Begins
June 2011	Third & Final 5-Year Drive Begins

Prayer

O God, we thank you that you have enabled our dreams to come true. Guide our steps along the way as we enjoy Crossroads, which has become a vital place of worship, learning, hospitality and service. Empower us to finish this task, as we give sacrificially, in Jesus' name. Amen.



– a five-year drive
to retire the mortgage
by the spring of 2016

*"Now finish doing it,
so that your eagerness may be matched
by completing it according to your means."*

II Corinthians 8:11





Faith Forward ...

Second Saturday Outreach
Creative Ministries
Bible Studies



"The Gathering" Worship
Vacation Bible School
Fellowship Dinners

Community Groups
Red Cross Blood Drive
Emergency Shelter
Board of Elections
UMC District
Conference Events
Partnership with Grace Church



Nativity Festival
Fontanini Display
Weekly Youth Ministry
Combined Choir Events



Frequently Asked Questions



- 1. Why are we doing a five-year debt retirement plan?**
After going through two three-year commitments, we believe that to be most successful in retiring our debt we need to set a goal rather than carry out the life cycles of the mortgages to 2026 and 2028.
- 2. Do I have to commit to a five-year pledge?**
No. During this campaign, we are asking for a one-year commitment that can be renewed annually throughout the five-year plan which allows flexibility in giving to adjust to your own personal budget.
- 3. I can't commit to a pledge this year, but could I later?**
Yes. Annually in the spring, we will ask for recommitments or new commitments of pledges and a pledge can also be made anytime during the year.
- 4. Do I have to make a pledge in order to give to our debt retirement plan?**
No, but doing so helps us plan and monitor our progress in meeting our five-year goal.
- 5. Can I give electronically?**
Yes, and you may also recommit your pledge annually the same as those who give by check or cash.
- 6. Are there other ways to support our debt retirement goal?**
Yes. First United Methodist Church has received stock gifts and contributions made to our Endowment Fund. If you are interested in investing your gifts into the Endowment for a sustaining gift, please contact the Business Office and Permanent Endowment Committee for more information.

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