



# PARKHILL

United  
Methodist  
Church

*come grow your spirit with us!*

***Celebrating Our Legacy;  
Embracing Our Future***



**Park Hill United Methodist Campaign for**  
*Celebrating Our Legacy;  
Embracing Our Future*

**Park Hill United Methodist Church is a unique place where people of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, and socio-economic status gather together in worship and community service.**

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# Evolving the Magic of Park Hill

Park Hill United Methodist Church is a church committed to God's vision for an inclusive, diverse, justice-oriented Kingdom. It is a place where we recognize all parts of our church history and strive towards building a community where all people feel welcomed, valued, and belong. We seek to provide a space for all people who are searching for worship, justice, mercy, love, and peace. Forty years ago, we asked those who find value in the mission of PHUMC to show their dedication and willingness to invest in and steward our facilities. It is time for us to renew this call to action to evolve the magic of PHUMC. **Join us in Celebrating our Legacy and Embracing our Future.**



PHUMC is a destination church where generations of families have come to worship, to be educated, to teach, and to serve. We welcome the opportunity to better serve our congregation, the Park Hill Community, and the world through our Mission, programs, and ministries; and we invite the broader Denver community to join us in renewing and maximizing the use of our church spaces.

Our church building has reached its 100th year of service to our community. **Acting as good stewards and enriching this space will allow us to continue to say "yes" enthusiastically to our Mission so PHUMC can sustainably flourish for generations to come.** We are excited to invest in our facilities, creating more accessibility, inclusion and belonging, and in turn strengthening our ability to fulfill our mission.

## Mission

The Park Hill United Methodist Church (PHUMC) Mission is to reclaim and reimagine Christian Faith and Church, to empower the marginalized, dismantle oppression, and create justice. For over 113 years, PHUMC has been serving the Denver community, particularly marginalized groups and individuals. We envision a world where all people thrive in life, love, and liberation.

*"Embracing newcomers in a hug--that is Park Hill."*

Jon Hurst, PHUMC Community Member

**In order to sustain and grow the promise of our century-old mission, we are collectively embarking on a fundraising initiative with a goal of raising \$3+ million.** Our priority projects will ensure our spaces are comfortable and functional, allow for all members and guests to join us safely, enable us to easily and efficiently host community gatherings, and joyfully welcome visitors to our Church.



# A Destination For All

Park Hill United Methodist Church leadership, committees, and teams contribute daily toward our mission to reclaim and reimagine the Christian faith and the Church to empower the marginalized, dismantle oppression, and work to bring about social justice.

## Our Vision

PHUMC envisions a world where ALL people thrive in life, love, and liberation.

## Our Community

We are Christ-centered, justice-seeking people of all identities, backgrounds, and stages of life in Park Hill, metro Denver, and beyond.

## Core Values

- **Discipleship:** We grow as followers of Jesus, in community, by learning, modeling, teaching, and sharing God's love with all people.
- **Diversity:** We respect, embrace, and celebrate the uniqueness of each person.
- **Community:** We welcome and cherish all people as children of God, creating a place where each person is seen and belongs.
- **Compassion:** We listen and respond to the needs of others.
- **Social Justice:** We work to end individual and systemic inequities.



Erection of the 1955 Sanctuary



Voices of Park Hill



PHUMC Dedication  
Circa 1924



Carlotta Walls Lanier, the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine, and her mother, Mrs. Juanita Walls.



# Our Programs, Missions & Ministries:

## JUSTICE

*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what one should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will themselves be watered.*

-PROVERBS 11:24-25

**Anti-racism** – Being one of the first racially integrated Churches in Denver, PHUMC has a legacy of being committed to anti-racism work. Through activism, educational opportunities, worship and preaching, PHUMC continuously works to dismantle systemic racism and white supremacy.



Tuesday Race Group



PHUMC Members Participating in Pride Parade

**Reconciling Church** – We are committed to reimagining Christianity by providing a welcoming place for all. At PHUMC, we are proud to be a space for LGBTQIA+ / Queer folks to gather regularly, create community and provide social support among all who share these identities.

**Environmental Justice** – All of our ministries connect back to how we nurture the world we live in today for future generations. We regularly hold Creation Care Conversations, lectures and learnings about the environment that sustains us. Recently, we developed a "Green Team" that is specifically focused on our commitment to environmental justice.



Vegetable Garden at Newport Street Location



## Our Programs, Missions & Ministries:

# MERCY

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

**Congregational Care**— We have a long history of providing loving care to our Church community during times of need and times of celebration. Our caring ministries include a Caregivers' Support Group, prayer team, meal team, Grief Support group, prayer shawl ministry, and visits and calls to ensure that we remain connected to our homebound elders.



**Safe Outdoor Space at Park Hill UMC**

**Housing Insecurity** – Denver has experienced an unprecedented 39% increase in those living without shelter since 2020.\* The PHUMC Unhoused Task Force is working today to provide relief for those in our community without homes by providing immediate assistance through food, bus tickets, diapers, toilet paper, personal care items, and at times with motel vouchers and in-church shelter.



**Agape Food Pantry**

**Food Insecurity** – We are addressing the immediate needs of people facing hunger in our community with the Agape Food Pantry, an emergency food pantry providing 3-5 days worth of food.



**UMC Creation Justice Day at State Capitol**

\*Point in Time Count Reports, Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, (2016-2023).



## Our Programs, Missions & Ministries: LOVE

*The One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

**-2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11**



**Youth and Children**

**Youth and Children's Ministries**– Mid-High and Senior High Youth fundraise for their Mission activities that include a Senior High Mission Trip, mission projects in the community, and fellowship with other UMC Youth Group. Along with the Children, they participate in Sunday school and lead Worship once a year.

**Park Hill United Methodist Children's Center** – For more than 44 years, the Center has served local families in our community. While it is a secular ministry of the church, the philosophy and curriculum uplifts our own guiding principles as a church, and fosters the community we want to live in by helping children:

- Learn to effectively solve problems, and make successful choices and decisions.
- Develop caring relationships through respect, cooperation and meaningful interactions.
- Work on physical and emotional development through a variety of appropriate activities.
- Obtain exposure to literacy, art, math, science, music, drama and multicultural experiences through play.
- Encourage healthy eating habits and appropriate table manners with family style meals.



**PHUMC Children's Center Children**





# *Celebrating Our Legacy; Embracing Our Future*

## *A \$3M+ Campaign to Restore and Reclaim*






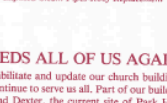
**Our building is a cherished home for worship, justice and missions work, education, and fellowship. Our hope is that it provides safe sanctuary for all who enter.** Yet, the current state of our infrastructure has become become a limiting factor in our ability to deliver on our mission. To address this mission-critical moment in our history, we are intentionally embarking on the first comprehensive fundraising initiative in over 40 years. This ambitious plan is more than an investment in the physical space that defines PHUMC. It is an opportunity to make a transformational investment in our ability to fulfill our mission, show the neighborhood the value we provide the community, and celebrate new life in our church.

**In 1985, our congregation graciously stepped up to raise \$850,000 to address critical repairs displayed in the campaign brochure. It is now our turn to invest in and steward our church building.**

**To sustain and grow our church and mission, we must raise at least \$3 million to begin to:**

- Replace and renovate the 100 year-old heating and cooling systems that are risk of failure or disrepair at any time.
- Renovate the kitchen and main level bathrooms.
- Restore the elevator.
- Upgrade the security and fire alarm systems.
- Restore building foundation to prevent water damage.

### YOUR AGING FACILITY

		
<i>New Nursery Location</i>	<i>Dangerous Stairwell At Parking Entry</i>	<i>Remodel Lobby</i>
		
<i>Dry Rot Everywhere</i>	<i>Remove Balcony-Replace 61 Yr. Old Floor</i>	<i>Handicap Entry Needed</i>
		
<i>Exposed Steam Pipes-Roof Replacement</i>	<i>Typical Roof Tile Damage</i>	<i>61 Yr. Old Windows Rotted Away</i>
		
<i>More Exposed Steam Pipes And Roof Replacement</i>	<i>Roof Tile Moving Gullies Destroyed</i>	<i>Water Damage From Roof Leaks</i>

### OUR CHURCH NEEDS ALL OF US AGAIN

At issue is the necessity to rehabilitate and update our church building. It has served for over 61 years and now it needs us so that it can continue to serve us all. Part of our building complex is the successor to the first church built in 1911 at 23rd and Dexter, the current site of Park Hill Drug. That congregation expanded beyond its walls and solved the need by moving and reconstructing. Their effort and generous sacrifices enabled the building of a new church, including the education wing and the gymnasium, on the present site in 1924. **That's 61 years ago!** By 1955, the congregation had outgrown the sanctuary and fellowship space needs and the newest section was added — our present sanctuary, parlor, and fellowship hall.

Our original building was designed and engineered for the 1924 era. Even the 1955 addition is in need of updating. Renovation now is necessary to sustain our buildings. The following facts emphasize the need for action:

- There is only one thermostat for the entire 1924 complex. To heat one single room for one single gathering requires heating the entire building — **a startling waste!**
- The roof tile above the 1955 sanctuary have loosened and are slowly sliding down the slope — **potentially dangerous** for water damage as well as to life.
- Wooden windows in the 1924 wing have rotted and must be replaced.
- Stairways and exit ways must be updated for compliance with building and Life/Safety codes.
- There are no restroom facilities for the elderly/handicapped.
- The gymnasium floor and sub-structure require replacement.
- There is no way to control who enters our building complex; consequently, this lack of security is **potentially dangerous**.



*Celebrating our Legacy; Embracing our Future*

# MISSION IMPACT: FOSTERING COMMUNITY

**Park Hill United Methodist Church is dedicated to our ministry to feed, host, and nurture community.**

PHUMC is known for our leadership and dedication to mission beyond the Metro Denver area. We choose to lead boldly in order to make a significant impact. It's important for PHUMC to provide safe and functional spaces:

- To respond to the urgent refugee crisis in our city
- To respond to the urgent needs of the unhoused in our city
- To provide support to the Center for Health and Hope as they help orphans, and those living in poverty and with AIDS
- To be an ideal location for community gatherings, Mountain Sky Conference events, and beloved destination point.

**In order to create opportunities for fostering community, we must repair and renovate our kitchen.**

**Estimated Project Costs: \$500,000-\$2 Million**

**We need to expand our ability to provide food to the food insecure.** The existing kitchen was built in 1955 and is currently not being used due to unsafe areas of the ceiling, a non-operational exhaust hood, inoperable appliances and plumbing fixtures, and failing mechanical equipment.

The immediate need is to repair the ceiling and mechanical equipment above so that it is safe for occupancy, but more importantly, the space needs major facilities upgrades in order to support the needs of our community and meet health department requirements.

When fully renovated, the kitchen will be used for church events, to prepare meals for those who need them, and possibly become a revenue generator for the church. Along with the renovated Fellowship Hall, a fully functioning commercial kitchen can be rented out for many opportunities within the community.



Historical photo of teen square dance in gym



Youth and Families  
Preparing Meals for Seniors



Gathering in Fellowship Hall





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## MISSION IMPACT: INCREASED FELLOWSHIP

**As an inclusive community of faith, Park Hill United Methodist Church is an open and affirming congregation, embracing diversity, service, unconditional acceptance, and the care and support of all people in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Our current building offers three levels that can be used for worship, education, fellowship, administration, and public community events. Its heating and cooling system is over 100 years old, and the pipes are at constant risk of bursting, which would cause even greater damage to an aging building resulting in even more significant repairs. This state of our HVAC is currently limiting our ability to offer the building for everything it could provide the congregation and community. This also negatively impacts our day-to-day operating costs, as we try to keep a deteriorating system functioning.

**To allow our building to serve the congregation and community, we must repair our HVAC system.**

**Estimated Project Costs: \$4+ Million**



**Historical photo of worship  
at Dexter location**

PHUMC strives to be a place for safety, comfort and belonging. We have, as a community, prioritized the importance of being environmentally conscious in alignment with our social justice values. We are working toward a range of necessary upgrades that will provide greater energy efficiency, safety and comfort including:

- Heating and cooling to provide a climate-safe environment for all who come.
- Modernized and efficient digital temperature controls that will keep a schedule and regulate automatically.
- Updated associated plumbing, electrical systems, and asbestos abatement necessary for an updated HVAC system.
- Replacing or modernizing our 60-year-old elevator, to ensure accessibility to all of the spaces in our building for all of our members, and to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



**Communion Sunday at PHUMC**





Construction of Sanctuary

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## MISSION IMPACT: FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE

**In order to create sustainability for the future of our church, we must address structural issues with our building.**

**Estimated Project Costs: \$650,000**



Alexander and Bass Children

### **Safer Spaces**

Our mission is to provide safer spaces for all and it is a necessary priority for interior doors and door hardware to operate in response to signals from the existing fire alarm control panel. It is currently beyond its useful life and needs to be replaced.

### **First Impressions**

First impressions are important to guests who visit the church, and are a source of pride for those who are loyal members. With renovated main level restrooms, we will provide comfortable and functioning restrooms and an enhanced experience for the congregation. Our priorities include new plumbing fixtures, finishes, and increased accessibility, to better serve the community and the public.

### **Structural Integrity**

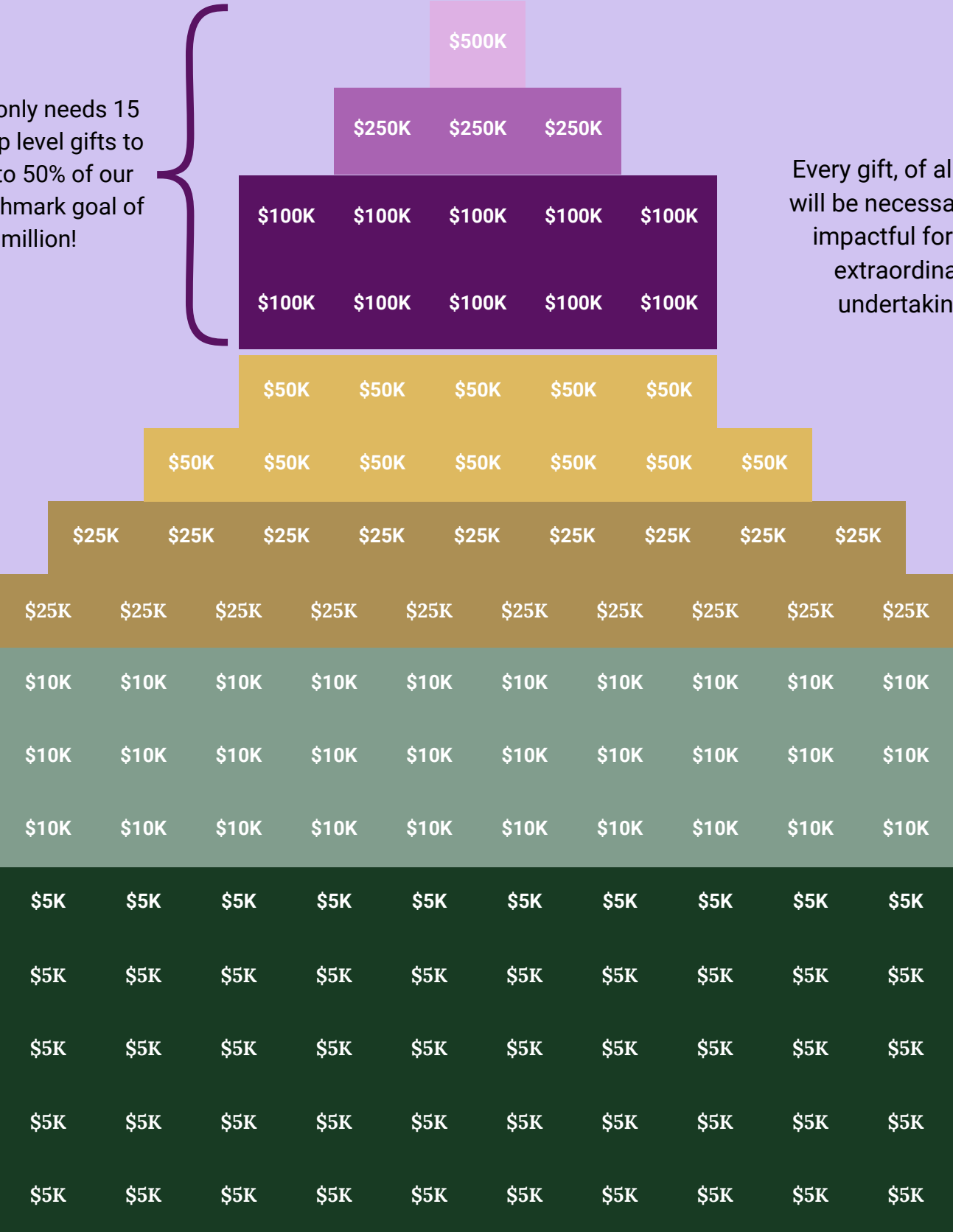
One of our mission's most important vessels is our building, which was built in 1924. Our current building structural integrity is at risk due to settling from water infiltration. It is imperative that we stop further water damage and the continued settlement in these areas of the building.



Worship at PHUMC

OUR SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE  
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Campaign Goal: \$3+ Million

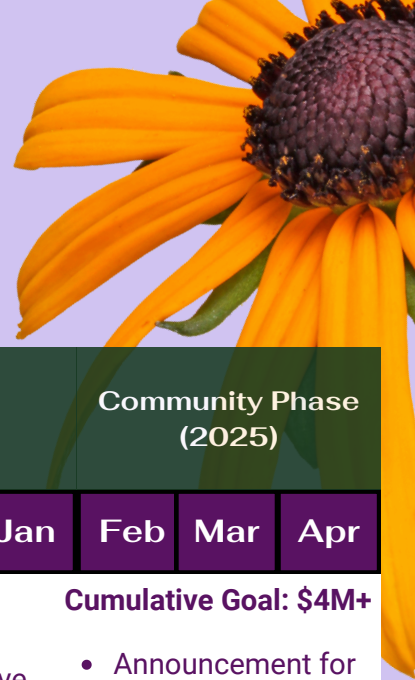
PHUMC only needs 15 leadership level gifts to make it to 50% of our first benchmark goal of \$4 million!



Every gift, of all sizes, will be necessary and impactful for this extraordinary undertaking.



# THE PATH FORWARD



Readiness & Planning (2024)				Quiet Phase (2024-2025)								Community Phase (2025)		
Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
<b>Cumulative Goal: \$150K</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refine the campaign vision, goals, and priority areas.</li> <li>Develop detailed campaign plan.</li> <li>Recruit and train campaign leadership.</li> </ul>				<b>Cumulative Goal: \$3.65M</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin relationship building with PHUMC closest prospective donors.</li> <li>Secure campaign gifts from all campaign and Church leaders.</li> <li>Cultivate, brief, and solicit all \$25K + prospects.</li> <li>Plan for Public Phase.</li> </ul>								<b>Cumulative Goal: \$4M+</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement for bulletins and worship services leading up to commitment weekends.</li> <li>Plan and host a phone-a-thon.</li> <li>Invite all through mail and online giving appeals.</li> <li>Celebrate success!</li> </ul>		

## Estimated Total Project Costs: \$3+ million

- HVAC Repair and Restoration
- Kitchen Repairs and Renovation
- Elevator Repair
- Fire Alarm Door Hardware and Panel
- Foundation & Structural Improvements







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*"This campaign is about credibility. If we preach about self-care, love and compassion, we need to do the same for ourselves."*

**-PHUMC Campaign Leadership**

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**Thank you for your generous support and time!**

