



Love One Another

John 13:34

“A new command I give you: Love One Another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35



The Love One Another Retire the Debt effort will ensure that all future contributions are used for ministries and programs, and for innovative mission opportunities.



Commitment Sunday is June 4, 2023.

What is this campaign about?

Now that we have “widened the circle” with an earlier campaign to fund a long-awaited expansion, it is time to prepare for the next generation of our work in this community.

The last few years have been challenging for us all; we live in a world that is sometimes unrecognizable. But we persevere. We move forward with the knowledge and understanding of the love Christ has for us. We sing songs like *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*. This campaign is a manifestation of that understanding and love.

We will Love One Another through mission, community, and deeper spiritual growth. What speakers, forums, and educational events can we offer to the congregation and this community? What other community partners can we welcome in?



Campaign Leadership

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Why are we doing this now?

BPC's Widen the Circle campaign to fund design and construction of our new spaces raised the majority of the money from your pledges, and we treasured your gifts. We entered into a mortgage to pay the rest—approximately \$1.35 million.

We have been able to make these mortgage payments from a variety of sources through 2022. But in future years the mortgage payments will impact our operating budget, requiring cuts in programs and missions and keeping us from further outreach to the community.

Our goal is to raise \$1.5 million—to pay off the mortgage (so it no longer impacts our operating budget) and to enhance our mission outreach.

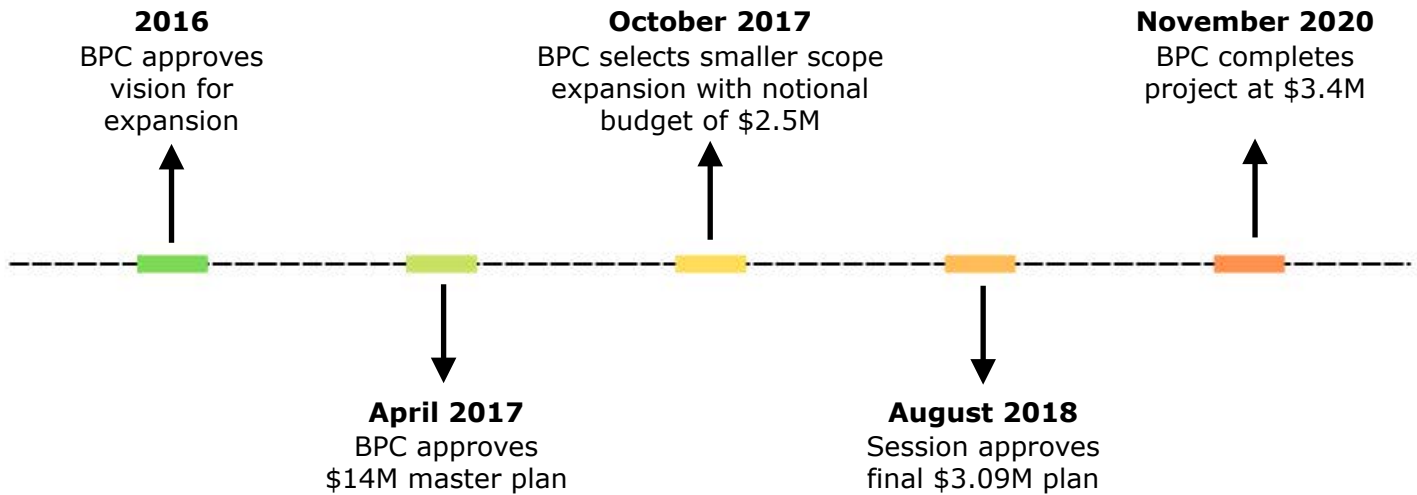


Our Campaign Mission

We will be better equipped to accomplish our goals unhindered by debt and free to steward the use of this space and our resources for the benefit of the church and this community.

- Meet the needs of this church by retiring the debt so that all future resources are dedicated to growing our ministries and programs.
- Reach inward to love this congregation with new mission opportunities.
- Reach outward to love this community and make a difference to the Northern Virginia community, changing the dynamic of BPC so that the answer to the question, “Would BPC be missed if it were no longer here?” would be a heartfelt and resounding “YES!”
- Provide new and strengthened ministries at BPC.

History of BPC Expansion



- The final plan adopted in 2018 was a subset of the original master plan. The final plan included a new Gathering Space, accessible restrooms, a new kitchen, new classrooms, a children's wing, and improvements to the Meeting House.
- The budget growth — from \$3.09M to \$3.4M — included scope increases (such as outdoor lighting and increased IT/AV capabilities) that were not in the initial baseline as well as found conditions (such as leaky pipes, roofing) and mistakes (such as water lines not in location on original construction drawings, last-minute fire marshal changes to firewall and emergency exits).



Our Campaign Goals

Love One Another Here at BPC

Our vision is to equip BPC with space for worship and conversations that push us outside our comfort zones and help us grow.

Our vision is to have a place to host speakers, forums, film screenings, and performances to engage more fully with the questions that shape us.

Our vision is to invite people into a bright, open space where we can take time to sit, laugh, listen, and share.

Our vision is to offer a space that is accessible to all through improved sound, lighting, technology, parking, ramps, and bathrooms.

How do we do this? We pay off the \$1.35 million debt so we can focus on ministries and growth.

Reaching Out to Love One Another

We want to grow mission and community outreach as part of this campaign.

Our vision is to provide the community with care for preschool children.

Our vision is to provide regular community meals for those who are unemployed or underemployed.

Our vision is to contribute resources to create affordable housing options in Northern Virginia.

How do we do this? We raise an additional \$140,000 to create a preschool scholarship, fully fund Community Table for two years, and fund BPC's participation in the affordable housing program.

Our vision and goals guide the Love One Another campaign.

Love One Another Q & A

How much should my commitment be?

Your commitment is a decision you'll make through prayer and discernment. Not all gifts will be equal in size, but they can be equal in sacrifice made by the giver.

We ask that you consider committing 50% of your annual pledge, each year for three years. If all members used this formula, we would be absolutely successful. We know that some families will be able to give more and understand that others may not be in a position to reach the suggested giving goal. We want everyone to participate and know that every pledge matters and helps us reach our campaign goal. We are asking you to make a meaningful gift for your unique family.



What about my annual pledge?

Your gift to the Love One Another retire the debt effort is above and beyond what you give to the annual operating budget, which funds the missions and ministries our community relies on each year.

If I do not currently pledge, what should my commitment be?

If you do not currently pledge to the annual campaign, we are asking you to consider \$3,000, or \$1,000 per year over three years.

When do I make a commitment? When should I make payment on my commitment?

We ask that you make a commitment to the Love One Another effort on or before Commitment Sunday, which is June 4, 2023. Pledges are payable over three years, or in a lump sum. We ask that you make your first payment no later than October 2023, and complete your payments by December 31, 2025.

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Love One Another Campaign Pledge Form

Name(s): _____

Our/My Love One Another Pledge \$ _____

Amount enclosed (if applicable) \$ _____

Balance payable as follows: _____ annual payments of \$ _____

beginning on _____ (month/year)

Or other payment schedule: _____

Please make checks payable to
Burke Presbyterian Church
and mail to

**5690 Oak Leather Drive
Burke, VA 22015-2236
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Love One Another pledges may be paid over a period of three years. All gifts to the campaign are eligible for a tax deduction to the extent allowed by law. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Church Business Administrator Holly Walsh at 703-764-0456 or Holly@BurkePresChurch.org.