Details and Dates

What are the next steps?

- Capital Campaign Activities: May & June 2025
- Commitment Sunday, June 22, 2025

Why now?

- Because we are healthy enough to carry this project through completion.
- Because the need is great and not moving forward endangers our growth and ability to serve our community.
- Because it will not be easier or less costly later.

How can I help?

- As a part of the First United Methodist Church family, you will see several more communications about this campaign during the coming weeks.
- We ask that you begin to pray about how you can contribute to help meet this ever growing need.

For more information or if you have questions, please ask one of our Campaign Leaders.

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Campaign Prayer

This journey begins with a simple and powerful prayer:
"God, what do You want to do through me?"

Will you join us in praying that prayer each day?
Will you be open to the answer God gives you?
Will you be among those who help write the next chapter in the life of this great church?

"You are the light of the world.
Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven"
(Matthew 5:14, 16)

Restore the Beacon of Hope

2025-2028
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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A Message From Our Pastor

Dear family and friends of FUMC,

We have truly been blessed as a congregation throughout our 200+ year history. Situated in downtown Rochester on a busy street, our church, especially our steeple, is visible to countless people every day. Over the years, strong leadership–both lay and clergy–has guided us with wisdom, helping us build and expand to meet the growing needs of our ministry.

Today, we're witnessing the fruit of that legacy. Families and individuals from the greater Rochester area are joining us for worship and taking part in a variety of mission opportunities and fellowship events as we live out our mission to "Feed the Need." A fresh spirit of hospitality and invitation is moving through our community. Yes, indeed, we have been blessed!

Because of these blessings, we now hear a bold call to "Restore the Beacon of Hope" at First United Methodist Church. This brochure introduces you to an exciting campaign–one that invites you to be part of something meaningful, not just for today, but for generations to come.

As we step forward together, may God bless us, inspire us, and lead us into a future filled with hope and purpose.

May God bless our future!

In peace,
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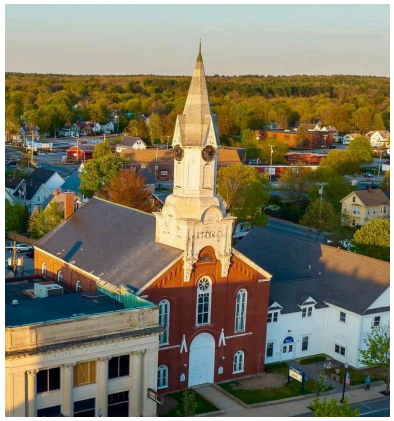
Our Steeple



We are one big family with a shared purpose to grow more Christ-like and to keep hope alive in our community and beyond.

Our steeple is a physical manifestation of that hope. It draws our eyes skyward, helping us see the majesty of creation and a beacon of Christ's light in the world. It is a recognizable landmark and guidepost for members of our community to know where to find a community with inspiring worship and genuine fellowship.

It leads people to find a meal multiple times per week. Most of all it shows us that we have arrived home.

City of Rochester Logo
featuring our Steeple

The Work of Restoration

In its current condition, the weathered spire, broken clock, and chipped paint cast feelings of doubt, despair, and shame. For us to continue to keep hope alive and feed the needs of Rochester, body, mind, & soul, we need to protect our structure from the harsh New England weather. The repair of our steeple will let our building stay strong and help protect the sanctuary and structure from further water damage. Above all, our steeple is a beacon of hope for the church and the community of Rochester.

- Spire roof replacement
- Repair & replacement of wood rot
- Clock Face Replacement
- Scrape & repaint trim

Estimated Cost: $800,000