



# MIDWAY HILLS

REVOLUTIONARY GENEROSITY UNCONDITIONAL LOVE INNOVATIVE MINISTRY  
RADICAL HOSPITALITY PROFOUND SOCIAL JUSTICE NURTURING STEWARDSHIP

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**GIVE. SERVE. GROW.**

Capital Campaign and 2024 Stewardship

Dear Midway Hills Family,

We are grateful people and God has blessed us generously over the years. Now we are invited to respond with a generosity of our own to what God has given us.

As a congregation, we have entered into a time of discernment of what we will contribute monetarily to three important aspects of our communal life: 1) raising money for our new HVAC chiller; 2) continue paying our debt reduction; and 3) making pledges for our annual budget for ministry in 2024.

Our giving affects how we contribute to the church's many missions that extend from our building, through our staff, and out into the greater community. The practice of exercising financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline. There is joy to be found in practicing generosity and it begins with a simple step of a commitment to contribute.

We believe as members at Midway Hills Christian Church that our giving is a commitment to be a part of what God is doing for the kin-dom as we continue to be inclusive, do justice, and honor diversity. We respond as a community of genuine disciples of Christ through revolutionary generosity, unconditional love, innovative ministry, profound justice, radical hospitality, and nurturing stewardship.

In short, we give to serve and grow.

Our campaign theme is Give, Serve, Grow - it is one that gets to the heart of the issue. God is working through us. Every time we give, that gift becomes a ministry and mission.

The ministry and mission of our church takes place because of the spiritual and financial gifts our members and friends choose to offer. These are the resources that fuel our mission.

Please keep our congregation in prayer as we move together toward discerning our gifts of stewardship for the capital campaign and the 2024 budget; gifts that impact now and our future.

Again, thank you for your part in the life-transforming journey of this dedicated congregation.

Blessings,

Capital Campaign Team: Valerie Cunningham (Chair), Rob Hendrickson, Joan Holland, John and Kathy Leslie, D.C. Ciccone, James Lackey, Megan Mercer, and Rev. Laurie Anderson.

# New chiller is centerpiece of capital campaign

After decades of semi adequate service to our church campus, our antiquated HVAC system failed for the last time on June 16th. The water tank, serving as the catalyst to deliver cooled air failed, releasing 16,000 gallons of water into our basement. The tank failure would be extremely costly to repair. MHCC had outgrown this system's capacity to support our growing congregation decades ago. The time is now to invest in a new system to serve our growing needs and as such be the focus of our next capital campaign.

The new chiller would sit on a new cement platform outside our kitchen on the west side of the campus. Our plan is to reuse as much of our existing network of pipes and HVAC fan motors to keep costs to a minimum. Connecting the new chiller to our Oncor power transmission unit as well as our existing basement piping constitutes the bulk of the labor estimate. We will also replace a small number of fan motors throughout our campus that are currently not operational. Specific work plans are in place and our loan application has been submitted. We will provide progress updates weekly to the campaign committee once work has started. Thanks in advance for your support of this incredibly important campaign.



## Loan details

MHCC will be seeking a loan from Disciples Church Extension Fund, the amount will be \$200,000-\$250,000. The current plan with DCEF is to consolidate the two existing loans with the HVAC loan with the potential to extend the terms. Please review current financial statements for additional details.

# 2024 Stewardship

For several years MHCC had ended the year with deficit spending. For the budget year 2024 the Finance committee and Board will need to create a budget in line with our 2024 pledges.

Your pledge card will have a space to indicate you Capitol Campaign pledge (for 3 years) and a space to pledge for the 2024 MHCC Budget.

## Community life

Our Community Life Ministry offers a way to practice radical hospitality with each other as we seek to extend it beyond our church walls. These photos are worth a thousand words.



# Becoming beloved

We have hosted for extended stay 22 asylum seekers this last year. The average stay is 2 months. As a congregation we have set up apartments for 4 refugee families supporting everything from groceries to furniture for each room. MHCC will be a hub for advocacy and training opportunities sharing resources in



immigration/refugee faith rooted advocacy. We are working in partnership with other immigrant community-based organizations in our area and other congregations. Our innate desire is to make the

DFW metro area a community of radical welcome so that together we lean into the beloved kin-dom (Becoming Beloved).



# Crossings 229

Our campus has a variety of spaces ready to flex to fit community needs. In addition, we offer open coworking and meeting spaces during our office hours, from Monday - Thursday from 9-2.

We also have spaces available for you to host your own classes or club meetings. We have quiet spaces to record your podcasts or videos. Please contact our office for availability.

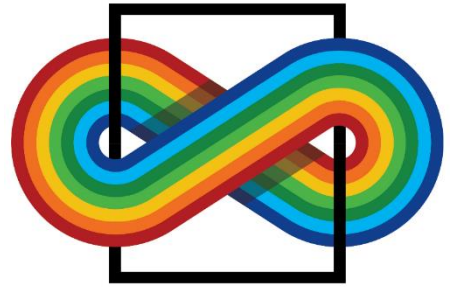


Our campus hosts the Dallas County Master Gardeners and has epic gardens and beautiful opportunities for reflection, learning, and art.

## Music

The music ministry at Midway Hills Christian Church serves its congregation and surrounding communities through inventive programming which "blurs the lines" between the sacred and secular, providing a joyful noise in worship, and providing a community for music-making at MHCC. Past offerings include numerous special musicians in worship, well-received Christmas and Easter services with live brass, and the "U2Charist" service this past March. Those interested in joining the choir or offering their musical talents in other ways can reach out to Bryce Biffle, Director of Music Ministries.

Gatherings to look forward to include live music events throughout select dates October to December.



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community creativity connection



# Children and Youth Programs

Over the last year, Reverend Daren and Miss Kathy have impacted 37 children and youth (ages 5-18) through programming and ministries exemplifying the values of Midway Hills Christian Church. The children and youth have learned first-hand what it is to be the hands and feet of Jesus on this earth, by following his teachings inside and outside the church.



## Adult Sunday school

MHCC is committed to an informed faith as we offer a variety of educational opportunities for all adult participation. Through our Sunday morning class, we explore subjects like faithful aging, Disciples of Christ identity, and an overview of the major world religions. In our Wednesday Bible Study, we have seen how the Bible is an immigrant story, delved deeper into the lectionary texts for each Sunday, and enjoyed all church book reads by Bono and Mark Yaconelli.



## Midway Hills Christian Church Leadership 2023

### OFFICERS

Chair DC Ciccone  
 Vice-Chair James Lackey  
 Secretary Sara Leslie  
 Treasurer John Leslie

### ELDERS

2021-23 Jack van Wunnik  
 Valerie Cunningham (chair)  
 2021-23 Jayne Sparrer  
 2022-23 Lynne Stokes  
 Joan Holland  
 Frank Martin  
 Jan Sullivan  
 Amanda Hendrickson

### TRUSTEES

2022 Chris Sparrer  
 2023 Tinker Miller  
 2024 Don Manworren  
*Past Chair* Mark Holmgren  
*Current Treas.* John Leslie

### DEACONS

Hannah Ciccone (chair)  
 Laura Mitchell  
 Peggy van Wunnik  
 Suzanna Bare  
 Lowery Ferguson  
 Mark Holmgren  
 John Nation  
 Leisha Celiz  
 Jo Hargis

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Bookkeeper Ean Sullivan  
 Parliamentarian Don Manworren

### MINISTRY CHAIRS

Fellowship/Comm. Life Megan Mercer  
 Worship Dee Merrell  
 Mission & Outreach Kathy Leslie  
 Personnel Joan Holland  
 Stewardship Kathy Leslie (co-chair)  
 Property DC Ciccone  
 Evangelism Daren Evans  
 Justice Rev. Laurie & Rev. Deb  
 Education Rev. Deb

### NOMINATIONS

Chair (2nd yr elder) Lynne Stokes  
 Elder (next chair) Frank Martin  
 Deacon Hannan Ciccone  
 Member-at-Large Suzanna Caldwell-Bare  
 Vice-Chair James Lackey

### PERSONNEL

Chair (M-A-L) Joan Holland  
 Member-At-Large Gary Springer  
 Chair Elders Val Cunningham  
 Chair Worship Dee Merrell  
 Chair Education vacant  
 Vice Chair James Lackey

### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

James Lackey (chair) Millie Martin  
 Mia Martin Don Manworren  
 Jack van Wunnik



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