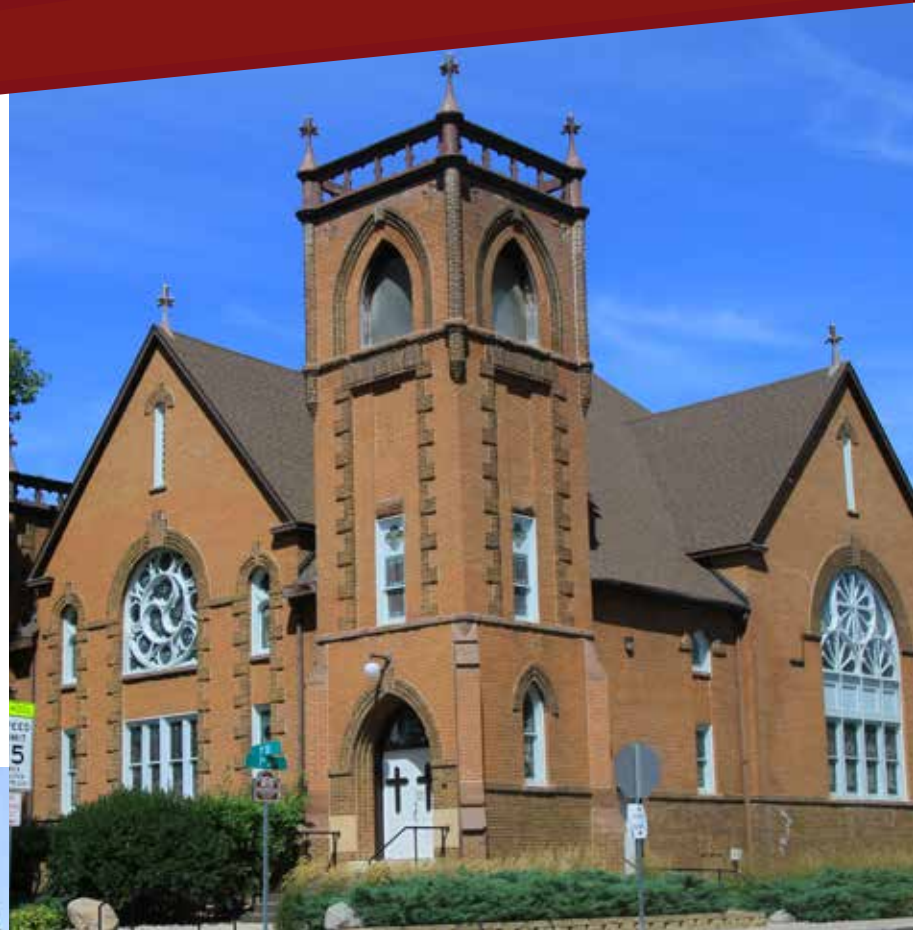




**A Campaign to
Strengthen our
Church and
Expand our
Ministry**

**Faithful Service...
Lasting Legacy**



2026



A Legacy

At the Corner of Church and Community

For 147 years, First United Methodist Church has stood “at the Corner of Church and Community,” offering hope, hospitality, and the love of Christ to Brookings and beyond.

Generations have worshiped here, grown in faith here, and discovered a place where God’s grace meets everyday life.

While our buildings and faces have changed over time, our commitment to Christ, to one another, and to our community has remained constant.



Serving our Congregation

Today, more than 230 households call this congregation home. Led by a dedicated pastor, staff, and a strong corps of lay leaders and volunteers, our church offers vibrant worship, meaningful education for all ages, small-group discipleship, fellowship, and hands-on service.



Serving our Community

Our campus is alive throughout the week — not only with church activities, but with community partners who rely on our space to serve children, families, and neighbors in need.

A Season of Blessing & Responsibility

We now enter a new season, one in which we are called to care for the spaces entrusted to us so they can continue to serve God's people for generations to come.

Together Campaign



The Together Campaign, completed in 2019, allowed us to retire all debt, complete major improvements, and strengthen our financial foundation. Because of that faithful generosity, we were prepared to pivot quickly during the COVID pandemic—installing the technology needed to livestream worship and remain connected as a church family.



As every homeowner knows, buildings continue to age.

Our Trustees have carefully evaluated our campus and identified the most urgent projects needed to keep our facilities safe, welcoming, and fully functional for ministry. Some of these needs are significant in scope and exceed what can be addressed through our annual operating budget.



Our Plans for Ministry-Driven Needs

These projects represent an investment in the ministries which define Brookings First United Methodist Church. They fall into four ministry-focused categories.

Protecting Our Sacred Spaces

\$375,000

- Sanctuary: Replace roof and gutters
 - Upgrade to steel shingles
 - 50-year life with high hail and wind resistance
- Bell Towers: Masonry tuckpointing on exterior mortar, joints and bricks
- Basement: Address water ingress/drain tile



Strengthening Hospitality & Community Service

\$105,000

- Upgrade drinking fountains campus-wide
- Basement: Repair stairway tile
- Community Life Center (CLC): Replace A/C and furnace units in kitchens and Head Start classrooms
- Ed Building: Remove outdated sinks in first floor classrooms

Ensuring Modern Ministry

\$55,000

- CLC: Replace north projector
- Sanctuary & CLC: Replace wireless microphones
- Sanctuary & CLC: Upgrade worship streaming and display computers
- Office: Update computers and projector systems



*Give, and you will receive.
Your gift will return to you in full-
pressed down, shaken together to make
room for more, running over, and poured
into your lap. The amount you give will
determine the amount you get back.
-Luke 6:38*

Caring for our Grounds

\$65,000

- Parking Lot: Pavement mill and overlay
- Prayer Garden: Replace fence and brickwork





Our Campaign Goal: \$600,000



Just as previous generations invested in the spaces we enjoy today, we are now called to build a better church and leave *a lasting legacy* for those who will follow.

To fund these essential projects, we are launching the **At the Corner** capital campaign.

Our goal is to raise \$600,000 — an amount that will allow us to complete the prioritized maintenance and improvement projects within the next five years.

This campaign is not simply about buildings. It is about ministry. It is about mission. It is about ensuring that our church remains a place where faith is nurtured, families are supported, and our community is served in Christ's name.

A Call to Faithful Participation

Your support will be needed and deeply appreciated. Through the prayerful generosity of many — and the extraordinary generosity of a few — we will succeed.

Together, we can ensure that this corner remains a place where Christ's love is shared, where community is strengthened, and where future generations will find a home for their faith.

We invite you to join us in this essential and exciting effort to build a lasting legacy of service — **At the Corner**.

WAYS TO GIVE

All members are invited to consider gifts above and beyond regular offerings.

Multi-Year Commitments

Pledges payable over three (3) years are the most effective way to help us reach our goal. Gifts may be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, with a 10% initial investment encouraged.

Pledges can be fulfilled in numerous ways. In addition to check/cash, we welcome gifts from IRA distributions and donor-advised funds.

Non-cash gifts are also welcome, including:

- Securities (stocks and bonds)
- Real estate (land, rental or vacation property)
- In-kind gifts of labor or materials
- Personal property such as artwork, vehicles, jewelry, or antiques

Every gift, regardless of size or form, strengthens our ministry.

Levels of Support Needed for Success

To reach our goal, we will need both a substantial number of gifts and a few larger leadership gifts.

Gift Range	Number Needed	Amount Needed
\$75,000 or More	1	\$75,000
\$50,000 - \$74,999	4	\$200,000
\$25,000 - \$49,999	6	\$150,000
\$10,000 - \$24,999	8	\$80,000
\$5,000 - \$9,999	15	\$75,000
\$4,999 or Less	40	\$60,000
Total	74	\$640,000



Suggested Pledge Plans

Three Year Pledges

Gift Level	Total Gift	(10%) Initial Investment	Daily*	Weekly*	Payment Plans			
					(36) Monthly	(12) Quarterly	(6) Semi-Annual	(3) Annual
Lead	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$206	\$1,442	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$37,500	\$75,000
	100,000	10,000	82	577	2,500	7,500	15,000	30,000
	75,000	7,500	62	433	1,875	5,625	11,250	22,500
	50,000	5,000	41	288	1,250	3,750	7,500	15,000
	40,000	4,000	33	231	1,000	3,000	6,000	12,000
	30,000	3,000	25	173	750	2,250	4,500	9,000
	25,000	2,500	21	144	625	1,875	3,750	7,500
Major	20,000	2,000	16	115	500	1,500	3,000	6,000
	15,000	1,500	12	87	375	1,125	2,250	4,500
	10,000	1,000	8	58	250	750	1,500	3,000
	5,000	500	4	29	125	375	750	1,500
Community	4,000	400	3	23	100	300	600	1,200
	3,000	300	2	17	75	225	450	900
	2,000	200	2	12	50	150	300	600
	1,000	100	1	6	25	75	150	300


* These figures are for illustration purposes only.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10

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