



King Avenue  
United Methodist Church

# THE VESSEL

A newsletter to communicate the goals and status of the Coming Together for Transformation Comprehensive Campaign

## Coming Together for Transformation is a Comprehensive Campaign of King Avenue United Methodist Church

In December of 1889, a group of individuals came together on Henry street and formed a Sunday school on the second story of a bakery. Perhaps on that cold December day God the potter threw a lump of clay on the spinning wheel of life and began to form what today is known as King Avenue Church. Over 130 years later King Avenue continues to be shaped and transformed.

To nourish this transformation, the leadership of KAUMC, in consultation with numerous committees, architects, and funding professionals, has concluded that essential capital repairs and maintenance is

needed. These improvements will ensure KAUMC is able to serve more effectively our diverse and growing congregation and community, ensuring that KAUMC remains a vibrant hub that welcomes all people, and is a witness to the reconciling love of God.

The Coming Together for Transformation Comprehensive Campaign will facilitate the creation of new avenues of ministry and expand our missional footprint. **The total proposed goal of this campaign is \$2,000,000** over three years and includes initial funding for the staff required to launch and oversee expanded ministerial services.

### CHALLENGES

### SOLUTIONS

### OPPORTUNITIES

Critical repairs are needed for the safety and comfort of our members and guests	Repair Mortar Joints and roof membrane, replacement existing boiler and HVAC units. Increase facilities for the handi-capable, add women’s restrooms	Provides safe and comfortable space to serve Christ through our facility. Effectively and efficiently use our building for offices, meeting spaces, in support of our ministries. Decrease utility expenses.
Restoration of historic aspects of building need immediate attention	Protect and refurbish existing stained-glass windows including Memorial windows in the sanctuary	Preserves the glory and heritage of KAUMC as an inclusive and safe space for all. Highlights our stewardship of our shared history.
Obsolete technology and limited worship resources limit the reach of our message of inclusiveness	Install hearing loop in the sanctuary, engage new state of the art technologies to engage on-line worship including cameras, computers, software, and staff.	Grow ministries and serve the next generation as a reconciling and inclusive UMC. Promotes integration of creative resources into worship, communicating more effectively with a visual generation. Develops and maintains the on-line worship community.

A successful comprehensive campaign will enable us to add to the vibrancy of our ministries, more actively support the communities we serve, and ensure that our magnificent building remains a center for worship, service, learning, and inclusive fellowship for years to come. With God's help and our best efforts, we can achieve our vision of tomorrow's King Avenue United Methodist Church.

## Support for Campaign Goals

*"King Ave UMC contributes significant value to our community in Columbus. It is a Hub for social services and allows so many to come and worship and be in fellowship openly without fear of judgment or shame."*  
Shannon Hardin, Columbus City Council President,  
Letter July 2, 2020.

*"Columbus Landmarks recognizes the tremendous responsibility of caring for such a significant building and we appreciate the attentive stewardship by the*

*King Avenue United Methodist Church congregation"*  
Becky West, Columbus Landmarks Executive Director,  
Letter July 9, 2020

## The "Ask"

If we all come together to reach our goals, God will transform us into a vessel of continued hope and strength for the community. [God] said, "Can I not do with you as this potter does? "Like the clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel". Jeremiah 18:6. As far as a plan of what our vessel will ultimately become depends on our contributions, we are the clay, God is the potter.

King Avenue has created a Campaign Cabinet to facilitate our endeavors. Think of them as the strength of the potter's hand as the clay is transformed into a beautiful vessel. A list of the Cabinet members is listed on the back of the newsletter. Please contact these people to get involved in your area of interest.

**"King Avenue transforms lives by creating an inclusive community that spreads God's message of love and justice." EBeth Scott**



## We need your contribution, your piece of clay, to reach our goals and there are a few simple ways you can get involved.

**1. Host an Informational Meeting** - These meetings will be conducted at various times through on-line platforms such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams where information will be shared through discussion and print materials. The meetings will present details regarding the various projects in the Comprehensive Campaign and encourage people to prayerfully consider how to respond to our challenges. Those volunteering to host can pick a date between October 12 through 17th. Pledges will not be discussed or received at these meetings.

**2. Say "YES!"**- A member of one of the cabinet teams may call you and ask for your help. When you are asked to help please say "YES!"

**3. Volunteer** -You may volunteer by contacting our Campaign Cabinet Chair(s) or a member of the Campaign Cabinet listed in the newsletter.

### Save the date

- **Information Meetings October 12 - 17**
- **Commitment Event November 15**
- **Celebration Sunday December 6**

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“King Avenue shapes lives by affirming the fact that I am one of God’s children. Feeling loved!”

Rick Gilson



“King Avenue transforms lives by fostering spiritual growth and wonder for all ages.”

Beth Collier





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Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

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**Did you know?**

The last significant changes to KAUMC occurred more than 12 years ago with the installation of the John-Paul Buzard Opus 36 Organ and the restoration of the bell tower.

In 2016, the Short North Alliance, a nearby culture-rich area gave King Avenue the Community Partner Award for its positive impact as a gathering place for worship and its work with Habitat for Humanity, Hubbard Elementary, NNEMAP, and LGBTQI+ ministries.

“King Avenue transforms lives by adapting to change while maintaining a spiritual and welcoming space.”

Amy Kessler



“King Avenue transforms lives by demonstrating the Greatest Commandment - loving God and loving people. Their programs, their staff, their community all reflect this principle and have provided a welcoming place for me to worship.” Gina Minot