

Grace for Generations: Our Foundation, Our Community

Details of the Campaign:

Total Campaign: \$550,000

Timeline: 18 months (February 2026-August 2027)

Matching Gift: \$250,000 from the sale of the Wilkes Property will be used as a dollar-for-dollar matching gift for the first \$250,000 raised.

Structure: We will not borrow any money to complete these projects. We will move forward with each as the money becomes available. We have ordered the projects strategically based upon the urgency and how each of the projects fits into the larger picture of ministry at Grace and in our community.

Projects

(1). **Roof** — The roof has served beyond its lifetime. Following Helene, Pastor Steve was kneeling around the altar rail during worship and stood up to discover that his leg was wet. It was then that we discovered that the kneelers were full of water. We sent roofers up to fix the leak, and they said that the current roof shingles were crumbling.

Estimated Project Cost: \$135,000

Status: Bids received and vendor chosen

Estimated Timeline: Immediately

(2). **Parking Lot Expansion** — This project will expand the back parking lot and fix major drainage issues. With worship attendance increasing, we are finding that the space in our parking lots are more regularly filling up. Additionally, we know that parking in Boone continues to be a major challenge. So, during the week, we will be able to share more of our parking spaces with students which in turn supports our mission financially. The total cost of this project is going to be \$180,000 and we are asking for the congregation to share some of this cost and the increased revenue from the extra 25 spots will provide the rest of the funding. This will complete the Council Property updates for the foreseeable future.

Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000 (of the \$180,000 total cost)

Status: Approved by the Town of Boone, bids received and vendor chosen.

Estimated Timeline: Spring 2026

(3). **Grace Place** — The Grace Place was purchased in 2006. We have replaced the roof, the plumbing and fixed the drainage issues. However, we haven't done much work on the inside of the house in the 20 years that we have owned it. The new Director of Congregational Life position will have the option to live in the Grace Place. Having this house updated is necessary in order for us to move forward with this position. The plan will be to fully update the house, including: reconfiguring the bathrooms to go from 1.5 baths to 2 full baths; creating a third bedroom in the previous formal dining room; fully updating the kitchen; installing a new HVAC system; updating the outdated electrical system; plus adding new flooring and paint throughout. This project will complete all of the updates for the Grace Place.

Estimated Project Cost: \$125,000
Status: Awaiting final bids.
Estimated Timeline: Summer 2026

(4). **Playground** — In 2017, we received a gift from the Stavros estate to support our Youth and Family Ministries at Grace. Part of that gift was used to update the play area outside of the Fellowship Hall which included adding the fencing and a few small children's activities. With the surge of young families joining our congregation, we feel like it is time to refresh the playground with a new piece of playground equipment and updating the landscaping in the play area. This will complete the update of the playground.

Estimated Project Cost: \$35,000
Status: Bids received and vendor chosen.
Estimated Timeline: Fall 2026

(5). **Councill House** — We have been steadily updating the Councill House since we purchased the property in 2007. We have put on a new roof, siding, and windows and more recently we have updated the whole electrical system. The house is now being used more than ever by our Lutheran Students of Appalachian during the academic year and Lutheran Disaster Response Groups during the summer, not to mention weekend service and ski groups throughout the year. This project will primarily update the two other bathrooms, refresh the kitchen and allow us to remove the outdated carpeting. This will complete all of the updates we have planned for the Councill House.

Estimated Project Cost: \$75,000
Status: Awaiting bids.
Estimated Timeline: Summer 2027

(6). **Cash Reserve** — The last part of this project will be to enhance our cash reserves. Each of the past several years, we have been using most of our modest surpluses at year-end to add to the cash reserve, increasing it from \$0 in 2017 to \$40,000 at the end of the last fiscal year. This is about 1 month of reserve when the recommendation is to have at least 3 months of reserve on hand. Having a sufficient cash reserve frees us up to do ministry as the Spirit moves and calls us, so that we never have to hesitate when opportunity arises for us to boldly share God's love so that all are served and supported.

Estimated Project Cost: \$80,000
Status: This has been calculated based upon current approved budget.
Estimated Timeline: Summer 2027.