

Q&A

Why do we need more land?

Over the years, what once was open farm land on three sides of our property has slowly been developed. The only adjacent land still available to us is the property to our south. Purchase of these road front lots and the land donated by Petra Fellowship will be our last chance for future expansion at our current location. It is good to have the land available to expand as God blesses. Eventually, this land would give us plenty of space for more ministry opportunities, a new sanctuary, more parking, additional playgrounds or anything else needed as we grow. Initially, it could be used for recreational space for outreach ministries.

How will I be asked to give?

We are all challenged to give God's tithe to our place of worship. Beyond that, we ask each family to consider how God might be stretching them to invest in the Kingdom. The giving period for this emphasis will be over the next three years beginning March 25th.

How much money will we save by paying off our debt?

We currently pay just under \$4,000 per month on our mortgage. Upon paying off that debt, we will immediately save that money going out each month and can apply that to other ministry purposes. In terms of actual interest saved over the remaining life of the mortgage, if we paid it off today, we'd save at least \$54,877 in interest alone!

What capital improvements are needed?

There are many parts of our buildings and grounds that need attention. The "new" part of the church is now over 15 years old and requires more than just upkeep. Some of the items to be addressed may include parking lot maintenance, heat pump replacement, and a facelift for the common areas.



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Preparing the Fields

Rich soil . . . high yield . . . a great harvest . . . remember the words of Jesus . . . look on the fields; they are ripe for harvest . . . pray for workers. Could it be there are individuals all around us looking for an abundant life? They just need someone to reach out to them, to invest in them.

I am convinced God wants to bring about a spiritual awakening in our midst. He desires that we recapture the wonder, that we truly experience the presence of Jesus daily, hourly, moment-by-moment, developing an intimacy with Him in every aspect of our life. When that happens, everything changes. It will no longer be business as usual.

Would you permit me to challenge your thinking? Yes, we desire to raise some monies. There are some basic needs we should take care of if we are to truly prepare the fields (this booklet will share the opportunities). It's another step in our faith journey. More importantly, as your pastor, my desire is for you to move to another level in your spiritual journey, one that experiences the touch of a miracle-working God, one that taps into divine power.

God desires it . . . He is willing to do it! I'm looking forward to it . . . I believe you are, too!

History

It began with a vision for ministry, worship, and outreach.

A young pastor and his wife and twenty-two people from Ephrata Church of the Nazarene were called by God to the New Holland community to start a Nazarene church in July 1976. In April 1977, the congregation began worship services at its present location on Ranck Avenue. Kinder-Haus Nursery Day Care Center, with 18 children enrolled, was a part of this beginning ministry and outreach to the community.

Our first facility, built in the shape of a T, consisted of a sanctuary, four classrooms, kitchen, two bathrooms, and two offices. An addition was completed in the spring of 1985, adding additional classrooms and office space, with an adjacent home and pavilion added to the church soon after. Our latest addition, completed in July of 1998, is a 14,700 square foot multi-purpose facility that functions as our sanctuary and gymnasium, as well as additional classroom space. Over the years, our building has been used for many ministries to our congregation and the New Holland community. The focus of the building space has always been to facilitate ministry, worship, and outreach to others.

Over the years, New Holland Church of the Nazarene has grown steadily, both numerically and spiritually. We have seen God's rich blessings bestowed upon His people. Through the years many people have chosen to serve the One who is still changing lives today. We praise God together for permitting us to be a part of such a wonderful family.

The future is bright for New Holland Church of the Nazarene. The best years are ahead of us as we work together in seeing Christ continue to change lives and mend broken hearts.

The Campaign

Preparing the Fields is about the continuation of this vision. We are still a people committed to this initial vision of ministry, worship, and outreach to our community. Many before us have given sacrificially of their time, talent, and treasure to God, and we now enjoy the fruits of their efforts. But why do we give? God has richly blessed us with his amazing grace and mercy through Christ, so undeserved and yet freely given, that our only possible response is to worship Him with our whole being. We don't give to get. We give because we have already received so much from God.

Our goal for Preparing the Fields is to spend dedicated time pursuing a deeper relationship with God and encouraging His people to commit themselves fully to

Him. One significant component of this commitment is our stewardship of financial resources. Our church has several significant financial needs, and we have a goal of raising \$600,000 as a result of this campaign to meet those needs. Specifically, we have several capital improvement items that need to be addressed to keep our building in good working order and avoid more costly repairs or damage later. We expect these to total \$80,000. We also have the unique, exciting opportunity to purchase some additional land adjacent to our existing property. Petra Christian Fellowship generously agreed to donate some land to us, but this additional purchase allows us to have much needed road frontage to utilize the donated land. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to expand our available land and secure many possibilities for the future. We need \$260,000 to complete this purchase. Finally, we would like to eliminate our current mortgage of \$260,000. Doing this will save us significant dollars in monthly mortgage payments/interest that can go toward increased ministry and other needs of the church.

Consistent with our history as a church, your church board feels that these efforts will contribute greatly to our ability to minister, worship, and reach out to our community long into the future. This is a key moment in our church's history. Will you continue in this long heritage and prepare the fields for God's rich harvest?