

OUR JOURNEY

Renewing Today, Securing Tomorrow

ST. CUTHBERT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Journey: Renewing Today, Securing Tomorrow will take place in early 2021. On this journey we will be seeking God's guidance for the life and giving at St. Cuthbert Church. This will be a time of celebration of all that God is doing in our midst and in joyful anticipation of all that is yet to come.

Our journey is one of great faith! To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.

HISTORY



St. Cuthbert has been a parish of great vision and abundant faith. April 22, 2020 marked the forty-second anniversary of the founding of St. Cuthbert Episcopal Church. From our humble beginnings in 1978 at Bob & Linda's Sandwich Shoppe, In 1981 we moved to an A-frame building on Addicks-Satsuma Road and in 1983 to Willow River Drive in Copperfield. In 2009, St. Cuthbert Church moved to its current location.

DEBT



The move to our current location resulted in the debt we carry today:

- The economic downturn of 2008 – 2010 delayed the sale of the Willow River property and reduced the final sale price.
- In 2018, the restructuring of our mortgage reduced the payment; however, our loan equates to \$163K annually, approximately 24% of our overall budgeted revenue.
- Our remaining \$1.9MM of debt on our current building now prohibits us from adequately responding to ministry opportunities.
- Significantly reducing our debt will enable us to enhance our ministries, increase outreach, and provide resources for operational and capital needs.

OBJECTIVES



The feasibility study, conducted last summer, revealed the following objectives for Our Journey campaign:

- Promote gratitude and generosity as a way of life.
- Increase ministry in and to the community with a goal of designating 10% of funds from the annual budget to outreach.
- Refinance our current high-interest, variable rate mortgage with a lower fixed-rate mortgage by using the first \$150K collected for the required down payment.
- Continue funding the Children's Minister position and programming for 2021 and beyond.
- Establish a financial reserve for repairs and major equipment needs and continue to maintain and enhance our building and grounds.

SECURING TOMORROW



At the end of February, all will be invited to make a three-year pledge to the Our Journey campaign. Should you feel called to make an early gift in 2020 for tax purposes or to provide momentum, you may do so online at stcuthbert.org/giving or by contacting our Parish Administrator, Tanya Avery, at tanya@stcuthbert.org.

Our first forty years are merely a beginning. Our journey continues. We will, as the body of Christ, seek God's guidance to renew today and secure tomorrow for St. Cuthbert Church.

**Together, we can build the kingdom of God both in our community and the world.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1