Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the Thrive Capital Campaign and why now?
This capital campaign reflects our belief that sacrificial giving helps ensure the attainment of God's desires for our church. Giving to THRIVE by the congregation will directly reduce the principal balance on our $4.2 million mortgage with THRIVE offerings received from the congregation each month. Reducing our indebtedness now is essential as interest rates will likely be higher by the time we are scheduled to refinance in 2021. As faithful stewards, we simply cannot afford to divert more money to the bank from our programs and ministries.

What is our THRIVE giving goal and how will the money be used?
A goal of $750,000 has been established by the campaign team to be received over a two-year period beginning October 2017. This is a conservative goal which can be surpassed with prayerful, sacrificial giving. During our last capital campaign in 2006, we raised $1.4 million which served as the down payment for our building. Paying less interest to the bank, will free much-needed monies to invest in programs and ministries.

What do we mean when we say THRIVE will free up much money to invest in programs and ministries? Do these things really make a difference?
We are very proud of how God is working in and around our community of faith every day to change lives. Whether it is our pre-school, food pantry, sports ministries, weekly meals provided through our Not Here Ministry mission, Room In The Inn, providing ball fields for community league use, providing space for many types of important meetings and events such as worship facilities for our Latino brothers and sisters, and many others including AA and Mothers of Preschoolers to name a few. We impact over 1,000 lives a week through all the services and ministries we provide. It is clear that these require not only our time and talents but our dollars. The more dollars we can direct to changing lives, and away from paying the mortgage, the better.

What is the difference between a THRIVE pledge and our annual pledge for the operating budget?
THRIVE giving is above and beyond Operating Budget giving. While monthly mortgage payments come out of our operating budget, to the tune of $300,000 annually, this separate commitment on your part is to be used solely to make extra principal payments each month. As stated, this will reduce our debt burden and allow us to refinance our mortgage sooner and save precious dollars each month. Therefore, it is important to maintain, or increase if you can, your normal tithing to the budget while giving toward this two-year debt reduction effort. This is no different than paying down your own mortgage with any extra dollars added to your monthly payment amount.
Who is being asked to give to the THRIVE Campaign?

We hope that every member, family, and friend of HUMC will commit to give. We are also reaching out to community and ministry partners who are involved with the church, either through use of the facility or programs we support or sponsor. Every gift is both appreciated and needed. We want everyone to be able to experience and feel the joy and benefits of financial gifts we can use that otherwise would not be available with a larger mortgage.

How do I make my pledge for how much I want to give over 2 years?

Commitment cards and envelopes will be provided during worship on October 8, Commitment Sunday. You will be invited to complete the commitment card and place in the offering plates that day. Your prayerful commitment is critical to the success of this campaign. Commitment cards will also be available in the church office after October 8.

What options do I have for giving to the THRIVE campaign?

Gifts of Cash and Appreciated Stocks are two of the most common types of financial gifts. Whether you give during worship, online through our secure giving portal on HUMC’s web site, on your smartphone through our HUMC APP, or as an automated payment through your bank, there are many ways to give. You may choose to give all at once, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. It is up to each individual.

For information regarding gifts of stock and other securities, please contact Financial Secretary, Maggy Harms, at 704-728-1949 or maggyh@mindspring.com.

When can I start making contributions to THRIVE and do I need to write a separate check?

You can begin making payments to THRIVE as soon as you desire beginning October 8. And you don’t need to write a separate check. Simply note in the Memo field the amount you intend for the Operating Budget and the amount for THRIVE. Your gifts can be properly allocated to the two different funds. And, by the way, even though the campaign is slated for two calendar years, there is no restriction on the length of time you choose to make your donations. While two years is preferred so we can position ourselves to refinance with a lower balance, your sacrificial giving toward reducing the mortgage will be gladly accepted beyond two years.

Is my THRIVE commitment and giving confidential?

Yes, as has been HUMC’s practice for many years, all giving is confidential.

What are important dates to remember about THRIVE?

September 24, October 1 – THRIVE Message Sundays
September 27 – THRIVE VISION Night (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
September 29 – THRIVE VISION Night and PJ and Pizza Party for kids (6:30 – 8:00 pm)
October 8 – Commitment Sunday (both services). Commitment Cards will be available at church.
October 15 – Celebration Sunday
October 21 – Community Celebration: Fall Community Extravaganza

If I have other questions about THRIVE who should I contact?

THRIVE leaders include Kevin and Erin Franklin, Bob Inskeep, Betsy Humphries, Chris and Elizabeth Alleman, Keith and Jennifer Martin, Kathryn Dailey, Pam Aiken, Bob McAulliffe, Krista Sipe, Natasha Stracener, Cameron Floyd, Karen Terpenning, Emily Bumann, Dana Belcher, Tabitha Sarver, Pam Hegedus, Jesse Smith, and Paul Thompson, our senior pastor.