

A COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

for First Universalist Church of Yarmouth

LOVE IS AN ACTION PLAN

2023 -

Fall > Engineering review of 95 Main Street, preliminary estimates for projects.

2024

- Jun > Congregational approval of *Nourish & Flourish* strategic plan.
- Sep > Team begins working on campaign plan.

2025 -

- Jan > VIDEO shares Building on Love plan with all.
- Feb > INFO SESSIONS at church and on Zoom.
- Feb > VOTE 2/9 at Mid-Year Meeting to approve to raise funds and expend according to plan.
- Feb > GATHERINGS & CIRCLE SUPPERS to learn more about what we are doing together.
- Mar > ALL PLEDGES received as each is able.
- Apr > CELEBRATION of our completed fundraising and...beginning of the work!
- Jun > BEGIN approved capital projects for the safety, integrity and longevity of our historical buildings and community.

JULY 2025 - JUN 2028 -

Fulfillment of pledges, completion of improvements, sustaining reserves.







PROJECT GOALS

With LOVE at the center, we enter a mission-aligned campaign to:

- Support our shared ministry and beloved spiritual community.
- Care for our building and infrastructure in a timely manner.
- ➤ Add to our reserve funds to prepare for unplanned costs (e.g. a furnace).
- ➤ Move toward sustainable practices to minimize our environmental footprint.



WHERE...WHAT...WHY?

95 MAIN STREET (House)

Restore the structural integrity of our historical building that currently offers affordable housing to asylum-seeking immigrants and creates income for the church.

97 MAIN STREET (Church)

Address the long-term maintenance needs of our building and respond to the needs of our growing congregation.

Sanctuary Make audio-visual and other necessary Sanctuary improvements.

Kitchen Upgrade to safely and joyfully support current uses, e.g. Maine Farm Suppers and Dinner Church.

Grounds Beautify, naturalize, and explore expanded use of our grounds.

Ongoing Operations Commit to nourishing our beloved church community over the next three years.

Financial Integrity Add to operating reserves and grow existing endowment funds.

STEWARDSHIP BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS C A P 0 95 Main Street (HOUSE) 300,000 M ì 97 Main Street (CHURCH) T 200,000 R 60.000 A FINANCIAL INTEGRITY Ε L Н Add to operating reserves Ε A N N U Grow existing endowment Ν S funds/Fund the campaign 600,000 Т **OPERATING EXPENSES** V Ε Annual operations (3 years) TOTAL BUILDING ON LOVE CAMPAIGN \$1,200,000



OUR HOPE

We hope for 100% participation of members and friends, at whatever level is generous and possible for each. Although we cannot all give equally, we can all make an equal commitment.

With *Building on Love*, we aspire to support three years of vibrant Annual operations as well as a diverse set of Capital improvements, with three years in which to fulfill commitments.



- **ANNUAL** campaign
- + CAPITAL campaign
- = COMPREHENSIVE campaign

A Comprehensive Campaign combines an Annual operating campaign that funds our annual operating expenses with a Capital campaign to fund capital projects that ensure the integrity and safety of our physical space.

GRATITUDE

- ➤ For the support of members and friends who are building on love at First U.
- ➤ For those who will help us seek grants for our building improvements.
- ▼ To everyone on the great Building on Love team, working to analyze, prioritize, estimate, organize and inspire!
- ▼ To Rev. Hillary and all our staff, for bringing light and joy to the journey.



STEERING TEAM

John Auble (Chair)Beth RussellJen CivielloMarge TitcombKirk GoddardSarah Witte

Debbie Woodbury Rev. Hillary Collins Gilpatrick (ex officio)

MINI-TEAMS

95 Main Street (House) 97 Main Street (Church) Sanctuary Technology Sanctuary Family Area Kitchen Garden/Pathways Estimating & Contracting Communications
Grant Writing