



St. Mark's Building Renewal Fund Established and Initially Funded

We want to publicly thank and acknowledge the many members of St. Mark's who have already made initial gifts to the **Building Renewal Fund (BRF)**. **Thank you** for providing St. Mark's with a strong start to funding our architectural, liturgical and musical goals and priorities.

The Vestry, Finance Committee and the Building Renewal Committee are pleased to publicly announce the establishment of the **Building Renewal Fund (BRF)** at St. Mark's. Gifts to the **Building Renewal Fund (BRF)** can be made by check, transfer of securities, Qualified Charitable Distributions, Required Minimum Distributions, and other tax advantaged gifts. If you need to speak with our Treasurer Ken Reese or our Business Manager Laura Blum please call the church office at 505-262-2484.

The Building Renewal Fund (BRF) will be used for all expenses related to the Building Renovation Project and Organ Replacement work with a commitment to Music Ministry, Accessibility, Liturgical Flexibility, and Beauty in the coming months and years.

The **Building Renewal Fund (BRF)** was first established by the St. Mark's Vestry in 2022 for the express purpose of beginning the process to fund the initial architectural planning needed for renewing our worship space and to develop a strategy to replace or repair our aging Reuter pipe organ.

To date the **Building Renewal Fund (BRF)** has already received over \$455,000 from parishioner contributions in support of the Building Renewal work.

Funds Contributed to the Building Renewal Fund to date:

Vestry Designated, Initial Fund (DFMS 2021 dividend)	\$ 22,040
Vestry Designated funds from donor undesignated gifts	\$ 25,000
2023 Building Renewal Gifts from Parishioners	\$ 26,341

2024 Additional Designated Giving from Parishioners	<u>\$382,376</u>
Total Given to Building Renewal Fund (11.5.24)	\$455,757

These funds have been carefully stewarded and used in many important ways to date:

1. Hiring Robert Habiger as our Liturgical Design Consultant.
2. Hiring Paul Barribeau of Groth Design as our architect
3. Hiring Scott Reidell as our Organ Consultant and Acoustical Consulting firm
4. Purchase of the 51 rank (5,000 pipes) LeTourneau mechanical action pipe organ from First Christian Church in Colorado Springs.
5. Hiring Organ Clearing House firm to disassemble and transport the instrument to Albuquerque.
6. Contracting with Slater Transfer and Storage for storage of our LeTourneau pipe organ.

Our Building Renewal Work is ongoing and will require additional funds as we move toward the Renewal of our Worship Space and the Replacement of our pipe organ. A capital campaign will be initiated in 2025-2026 to fully fund the **Building Renewal Project**.

If you would like to make an initial gift to the **Building Renewal Fund (BRF)** as we continue our work and preparations for the project, we would welcome such generosity. Again **Thank You** to all who are making this Building Renewal work a reality.