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2024 OPERATING PLEDGE

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WELCOMING CHILDREN- 18-MONTH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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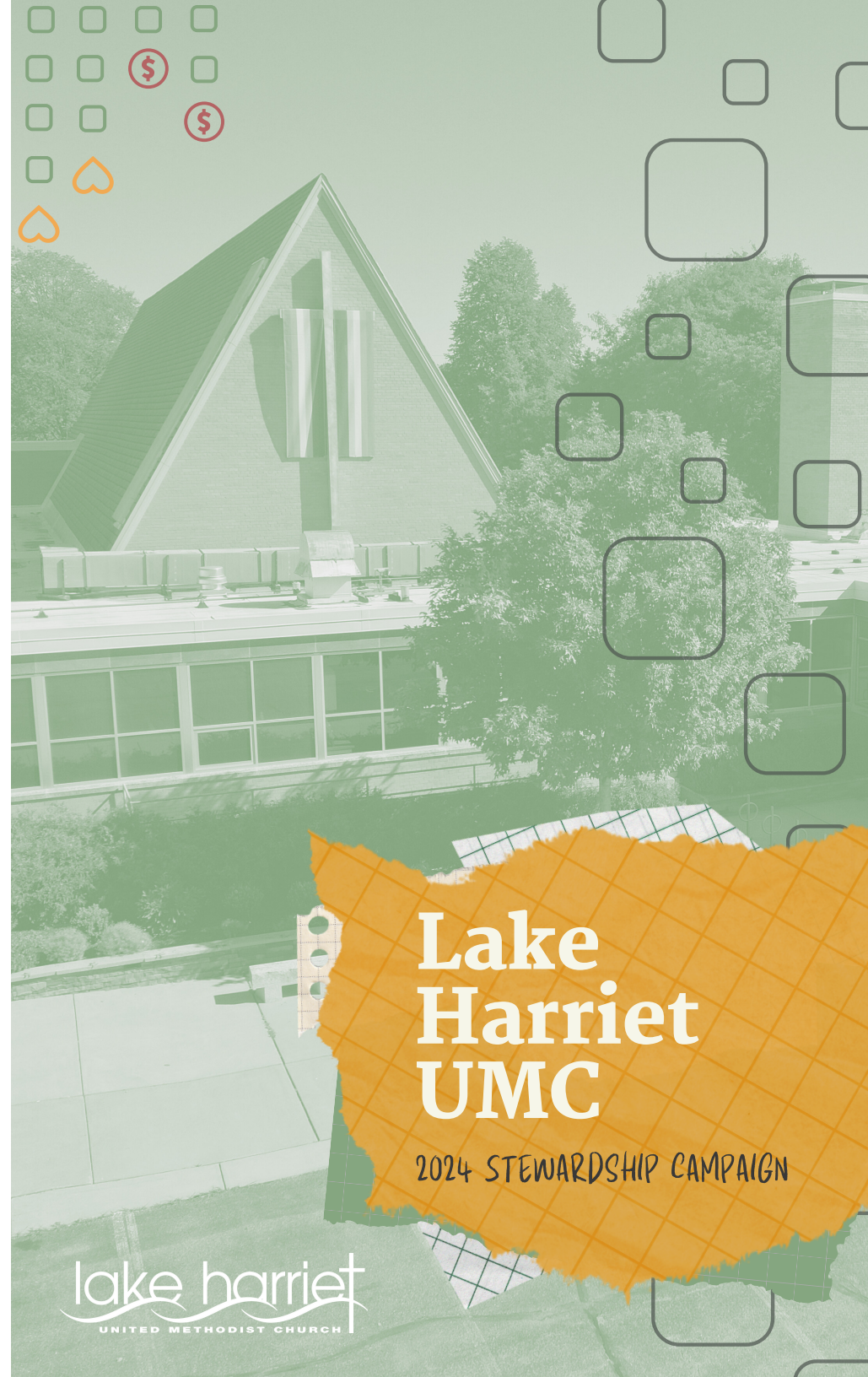
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LAKE HARRIET UMC
4901 CHOWEN AVENUE SOUTH,
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55410

*Please fill out your pledge either
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Lake Harriet UMC

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KAREN

Walking together in the congregation

We recently asked members to describe what Lake Harriet UMC means to them. Many told us they feel **welcomed** and **affirmed**. Worshippers are **inspired** through worship, music, sermons, and are **grateful** for online worship. Congregants feel **supported** in life's challenges of parenting, aging, and in times of joy and loss. They are thankful for technology that keeps folks **connected** even though they may not be physically present. They feel **challenged** to learn about real issues like systemic racism, food scarcity and housing disparity and to move to action. One person who joined the church in 2023 said "I can describe the congregation in one word – **home**."

Walking together in the community

Our building is a neighborhood hub; welcoming the Fulton Farmer's Market, Lake Harriet Players, Lake Harriet Preschool, and many community groups. We proudly partner with the Joyce Uptown Food Shelf, Every Meal, The Waters, and more to serve our community. We are living out our strategic goal of "Advocating for racial and housing justice" through collaboration with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

Your financial support will help us expand our online worship community, which is the new "front door" of the church. Online worship serves as the initial point of contact for guests, influencing their decision to attend in person or join the online community. Long-time members express deep appreciation for the technology enabling remote participation. To make the online worship experience meaningful, accessible and excellent, we want to hire a part-time Technology Lead (5 hours/week) to support volunteers in live-streaming, sound, worship slides, and online worship. Additionally, your generosity will enable us to hire a part-time Visitation Pastor (5 hours/week) to attend to the spiritual needs of our friends at home and online worshippers. As ministry evolves post-Covid, new strategies are essential to care for both in-person and online attendees and small groups.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Karen Chatfield Bruins

Campaign Goals

Building needs

We will undertake a capital campaign to raise \$300,000 for building improvements and renovations in the education wing to better serve the current ministry of the church and preschool and to position us for a bright future. We'll replace the 60-year-old heating system, adding air conditioning and air exchange units. The kitchen on the lower level needs non-porous washable surfaces on the floors, walls, and ceilings to make the kitchen brighter, more sanitary and compliant with today's minimum standards.

Accessible Childcare

We will welcome children. In our community, there is a shortage of childcare (especially for infants and toddlers). We want to help meet that need by offering licensed, accredited childcare. To bring the building up to licensing standards, we will add bathrooms on the upper level, egress doors on the lower level and a sidewalk on Beard Avenue.

Your generous pledges to the "Welcoming Children" capital campaign, combined with funding from the Lake Harriet Foundation, will make these dreams a reality.

YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TO THE 2024 OPERATING FUND & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WILL MAKE THESE MINISTRY PRIORITIES SUCCESSFUL.

