

What is the goal of Foundations for the Valley?

The goal for this campaign is to find a space that allows Riverbend to be a foundation for the 3 C's of the Lehigh Valley:

Community – The new space will allow for us to be able to reach out to the community and meet the needs of the community in our space through missions.

Church – Find a physical space for the church that creates room for members, and can meet members needs today, and for years to come

Children – Create a space that will be able to support our children of all ages for the current generation, and generations to come.

Why are we starting Foundations for the Valley now?

Riverbend's lease on our current meeting space ends in May of 2025. The landlord has been clear that he will not sign another long term lease with any of the tenants in the building we are currently located in. We want to be good stewards of the gifts that God has provided, so we are planning as far in advance as possible to allow us time to be able to find the best next home of Riverbend. We understand that these may not be the prime economic times, but we know that God does not always work on normal timelines, and feel that God is calling us to find a new home that can better support Riverbend and our mission.

Where is the new location for Riverbend?

We do not know where the new location for Riverbend is, but we have a team in place that will use data from our current member's locations, and availability in the real estate market to find the best location that meets the goals of Riverbend, but is also central to our congregation. Alyssa Schlener and Andy Millward will be leading this team, please partner with them if you would like to support this part of the campaign!

Will we own the new Riverbend space?

Our goal is to own the next home of Riverbend by using the funds from the campaign to either purchase a space outright, or as a downpayment on a mortgage. We feel that ownership of the space will allow us to be able to fulfill the 3 C's of the campaign (Community, Church, Children) to the best of our ability and will allow long term stability for Riverbend.

Is this related to the children's ministry at Riverbend?

Yes! We believe that every member of Riverbend should be involved in this campaign and we believe that children are a key group during the campaign! We specifically named this campaign "foundations" as we not only want to be a foundation for our children, but a foundation for the entire Lehigh Valley. We believe that this campaign will answer many unsolved space needs for our children for many years to come. We have a children's ministry team that is going to create ways for children to participate in the campaign so they can understand the importance of the campaign and have an impact!

What size space are we looking for?

We have a "Search Party" that will help us to better understand the needs of the church and be able to provide specifics around the size of the space that we need. Although we do not have a specific number at this time, our goal is to have a space that can meet our goals of the 3 C's (Church, Community, and Children) for today, and years to come.