



November 2016 Update

Imagine is a generosity campaign which is enabling Plum Creek to expand our ministry by reducing our debt. God is using Imagine to help us be more effective in our mission of leading people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. The campaign runs from April 2016 through March 2018. This report shows the progress we've seen after seven full months of Imagine.

Imagine Totals:
Imagine commitments: \$735,777
Imagine giving through October: \$232,305



Debt Reduction

We will practice biblical stewardship of our finances, directing funds toward ministry instead of interest.

Before Imagine, Plum Creek's debt stood at \$2.4 million. Since Imagine started, we have reduced our debt by \$234,479 (that includes regular monthly mortgage payments). Imagine contributions made up \$168,000 of that total. Imagine funds also went toward campaign expenses and ministry projects (see following pages). The current balance on our mortgage is \$2,145,219. Our balance is projected to be under \$1.4 million by the end of Imagine.

In addition to reducing our debt, we are supporting immediate ministry goals through Imagine. 90% of contributions go toward debt reduction, while the remaining 10% goes toward projects that fall within the three expressions of Plum Creek's vision for the future: Next Steps, Stronger Families, and Transformed Communities. Below you'll see what's been happening and what's still to come in these areas.



Next Steps

We will guide everyone we meet to identify and take their next step closer to Christ.

Completed Projects:



Our new website, mobile app, and church database went live back in May. We're continuing to grow in the way we maximize these new powerful tools.

New flat screen televisions in classrooms- Updating our tv's was a part of our 2-Year Vision for Imagine. However, because our general giving has also been strong this year, we were able to purchase the tv's without using Imagine funds.

Ongoing Projects:



Our adult discipleship team is currently working to put together a schedule of adult electives to be offered over the next two years. We have three main categories for our electives: Life Application (which covers topics like marriage, parenting, and finance), Biblical Studies, and Recovery.

Future Projects:



A team is currently working to finalize plans for updates in the worship center, including upgrades to video presentation, more control of audio quality, better lighting, and improvements to the stage. This work will be done in 2017.

Gathering Area- Improvements to the Gathering Area will take place as Imagine funds become available.



Stronger Families

We will build stronger families by centering homes on Christ, with a focus on marriages and the next generation.

Completed Projects:



In May, 100 people attended the Plum Creek Marriage Retreat, an event focused on helping couples grow closer to each other and closer to God. The retreat kicked off Plum Creek's new emphasis on building stronger marriages (see below).

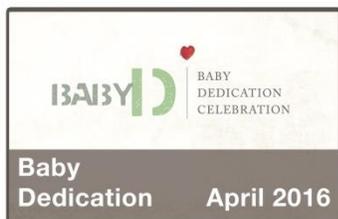


Orange Curriculum and Family Framework

The Orange curriculum has been implemented across Children's and Student Ministries. (The Orange philosophy is based on a partnership between the church and the home). We've also developed a Family Framework. As a child grows, the Family Framework brings the church and home together on a weekly basis, and for eight milestone events that are designed to lead that child to faith and maturity in Christ.

Milestone Events will be ongoing and are listed below.

Ongoing Projects:



Of the eight milestone events, five have already taken place: Baby Dedication, Kindergarten Orientation, Faith Conversations, Middle School Transition, and Graduation. Three other milestone events will happen for the first time in 2017: Defining Purity, High School Transition, and Student's Independence.

Future Projects:

Marriage Ministry- In addition to another large group experience in 2017, we will also a marriage-building elective, along with resources for couples to use on their own.



Transformed Communities

We will transform communities by mobilizing people to show the compassion of Christ.

Completed Projects:



Over a four-day period in September, hundreds of people from Plum Creek put on a “Salt and Light” shirt and went out into the community to serve others in the name of Christ. We’ve held similar events in the past, but this year’s Weekend of Serving was on a larger scale than ever before.

Ongoing Projects:



This year Plum Creek ventured into new areas of outreach, with the Cancer Support Ministry and Family Promise. Family Promise is a ministry that provides housing and support for families that are currently without a home. Plum Creek has already had the opportunity to host multiple families.

In addition to those new ministries, we continue to expand and improve on the work we had previously begun. The Whiz Kids tutoring program will soon be happening in multiple local elementary schools. The Sharing Center is finding new ways to be more effective at reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Future Projects:

Nepal Project- As Imagine funds become available, we look forward to partnering with Disciple Makers International to build a permanent place of worship for a Nepali church.