



FAQs

Why is Summit moving to Gorham?

As part of the results of the 2018 consulting process, Summit's desire is to have a home in the Gorham community. Also, Summit has had many doors open in the Gorham community and we feel like God is leading us to be a part of making a difference in the town of Gorham. Gorham is a central location for many people that attend Summit that live in western communities.

Why not just renovate one of the properties we currently own?

Due to the growth Summit has experienced in the past two and half years, neither facility we currently own will fit our congregational needs or allow us to meet together at one time. The Scarborough campus is, unfortunately, land locked and wouldn't allow for much, if any expansion. The Gorham campus is larger than the Scarborough campus but would have much larger renovation costs to make it accessible and allow us to grow. It, too, is landlocked. From the consulting process, it was determined that Summit needed its own home and moving to a new facility was the best way to accomplish that.

Why is Summit buying the Cressey Road property? And where is it?

It is the piece of land between the Barnard Rines bypass and Cressey Road off of 202 in Gorham. The location of the Cressey Road property is ideal for its proximity to downtown Gorham, USM, the town schools, etc. as well its accessibility from all surrounding communities being right at the Bernard Rines bypass. With the future connector from Portland, the doors are open to serving the Gorham community and well beyond. Another factor is that there is water, gas and sewer running by the property.

Why do we need a building?

From the 2018 consulting process, it was clear that Summit needs a home and none of our current facilities fit our needs and neither allow us the opportunity to come together as one. Both buildings Summit currently owns do not fit the existing congregation. The vision of a new facility is to be able to finally have a home as well as reach the surrounding community for Christ. The building will be a tool in that process. While the Church is not the physical building, it is the gathering of people. The Summit family needs a place to gather together.

Will we have a mortgage?

Depending on the results of the Growing Together capital campaign, Summit may have a mortgage. If a mortgage is necessary, the intention would be to pay it off quickly.

What is the plan for growth?

It is anticipated that there will be some growth to Summit when the new facility opens. The prayer is that God would allow the resources to be available to hire some new staff members (part time and/or full time) to help manage any potential growth to the church as well as to manage the community outreach aspect of the facility.

Will the congregation have to vote to buy the land?

At Summit's annual meeting on November 8, the congregation will vote for approval to purchase the land prior to closing.

How much will the building project cost?

The exact amount has not been determined yet but a rough estimate would be \$4-\$4.5million.

How are we going to support our church family, as well as the outside community?

First and foremost, this facility will be a home for Summit Community Church. It will be a place that the Summit family can gather for prayer groups, small groups, meals, worship services, and where the church body ministers to each other. Prayerfully, there will be a volunteer coordinator as well as an outreach coordinator to make sure the church family is cared for as well as community needs are met.

How big will our church get?

A big part of Summit's vision is to be a church that plants churches so the congregation would not grow to be a megachurch, but we will not put God in a box. When God calls Summit to expand and plant other churches, we will follow His lead.

How is my gift going to make a difference?

Gifts of all sizes will make a difference in building a home for Summit. The smallest gift and the largest gift are of equal importance. The building campaign will not be successful without both. Giving can also make a difference in your personal faith walk. Giving generously can stretch and grow your faith. Please pray about the amount that God would have you give.

Is my commitment above and beyond my tithe?

Yes. Please consider an 18-month giving commitment above and beyond current giving. The ministry of Summit still needs to continue as the building process begins so please consider giving above and beyond your normal tithes and offerings.

Where did the Growing Together goal come from? What if we don't reach it?

The suggested formula used to decide on the goal was Summit's annual budget plus 50%. If the goal isn't reached, we'll praise God for what He has done. Sometimes goals are reached in a timely manner and other times it takes a while to get there. If the goal isn't reached, the building process will continue to move forward but at a slower rate.

How do I decide what to give?

1. PRAY. Talk to God what He would have you give. Don't make any decisions, be it financial or otherwise, without first praying about it!
2. ASK. What can I afford? Which level feels comfortable? What amount of money would stretch my faith?
3. COMMIT. Once you have an amount of money you feel God is leading you give, commit to that amount for the next 18 months and see how you grow in your faith!
4. GIVE. From November 2020 until April 2022, give faithfully to the Growing Together building campaign. During that time, write down ways that God moves in your life as it's related to faith and finances!
5. PRAY SOME MORE. Continue praying for Summit, the building project, our community, and those that will come to know Jesus through the ministry of Summit.

Feel free to reach out to any of the leadership team if you have questions or would like to work through what you are going to commit to.

Do I have to give monthly or can I give weekly, biweekly or less frequently?

How often you give is up to you. It suggested to commit to a monthly amount, but that gift can be broken down into smaller or larger increments. Giving annually is also an option as well as one-time gifts.

Who is on the leadership team?

Travis and Kristin Bush, Zan Cadman, Jim Carlson, Stacy Gammon, Dan Gerrish, Mark Harriman, Dillan Hesselstine, Jan MacLeod, Rob Story, Jeff Willis