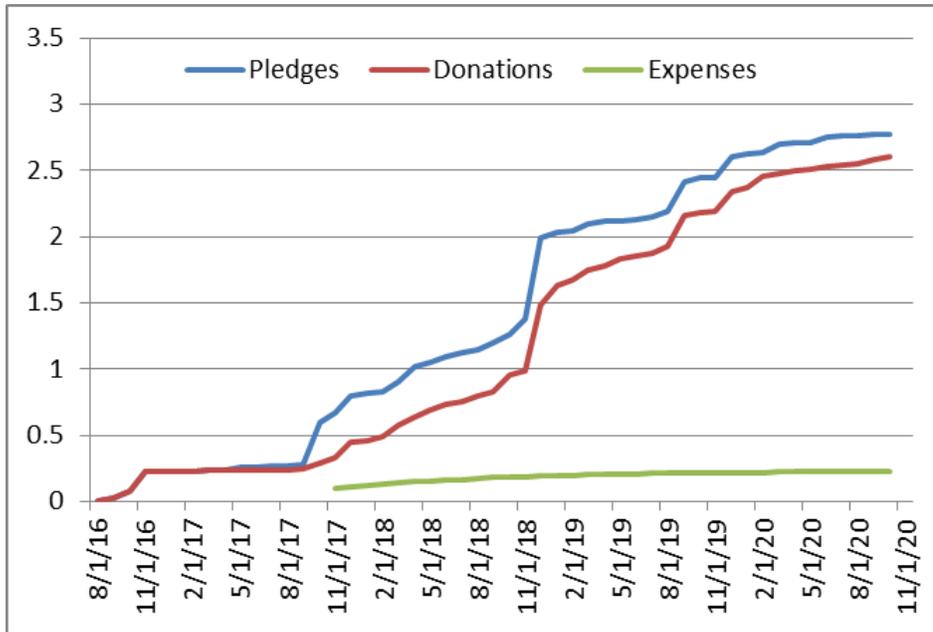




Branching Out Campaign News - Fundraising and Construction: October 27, 2020



Project (Millions):

Pledges = \$2.78

Donations = \$2.60

Net don. = \$2.37
(after campaign exp pd)

Pledge bal. = \$0.18

Supporters to date:

363 UMC families

160 UMC groupings

62 other donors

585 unique donors

Dunklau Challenge

\$80,000 needed by 6-30

\$21,783 donated so far

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NEWS:

- Rupert Dunklau Foundation pledged \$40,000 if we raise a new \$80,000 by 6-30-2021. Thanks RDF, status above!
- Donors and church leaders were notified in early September that the construction bids were considerably higher than expected, resulting in the need to consider alternatives with a manageable cost: a scaled-back retreat center or a group of log cabin structures (sample images of both in the header). A subgroup of the Site Council is evaluating in detail the pros and cons of these alternatives. Feedback from camp supporters is welcome.
- Rev Dr Janice Japp was hired as part-time Donor Support Director providing expertise and lots of detailed work for the Camp's Development Team, charged with establishing and maintaining good communication with supporters.
- Camp staff and summer counselors "did the best they could" this season given that camps were canceled due to COVID precautions. However, ways were found to safely host 40+ families individually spread across camp facilities throughout the summer in a newly created Family Escapes program. Also, the corn maze season has been well and safely attended thanks to good weather.

GOALS:

- With camp incomes down and expenses minimized, appealing/praying for good year-end donations to the Operating Fund. [Donate here to Operations.](#)
- Fulfill the Dunklau challenge quickly and make a good decision regarding construction...with lots of prayer help! [Donate here to Branching Out.](#)

STATUS OF *Branching Out* Generous Churches (based on donations received and participation level):

BLUE RIVER: Friend, Hallam, and Lincoln St. Paul @ 1x

ELKHORN VALLEY: Johnstown, Laurel, Pierce, and So. Sioux City @ 1x; Norfolk First and Beemer-3x; Madison Trinity-5x

MISSOURI RIVER: Gretna, Hooper, and Springfield @ 1x; Blair and Fremont Calvary @ 2x; Omaha Rockbrook-4x; Elkhorn Hills and Fremont 1st @5x

PRAIRIE RIVERS: David City-1x; Beaver Crossing-2x; Columbus-3x; **Bellwood-10x!**

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