

A Short History

1635	<i>First Meeting House built nearby. Log Structure.</i>
1681	<i>Current Meeting House built using timbers from ancient pine trees.</i>
1731	<i>East wing added. Overhead roof timbers concealed by low ceiling to conserve heat.</i>
1755	<i>West wing added. First box pews installed.</i>
1792	<i>Town Meeting to decide whether to repair or replace. (Repair!)</i>
1869	<i>Restore in Victorian style, carpeting and red drapes. Box pews removed.</i>
1930	<i>Restored 17th and 18th century features (current look). Low ceiling removed. Box pews returned.</i>
2010	<i>It's Our Turn Capital Campaign!</i>

Gift Categories

\$50,000 and above	Spire
\$25,000 — \$49,999	Kingpost
\$10,000 — \$24,999	Timbers
\$5,000 — \$9,999	Loft
\$2,500 — \$4,999	Diamond Pane
\$1,000 — \$2,499	Box Pew
\$500 — \$999	Threshold
Up to \$499	Foundation

HOW TO MAKE YOUR DONATION

Members of the Capital Campaign Ask Team will be calling you!

Every Donation makes a difference!

Thank you for your generosity.

Old Ship: It's Our Turn!

The Meeting House



*Saving America's Treasure
Our Spiritual Home*

**Members & Friends
Capital Campaign**

September 2010 — January 2012

\$300,000

Repairs & Restoration

What Is Needed

Old Ship's last renovation was in 1930. It's our turn to tend to the building's urgently needed repairs.

- Repair 300 year-old beams
- Replace electrical system
- Replace fire and alarm system
- Repair sill, foundation, and balcony
- Preserve 1681 doors
- Preserve windows
- Complete carpentry, plastering, painting
- Retire \$90,000 debt for roof and belfry repair (done in 2008)



Total Project Estimate: \$840, 000

Why Now?

We have a lot of help in fundraising:
Grants, Community, Each Other.

GRANTS

We have been awarded two grants that require matching funds:

- \$300,000 from Save America's Treasures (SAT), a federal program
- \$50,000 from Massachusetts Preservation Project Funds

FRIENDS

Friends of the Meeting House, a secular group in Hingham, is reaching out to the wider community and has committed to raising and contributing \$200,000 in their separate capital campaign.

OUR TURN

The Meeting House has been preserved over the centuries by people like us. It's now our turn to save it for future generations. Each of us can help.

Does It Matter?

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME IS SACRED

That we gather, and nourish one another's spirit, is more important than *where* we gather. We happen to worship where others have gathered since 1681. It is our spiritual home, now. We make music and sing here. We dedicate our babies, marry our loves, and remember our dead, in this space. For generations we have done this, and, in so doing, we have made it our sacred space.

AND BEAUTIFUL

Our Meeting House is plain and sturdy, but starkly beautiful. Does beauty matter? It does. Beautiful surroundings can reinforce our resolve to be good ... *"In danger of being corrupted by the commerce and chatter of our societies, we require places where the values outside of us encourage and enforce the aspirations within us."*

- Alain de Botton