

**Hastings United Methodist Church**  
**Fundraiser Policy**

**Ministry-Specific Fundraisers**

Individual ministry areas are permitted to organize and support groups of volunteers who work on specific charitable projects. From time to time, these groups raise funds to help cover expenses associated with specific projects or to raise funds for a missions appeal. Examples include the youth group raising funds for camp, a missions group raising funds for an upcoming trip, and ministry group raising funds for a specific missions appeal. The church permits these ministry-specific fundraiser opportunities under certain conditions:

- Written approval is attained from the Associate Pastor who oversees Operations, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts and non-church sponsored fundraisers. Form must be submitted 45 days before event.
- Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used strictly for the intended project.
- Fundraiser activities will not be conducted before, during or following worship services in the Narthex or Sanctuary (Note: Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the finance committee or the John Mitchem.)
- Fundraisers cannot occur during the stewardship campaign without Executive Team approval due to the importance of the annual stewardship campaign.

**Non-Church Sponsored Fundraisers**

The Hastings United Methodist Church is frequently asked to endorse and permit opportunities to promote the sale of goods or services to its congregation with an agreement that a portion of the proceeds would go to the church or to an outside charity. The Hastings United Methodist Church may also be asked by groups not associated with the church to use its facilities for the purpose of conducting fundraisers, e.g. fundraiser concert for a charity or specific cause. These fundraisers may or may not be consistent with the church's theology, culture or mission. Permitting such fundraisers on its facilities may imply that the Hastings United Methodist Church is endorsing these fundraisers. Therefore, the Hastings United Methodist Church will not permit fundraisers on its facilities by groups not associated with the church. Appeals can be made to the finance committee via the finance chairperson.

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# ***Fundrasier Request Form***



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact email or Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Outside organization or Ministry \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dates(s) of  
Fundraiser \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the fundraiser and how the funds would be used

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This form is to be turned in to Rev John Mitchem 45 days before the event.

Internal use:  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested additional information \_\_\_\_\_  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_