

## **Church's Renovation Project About to Start**

Last fall the Congregation voted to accept the Church's Master Planning Team's plans to renovate the interior of the church, replace the pews, remodel the library, replace the cable roofs on the church building, repair the parking lot, repair concrete walkways, move the audio/video equipment to the first floor level, possibly consider small repairs to the Fellowship Hall, improve the exterior signage & landscaping and possibly install an emergency stand-by electric generator for the church and Child Care Center. To fund this project, approval was given to form a Steering Committee to conduct a Capital Fund Drive. The Financial Goal was to raise \$950,000 during the beginning of 2020. The congregation responded very well and the goal was reached by Spring 2020.

At the Congregational meeting in February we asked for approval of the final drawings for the renovation and were reminded there is a generation following us. With their families needing to navigate many different challenges just as we have in the past. The generation that came before us had a vision of providing, and sustaining a church, not just a building, but a group of dedicated followers that would meet in a space that would allow us to build relationships that would be a blessing to one another, proclaiming God's will and ways to the neighborhood and our community. We wanted to be bridge builders as the generations before us were.

As we all know everything changed this past March when the Covid 19 Virus raised its ugly head and changed everything for everybody. The Master Planning Team had plans to start the renovation project the middle of May 2020 but decided to stop everything at that time to see what effect it would have on the renovation process because businesses were closed and supplies were not available. Time as now passed, businesses are back open, contractors are working and supplies are back to normal again.

In late May the MPT decided to start work on the renovation project again. In June they worked with the architect to complete the blueprints for the renovation so the prints could be sent out to eight invited contractors to bid on the project. The deadline for the contractors to return their bids was July 15<sup>th</sup>. The MPT also selected Jay Crist to supervise the project and to work with Roy Rollman who is the church's Facilities Care Chair.

The bids were opened at 2:30 pm July 15<sup>th</sup>. Jay & Roy reviewed the bids with the architects. The bid info was shared with the MPT on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Along with the bids, info was shared with the Master Planning Team that extra monies were pledged to the renovation project to do some of the extra ideas that were planned if monies were available. Some of those plans were to paint the church steeples, install two family restrooms in the Fellowship Hall, redo 9 CDC classroom floors and install an emergency generator for the whole church.

The renovation work will start the middle of August or as soon as we get the demolition permit and approval for the building permit. There will be a Dust Barrier installed in the back of the sanctuary to keep the front of the church as clean as possible during the renovation. This will allow us to hold our worship services in the sanctuary each week. Completion of the sanctuary work is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Advent Season. The parking lot will be the last thing we do because of all the construction equipment and supplies laying around must first be removed. If the weather is too cold when we finish the renovation, the parking lot repaving will have to wait until spring of 2021.

Since we are all members of the church and have interest in this project, it is very important that we don't confuse the contractors with our concerns. The contractors will be responsible only to the selected supervisors of the project that the MPT has appointed. If you have any concerns regarding the project please contact Jay Crist and/or Roy Rollman.

At this time the total project is estimated to cost \$1,161,133. Monies that are pledged to-date total \$1,205,175. So far we have paid out \$233,370 for the roof, pews, sanctuary floors, removal of trees, professional fees from the Capital Funds monies received to-date. We have all the approvals set up and working with M & T Bank for our approved million dollar loan when needed. If you have any questions regarding this project please feel free

to contact Jay Crist and/or Roy Rollman. The other MPT members are Jayne Baldwin, Patricia Carey, Ed Martin and Deb Klinedinst, MPT Chair.

Thank you for your support and prayers for this project as together we set in motion a path that allows us to be good stewards, bridge builders and a blessing for the next generation of believers. We will be able to offer a continuity of ministry here. A commitment we made to the importance of the ministry in our lives and to those whom it blesses. We commit to the building, but not upon a foundation of sand. We build upon the rock that is Jesus Christ and we confess that we belong to Him. We are God's servants, working together, in a Holy Temple where God's Spirit dwells.

Jay Crist, Project Supervisor

Roy Rollman, Facility Care Chair

Deb Klinedinst, Master Planning Chair