



ANNIVERSARY & ANNUAL  
GIVING CAMPAIGN  
Kirk in the Hills

Dear Kirk Family,

We are aware of the swirling wave of sadness among us as the Kirk family processes the news of Pastor Nate leaving us – we feel the same. Amid the sorrow, we think it is important to acknowledge many of you may have questions or concerns regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign, so please allow us to share what we know at this time.

First, it is important to note that while this news about Pastor Nate leaving was not on our radar, it has not come as a surprise to God. We know how abundantly He has provided for and blessed this congregation from our beginning. We currently have an amazing team of pastors, staff, and lay leaders. God has set in place all that we need to continue forward – with our worship, with our formation, with our congregational care, with our mission & outreach – and with our Anniversary Campaign.

We know that one of Pastor Nate's gifts was challenging us to dream big, and we have. Through the work of the many hands on the Strategy Committee, Session, and feedback from families like you in the feasibility study, the vision for the Anniversary Campaign was born. It is a big vision. Through your generosity, we can make repairs and improvements at the Kirk that will be a huge blessing now and well into the future. Through your generosity, the impact of what the Kirk offers through formation and mission, in the name of Christ, will grow exponentially –hearts will be touched, lives will be changed. Pastor Nate planted the seeds for dreaming big, and we know that God will continue to be at work in the process of making the vision a reality.

We know that some of you will want an opportunity to have a conversation regarding the next steps in this important initiative, and we welcome that. If you would like to talk, simply reach out to us (our contact information is listed below). We would be happy to connect you with one of our dedicated campaign committee members. We want you to know that while this is a season of change, we remain clear-sighted of the vision of this campaign and ever committed to carrying these projects to completion. As such, a committee will be formed following the close of the campaign to help steward and guide the implementation of all next steps.

In closing, while we may not know what is ahead, we remain assured of who we are as a Kirk family. As we live into our call to love God and love our neighbor, we have every reason to trust that God will guide us in the weeks and months ahead. No, this change was unexpected, but perhaps the timing of expressing our love and appreciation to the Phillips family offers us a reminder of the lyrics which Pastor Nate has referenced for this effort: "Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow." Kirk family, together in our faith in Christ - despite our sadness - let us remain strong for today and hopeful for what is ahead.

Sincerely,  
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