



Christ Church Episcopal

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As part of the Capital Campaign and the Building Committees, I would like to update you on the progress Christ Church is making with the funds raised and pledged. I also want to encourage you to continue your support of our regular parish budget. As of this letter, most of the costs of the three projects below have been paid, and we have a balance of \$232,760 in our campaign account.

The bell tower stabilization is complete. A French drain has been installed along the front of the church, a new canopy placed over the exterior entrance to the Chapel, as well as the necessary repointing of the damaged brickwork around the archways and on the sanctuary facade has been done. The entrance to the Chapel and repairs to the floor in the chapel entry are the last items needed. We had anticipated costs of over \$200,000, but it looks like our final cost for repairs will be no more than \$70,000. (The hydraulic stabilization was less costly than initially anticipated.)

Second, the resurfacing of the parking lot is done. There are a few final details, but it is already in use. Our initial estimates were @ \$50,000, but with costs of concrete, asphalt, and rebar higher than they were in 2018, when we make our last payments we will be in the \$100,000 range.

Third, the air-conditioning system replacement for the Parish Hall has begun. The chill air unit that was always problematic is being changed out to a standard system. We had planned on at least \$70,000 for the Parish Hall and more than \$100,000 for the church. However, with some changes and a good price from our AC contractor, we anticipate that this will be done soon for just under \$50,000.

I am grateful that we got through 2020 financially, but we had to go into our reserve funds to do so. We are looking at ways to reduce costs and have done so over that last year. We know that we can only go so far with our reserves, so we are looking at lots of possible ways to do ministry differently. So, if you are able to give or even increase giving to our operations budget, please continue to do so. We will keep you updated.

Lastly, I want to say thanks and ask God's blessing to every one of you who pledged, have given, and continue to give toward the Campaign and to our parish during this very challenging year. None of these improvements and repairs would have been possible without your stewardship and love for Christ Church Episcopal.

Kudos to the Building Committee members: Jim Moore, Molly Alegria, Alan Holmgreen, Connie Miles, Fr. Paul Frey, and Pat Farrell for steering us in the right direction and for Juan and Telissa Molano for the architectural plans.

With profound thanks,

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