

July 22, 2021

Dear Asburyans,

On Easter Sunday, our Board of Trustees presented the need to undertake major restoration of the sanctuary due to severe water damage caused by a failed internal gutter. Additionally, as we return to in-person worship our audiovisual system will require upgrading to ensure the continued quality online streaming experience we have offered during the pandemic. This capital restoration and improvement effort will cost \$489,000 and includes:

1. Sanctuary Restoration
 - a. Interior water damage repair
 - b. Exterior mortar repointing
 - c. Good Shepherd Window restoration
 - d. Bell Tower restoration

2. A/V System Upgrade
 - a. Integrated fixed cameras
 - b. Control room re-configuration
 - c. Lighting
 - d. Projection system, screens, and monitors

Insurance reimbursement covers only a portion of the sanctuary restoration work. We have been awarded two grants for exterior restoration but one is a matching grant. Together the insurance reimbursement and grants do not cover the project cost. We also need to replenish our capital fund account for maintenance of our aging infrastructure. For this reason, we are conducting this special capital fund drive to raise a minimum of \$330,000 in pledges, payable over the next nine months. If we can raise at least \$330,000 in pledges through our *Mission Possible Capital Campaign*, we will be able to meet the critical needs listed above.

A few parishioners have generously taken the lead by already contributing \$64,000 toward the project. We have presented the improvement plans and the critical necessity of financial support over the past few weeks. Now it is time to secure your personal pledge of support.

It is our request that every Asbury family make a financial commitment to this important project on or before Homecoming Sunday, September 12. The enclosed brochure will give you additional information about your pledge for our campaign.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider this opportunity, reflect on God's blessings, and commit with vigor to this essential capital project. Please fill out the enclosed pledge form to indicate your response, and return it to the church office within the next two weeks. You may also complete the pledge form online.



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Giving is a spiritual adventure. It is an act performed for God and with God. As we put this into perspective, we will know the joy that comes from making the decision to give. The building repair and improvements that we are making to our church honor those who went before us and represent a special gift to ourselves and to future generations of Asbury families. We ask that you take up the challenge of deepening your own experience of faith and further the mission of Christ carried out here at Asbury.

Sincerely in Christ

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