



Congregational Connections

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SUCCESS! WE ARE BEGINNING TO “MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”

Congratulations to all of the members and friends of our church. We did it! We have successfully completed the gift and pledging portion of “Making All Things New: Phase One”. At our Annual Congregational Meeting on May 21, we voted to proceed with a campaign to raise \$32,000 to repair the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. With pledge and gift responses totaling \$32,200 at this time, we will sign a contract with Staige Stained and Leaded Glass Restoration to make the necessary repairs as soon as they can in 2024.

Thank you to all those who made pledges or contributions toward the campaign. The work must be done, and while we might wish for a better, easier time to take care of things - sometimes difficult times make us work a little harder and stand a little stronger. There will always be challenges on the horizon. Sometimes it will be issues like the physical needs of our beautiful facility, other times we may face issues we haven't even dreamed of! We believe that God has kept this congregation alive and vibrant through 125 years of ministry for a reason; God has more ministry in store for us today and tomorrow.

Once again, we thank the members of the Capital Campaign Planning Team: Bill Bond, Carolyn Heatwole, Jeanne Mantsch, Joe Mueller, Karen Oftedahl, and Ray Shupe, as well as the members of the Property Team: Claude Zimmerman, Gary Tackes, Bill Bond, and Joe Mueller for the work that went into making the campaign a success. Please know that if you would still like to contribute to this campaign, any additional funds will be placed in a new “Building Fund” dedicated to repair and maintenance of the church building.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to all!
Pastor Scott