



February 12, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of the Congregation,

We are reaching out to you because we need help to keep our Church, God's house, not only a place to worship our God and to run our many programs safely but to provide a sanctuary of faith in a troubled world. We need to take ownership of our Church and provide for its continued maintenance and upkeep. We need your financial support to fund the capital improvements for our beloved Church.

Historically, our Church has included capital improvements as a line item in our annual operating budget. However, it has become evident that the budgeted amount has consistently fallen short of covering the necessary capital expenses incurred each year. The church structures, totaling 33,000 square feet, and the expansive property spanning 23 acres, present a substantial financial challenge for maintenance.

In recent years, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive generous bequests left to us through legacy giving, enabling us to undertake critical repairs such as repaving the large parking lot and repairing and repainting the steeple. These donations have played a pivotal role in preserving our Church's structural integrity and aesthetic beauty.

Despite our diligent efforts to proactively address repairs, the list of essential maintenance remains substantial. Our annual report summarized the high-, medium-, and low-priority capital improvements that require attention in the upcoming years. The anticipated cost for these projects is just shy of \$170,000. For your convenience, a detailed list of the current projects and their estimated costs is enclosed with this letter.

Recognizing the urgency of this matter, the Trustees and Elders have engaged in thorough discussions, leading to the decision to launch a capital campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to raise the necessary funds for both current and future capital improvement projects. We believe that, by coming together as a congregation, we can ensure the longevity and well-being of our cherished Church without encumbering our annual operating budget.

We will launch this campaign on **February 25th, Capital Sunday**. There will be a brief presentation at both services, and more information will be provided. We ask that you consider a gift that day, but

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anytime throughout the year is perfectly fine. You may choose to give as a family or individual to a specific project or give to the overall campaign. We would also encourage you that this is above and beyond your regular giving commitment to the Church.

Contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund can be made conveniently through the online portal <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving/> or by utilizing envelopes that are included with this letter and will be made available on Sunday mornings. Your participation in this campaign will significantly impact the preservation, safety, and enhancement of our church facility.

We extend our gratitude in advance for your support. We are enthusiastic about the positive impact our joint efforts will bring to the enduring legacy of God's House. Your time, consideration, and unwavering dedication to our shared spiritual home are sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,



Stuart Spencer  
Pastor



Rich Corbin  
Chair, Property Committee, Board of Trustees

**Own Our Church.** *The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission and programs. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church -- because you are!*

Enc: return envelope, Project List

