

Dear SEPC church family,

As we discussed at the church meeting last Sunday, we have decided to start a capital campaign to take care of our church building. As I'm sure you know, our church building is over 130 years old and while it looks great for a 130-year-old, it needs some work in order to make sure it can continue to serve our congregation for many years to come. To that end, the Building and Grounds committee, with its chairman Don Houston, has put together a list of projects that we need to do in the near future along with the estimated cost to do these things.

The following projects are what we would like to accomplish, in roughly our order of priority:

Restore the stained glass windows: \$120,000

Renovate the pastor's office: \$23,000

Exterior building repairs: \$23,000

Interior repairs/upgrades \$15,000

Interior painting: \$15,000

Flooring/carpet: \$40,000

Interior furnishings: \$14,000

Total: \$250,000

The elders and deacons of the church decided that we should ask for pledges from the congregation before beginning this work, and so we would like to ask each member to consider what they might pledge, above and beyond their normal church giving, to support this work over the next two years. We already have \$60,000 in hand to begin this work and plan to complete the items as the money comes in. We will not be borrowing any money for this project.

We would like to be able to complete this campaign before we call the new pastor so that everything is in place prior to their arrival. All projects will be done in consultation with the appropriate committees and people involved (arts & aesthetics, education, fellowship, etc.).

For the next couple weeks, there will be forms at the back of the sanctuary for you to fill out and place in the offering plate with your pledge toward this goal with the expectation that these pledges would be given over a two-year span. We would ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support this effort.

Thank you,
Ed Sunder
Deacon chair