



Bethany United Church

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE NOVEMBER 2019

In May, 2018 the congregation approved a plan to renovate and repair our church premises. Shortly thereafter, the Stewardship committee organized a sub-committee to begin a capital campaign to fund these renovations/repairs. As most of you know, during the fall of 2018 and winter/spring of 2019, the committee canvassed members and adherents of Bethany and, as reported to the congregation, were successful in raising over \$1,200,000, which was the initial campaign goal. This could not have happened without the generosity of so many of you. To date in excess of 100 Bethany families have contributed to the Capital Campaign.

Funds pledged and contributed to date:

- Funds received to date - \$923,518
- Funds pledged but not received to date - \$360,988
- Total committed to Capital Campaign to date - \$1,284,506

Funds expended to date \$432,837 and work in progress* budgeted at \$200,000 as follows:

- Engineer's drawings for Fellowship Hall floor projects
- Structural remediation of load bearing walls and footings under Fellowship Hall
- Removal of debris from Fellowship Hall and Gym crawl spaces
- Spray foam perimeter wall and floor under Fellowship Hall and Gym
- Install vapour barrier and HVR units under Fellowship Hall and Gym
- Replace exterior rotted sill under stage in Fellowship Hall
- Repair structural truss support next to kitchen
- Soft wall repair on exterior of Fellowship Hall, kitchen etc.
- Install new support beam under floor in washrooms adjacent to Fellowship Hall
- Replace 2 windows in kitchen
- Install lights for crawl spaces under Fellowship Hall and Gym
- New concrete ramp and railing at side of Fellowship Hall
- Replace shingles on Fellowship Hall and adjacent walls with vinyl shingles or siding and all associated work including repairing any rot found in walls (in progress)*
- Replacement of exterior windows in Fellowship Hall (in progress)*
- Replacement of Chapel roof
- Replacement of Gym roof
- Replace 3 windows in Gym

- Renovate hallway adjacent to Ladies Parlour, Boardroom etc., including new wiring, foam insulation and new ceiling
- Renovate Janitorial storage room , including new sink
- Investigate & repair gaps in corridor floor between chapel and Fellowship Hall

As you can see from the above list, Phil Reardon our Project Manager and his team have been very busy over the past 2 years. Unfortunately a good deal of this work is not readily discernable to the naked eye but necessary none the less. An item like the structural remediation of load bearing walls and footings under the Fellowship Hall is essential to the structural integrity of the Hall itself but work that we as laymen would not see being completed. It was also very expensive work and difficult to predict costing in advance. The good news is most of the work planned for the Fellowship Hall, gymnasium and Chapel have now been completed or will be finished by year's end. Lead paint found on the tracery of the stained glass window in the Chapel means that this has to be completely replaced, rather than just repaired, as had been planned. This will be part of the work undertaken in 2020.

The major plan for 2020 is to concentrate on renovations/repairs to the Sanctuary. This will be a huge undertaking that will disrupt our ability to use the sanctuary while this important work is done. The hope is to do as much as possible during the summer and early fall. We will move to the Fellowship Hall for services and other events during this time. We ask for your understanding while these important and necessary renovations are completed.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this important capital campaign. As with many projects of this nature, many of the repairs done to date have unfortunately cost more than the amount budgeted. Even though we exceeded our initial goal, more funds will be required to complete all the projects. The Board of Managers is exploring all possibilities for funding sources and has already been successful in gaining one grant. We will keep the congregation updated as this progresses.

In case you are wondering, it is not too late to make a contribution if you have not already done so. We would like everyone to feel part of this and whether you give \$5.00 or \$500.00 to the campaign it is all very welcome and you then become part of the project. Please feel free to speak to any member of the campaign team as listed below if you want to discuss your participation further.

Thank you,
 Don MacKay - Co-Chair, Capital Campaign Committee
 Gordon Lawley - Co-Chair
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