



Saint George's Episcopal Church
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This is an exciting time for us as we prayerfully consider significant repairs, renovations and improvements to the building and grounds of St George's. The Vestry is considering the feasibility of a Capital Campaign. Your views, opinions, concerns, and recommendations in addressing these long-standing issues of deferred maintenance and renovations are welcomed.

As mentioned in a previous letter, many of St. George's Committees have developed "wish lists" and spent significant time considering possible solutions. These committees are challenged to meet building code standards, maintain Ark accreditation, and better serve our community as we prepare St. George's for the next generation. While there are many needs, the Vestry and Campaign Committee feel that repayment of the boiler loan, refreshing the Ark, contributing to the Endowment and funding outreach programs are vital.

See project list on reverse side. The identified areas of need include preliminary estimates.

On **Sunday February 8th** there will be two Town Hall meetings for you to ask questions and receive more information on potential projects. At the meetings you will have a chance to meet Jeff Knauer, our consultant with Kirby-Smith Associates. Jeff Knauer has 22 years experience pastoring churches and 13 years practice with managing stewardship campaigns. At the Town Hall meetings, a questionnaire will be distributed to each parishioner as well as instructions on how to sign up for interviews with Jeff. We hope you can join us as at one of these meetings that will be held following each worship service on Sunday, February 8th.

Jeff Knauer will gather the input from the responses to the Town Hall meetings, the questionnaires, and parishioner interviews. This data will be tabulated and analyzed, leading to conclusions and recommendations on how best to proceed. A report on these findings will then be provided to the leadership and the congregation.

We are the stewards of the Nevil Memorial Church of St. George, a magnificent structure of worship which needs to be preserved and updated for the demands of the twenty-first century. We ask for your prayers and participation. Please make an extraordinary effort to attend Sunday, February 8th.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ryan Whitley, Rector

David Farnsworth, Rector's Warden

Jack Tinkler, Committee Chair

Glenn Boseman, Committee Member
April Chester, Committee Member
Emily McGarvey, Committee Member
Phil Moore, Committee Member

Maintenance:

- **Boiler Replacement** **\$66,000 (Loan Repayment)**
Replacing the boiler was necessary, is now complete, and was paid with a loan from the Diocese
- **Roof Repair** **\$6,200**
This is necessary and will prevent future water damage to the kitchen, dining hall, and the Ark.
- **Resurfacing of Parking Lot** **\$46,000**
Prevent structural damage, create a level surface, reduce tripping hazard, and repaint the parking lines
- **Organ Repairs** **\$16,350**
Replace, repair, clean, and tune specific pipes; re-leather and rebuild pneumatic motors
- **Upgrades and Repairs for Children's Ark*** **\$20,000 (some labor to be donated)**
Continue to provide a facility that meets all building codes and exceeds the highest standards.

Facility Improvements:

- **Jerusalem Hall Improvements** **Project to be funded from a memorial gift**
Details of this project to follow and all parishioners input is welcomed
- **Electrical Upgrades** **\$60,000**
Continue to meet all modern building codes and add infrastructure for future electrical needs.
- **Kitchen/Dining Renovation** **\$65,000**
New appliances, sinks, exhaust, flooring, to meet building codes. (Potentially could rent this facility)
- **Organ Upgrade to Electronic Controls** **\$70,000**
Replaces moving parts which wear, break, need adjustment; provides more reliability and flexibility in programming and transposing music; permits recording/playback of performances.
- **Pendant Ceiling Fans in Church** **\$17,000**
Pendant fans would provide airflow for both summer cooling and winter heat de-stratification
- **Central AC for Hall & Offices (not church)** **\$62,000**
Transform these areas to a more comfortable, welcoming, and desirable space to congregate
- **Backup Generator for the Children's Ark** **\$15,000**
Prevent school disruptions/closings, providing parents reassurance in severe weather situations.

Community Projects and the Future of St. George's

- **Outreach Funding** **Committee recommends 10% of total pledged**
To share what gives our lives purpose, to build friendships, and to serve our community... Outreach Ministries are pathways that transform hearts of worship into hands of service.
- **Endowment Funding** **Consider including in Estate Planning**
Many of us have dreams for our church... Planned gifts can provide the necessary financial resources to help make these dreams a reality.

*** A brief note about the Ark... The Children's Ark @ St. George's provides over 40% of the total revenue needed to fund our annual operating budget. The committee suggests the decisions we make regarding the maintenance and improvements of this facility are of paramount importance and deserving of our utmost consideration.**