



Alexandria First Presbyterian Church

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Dear Members & Friends,

In March of 2017 we launched our Capital Campaign, *Renewing God's House: A Great Heritage, A Great Future*. Since then we have been working hard to achieve the goals set forth in our vision. The parking lot was paved in December and looks great! The new paneling in the sanctuary has been installed and painted. The foundation work around the sanctuary was completed over the summer and interior work on the basement and new bathrooms is nearing completion! As we near the end of the projects I want to draw your attention to some upcoming dates. On March 10th there will be a Minute for Mission during worship to fully update you on the status of the projects and the upcoming work that still remains. We will also distribute an updated tri-fold pamphlet with the latest info about the projects and the giving to date. Then following worship on the 10th we will again have tours of the basement so you can see first hand the tremendous progress and ask questions.

March 17th is also a special day. On that day, we will take a *Second Fruits Offering*. You may recall at the beginning of the pledge campaign we had a special *First Fruits Offering* . . . this was the day to bring forward your first offering as a way to springboard the campaign and get us started. Many of us chose to give a significant portion of our pledge as a symbolic offering. This was a way to acknowledge all that God has given us and thus we were giving back to God *our* first fruits. The *Second Fruits Offering* will be a similar offering to God as we now see the end of the work in sight and attempt to finish the projects and pay off the mortgage ahead of time (to offset the full \$15K in interest charges).

The *Second Fruits Offering* is an opportunity to catch up with our pledge, or perhaps make another significant payment and pre-pay a portion of your remaining pledge. If you were not around for the *First Fruit Offering* and/or have not yet made a pledge to the campaign – this is your opportunity to participate and consider how you may be a part of the excitement!

As you may know, our original goal was not met in our initial pledges, and so there are projects that the Session would still like to complete, but are not able to do so. These projects include the interior elevator and manse renovations. At this time these projects are not financially feasible, but remain a part of our vision. Your increased generosity now could help make those projects a reality!

Whatever you decide to bring forward on *Second Fruits Sunday* we hope you know how much we appreciate your contributions to help Alexandria First Presbyterian Church continue to be a vital and growing beacon of God's love in our community! We are extremely thankful for how far the Holy Spirit has brought us . . . we could not have done it without your faithful and generous contributions!

In Christ,

Pastor Nick & the Capital Campaign Leadership Team
Pat Keefe, Jim Hansen, Flora Nielsen, Renee Skibinski and Robin Vogel

For God all things are possible
Matthew 19:26b