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Restoring the Foundations, Shining our Hope in Christ's Light

"Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Luke 19:39-40

"On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand."

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Westminster,

I am overjoyed to write this pastoral letter with excitement and anticipation of embarking on a capital campaign over these next few months. Under the leadership of the Session and the direction of the Board of Trustees, our vision hopes to update and improve our church building, increasing the congregation's ability to promote Christ's presence in Evans City.

This project looks to provide a ministry of hospitality in two ways. Firstly, the all too often reality is that progress is spurned on by necessity. The prompting for this work comes from present issues to our building that needs addressing.

One of these necessities is to create a new drainage and water runoff system diverting water from church's foundation and entrances. We must also address a collapsing retaining wall by the front door. Additionally, sidewalk and concrete problems in the front and parking lot sides of the building must be rectified to preserve and protect the stones of the building's foundation.

By not addressing these structural and functional problems, Westminster could face increasingly difficult and expensive repairs in years to come. It becomes beneficial in moving forward with these improvements to prevent future challenges. The time to act is now.

Additionally, the second aspect of this project seeks to provide an increasingly noticeable and welcoming presence in Evans City. We will add a more visible sign to connect with the 20,000+ vehicles that traverse Main Street every day. Our new sign will have the technological capability to share events of Westminster's ministry and messages for Christ's love.

Along with the new sign will come new landscaping and a brightened façade. Our beautiful stained glass windows will shed their opaque covers to be given new life with clear covers. A new snowmelt system will ensure clear sidewalks during our snowy winters.

Our vision through this work is toward moving Westminster's ministry forward. By addressing these issues, the Session and the Trustees ask for your participation in raising \$55,000 to provide improvements as we restore our foundations. Jesus says *"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."* As we look toward the future, our calling restores the stones that have provided for our ministry as we turn our eyes toward the community, shining our hope in Christ's light.

We are holding an informal Town Hall meeting after worship this Sunday, April 2nd. Steve Brock, serving as the chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Frank Morgan, serving as the chair of the Stewardship Committee, will present more information about this project by inviting a discussion of discerning God's call toward future ministry.

We ask for your prayerful consideration as we respond to God is leading Westminster's future. Additionally, we are also hoping for your capital contributions to our "Special Fund" that we will direct toward these needed improvements.

Looking toward what's ahead,

The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon,
Pastor, and Moderator of Session

Westminster UP Church Restoring The Foundations

SUMMARY OF WORK

Spring/Summer/Fall
2017



- Front
 - Landscape wall
 - Paint window and door trim
 - Stained Glass windows
 - Replace storm glass
 - Drainage
 - Sidewalks
 - Snow and ice melt system
- Neighbor Side
 - Drainage
 - Chimney
- Alley side
 - Sidewalks
 - Drainage
 - Snow and ice melt system
- LED Lighting
 - Church building

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FRONT OF CHURCH

Planned Date:
May/June/July
Complete prior to
sidewalk replacement

- Replace HW tank with 50 Gal electric
 - 30A circuit from kitchen
- Demo Landscape wall
 - Remove plants and hedges
 - Remove dirt back several feet
- Demo sign in front yard
- Scaffold front to access stained glass window trim
 - Paint trim
 - Replace storm glass
- Church Sign
 - Pour footers in area to the right of the steps
 - Re-route electric and run programming cable
 - Receive sign and install



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NEIGHBOR SIDE

Planned Date: August
Must occur prior to front
sidewalk work

- Demo Chimney
- Peel soil back
- Demo Sign, plants and hedges along left of front steps
- Install moisture barrier
 - Slope water away from building
- Trench ground to receive drain pipe
 - Tie in the neighbors drains OR
 - Install collection box to catch run off
- Corrugated drain pipe from rear of building to front under sidewalk
- Backfill using stone in the trench
 - Slope soil from building to drain area



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FRONT OF CHURCH - CONT'D

Planned Date:
September/October

- Demo sidewalk
- Continue drain routing
- Install barrier, insulation and snow & ice melt loops
- Install new landscape wall
 - Contracted
- Continue drainage routing to street
- Plants and landscape
 - Behind new landscape wall
 - Above steps on neighbor side
 - Front yard where waffle-board sign used to be



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ALLEY SIDE

Planned Date:
September/October

- Demo sidewalk
- Continue drain routing
- Install barrier, insulation and snow & ice melt loops
- Continue drainage routing to street
 - Rework down-spouts to new drain
 - Replace collection box back alley (by E.C. Borough)
- Pour new sidewalk
 - Contracted



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ALLEY SIDE

Planned Date:
October/November

- Install snow and ice melt boiler
 - 2 Manifolds with pumps
 - Build Header
 - Run all tubing interior
- Included on Total cost sheet



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SUMMARY OF COSTS

SPECIAL FUND

- Electric HW tank
- Drainage – coast to coast
- Paint trim - front
- Snow and ice melt
- Sidewalk – coast to coast
- Landscape wall
- LED Lighting
- Color graphic sign
- Stained Glass storms
- Landscape plants etc

Grand Total

\$55,000

