



Congregational Appeal for Steam Heating Boiler Replacement Project “Keep the Heat Flowing”

During these times of transition, it is difficult to ensure that all events are fully disseminated to the congregation. There have been many conversations and talks about our heating system issues but, to wrap it in a nutshell, **we need severe work done on our heating units which are way beyond their useful life.** The Session approved a project that is projected to cost \$358,065, and the materials were ordered at the end of 2021. The installation will begin this spring.

We too, need to be mindful that this is an investment in our future and not just a boiler replacement. Our presence, and building in particular, has been referred to as a “Sacrament of Hope”, Our beautifully maintained structure, The McLean Organ, the stained glass, the ministries which operate here, and our community outreach which includes our well-known concert series are all key elements of this sacrament.

As vital as these elements are, equally vital are the thousands of feet of piping and wiring, tons of air-conditioning, BTU's of steam, kilowatts of high-tension voltage, horsepower of pumps which, although unseen, provide the critical physical infrastructure to keep this Sacrament of Hope viable. And, like those Elders in days gone by who also referred to FPCG as the “Church at the Crossroads” and are now part of the Church Triumphant, we are responsible for keeping our congregation viable and thriving well into the future.

How do we pay for it? The plan is to use some existing funds, some designated funds that would be matched by congregational donors, and the balance from our endowment fund. In brief terms there will be \$70,000 from a prior gift, \$25,000 from a designated fund to be matched with \$25,000 from the congregation. **We have appealed to the Philadelphia Presbytery for a grant and they recently approved a grant for \$25,000,**



from the endowment. What does that mean? Due to this, we would not have about \$13,500 in income each year since the balance of the endowment fund would be lowered.

In other words, we are asking you, our members, to make a commitment. Each dollar you contribute will be matched, up to \$25,000 in total!

We also have a tight timetable for involving the congregation. It is paramount that we kick off this campaign this month and completed in September. In that manner we would not conflict with other fundraising in the church and have a better idea of where we stand.


So here is the **ask** to you members and friends of our church. **Will you help our church by making a tax-deductible contribution to support this project?** Remember that you are helping to keep our building usable for our programs but also for all those we serve in our community and beyond.

Please use the form enclosed to make your commitment today! Pledges can be made with payments completed by June 30, 2023. We are most grateful for your consideration.

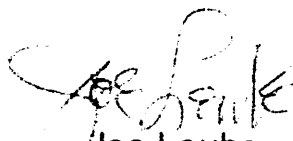
Faithfully,



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