



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

32 N. Front Street, Box 389
Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801

January 25, 2022

Dear Family and Friends of St. Matthew's,

Good news!! We have so much to be excited about! After many years of fundraising for our bathroom renovations and ADA compliance, the time has finally come to fruition. Construction begins February 7th.

It has been a long time. At least 10 years of soup sales, chicken and waffle dinners, annual auctions, and yard sales. We are ready to take the plunge (pun intended) to move forward with this project. We have several resources for our funding, but despite all our efforts, the cost of the renovation continues to increase, along with codes that keep changing and getting more restrictive.

The COVID-19 plague among us has actually allowed the opportunity to move forward with the least possible disruption in the church worship and activities. Having this opportunity placed before us, the vestry has voted to move forward with this project.

We have a beautiful building to be very proud of and preserving the history and architectural integrity of our church is very important.

Plans for the project:

- Eliminate the steps in the choir room area by raising the floor for all to access the restrooms, parish hall, and the nave.
- A complete remodel and restoration of the choir room.
- Renovate the existing restrooms.
- Create a third family/ADA restroom.
- Create a sexton/utility closet.

So many things to look forward to, and so many ways we can all help to make the church more accessible and welcoming.

Ways you can help:

- We have demo days on Saturday January 29th and possibly February 5th at 8:00am. Lunch will be provided. Bring a hammer, eye protection, work gloves, and your enthusiasm!
- Painting parties will be announced.
- Financial Donations or Sponsorship of materials

The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$130,000.00. Currently, we have designated ECW funds of \$22,000, and \$20,304 of memorial funds designated for bathroom/building

projects. The remaining cost of \$88,000 is needed to complete the project. Your contributions towards this project will be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or any inquiries on how you can help, please contact Fran Zartman for more details, 570-286-1376.

If, in fact, you find yourself unable to help with this project, either financially or physically, please pray for the successful completion of this project. We appreciate all of your support whether it be financial, physical, or spiritual. Thank you for your continued support of St. Matthew's. We have a wide footprint in our community. Our outreach has touched the lives of many, and we hope to continue our ministries for years to come.

God's peace to you and your family.
Sincerely,
St. Matthew's Vestry

I would like to sponsor the following material for the renovation project.

Door:\$400

5 Gallon bucket of paint:\$300

Light Fixture:\$100

Toilet:\$300

General Materials \$25 \$50 \$100 Other\$ _____

Name _____

_____ Anonymous donation

Please make checks payable to: St Matthew's Episcopal Church. Write "BR/ADA" in the memo.