

With Our Eyes on Christ

*Gathering,
Growing...
Serving Together*

July 3, 2017

Dear Church Family:

Greetings from the capital campaign team. Each quarter, we write to highlight the ways God is working in our midst. As you know, our campaign theme is "With Our Eyes on Christ: Gathering, Growing, and Serving Together."

Gathering: What fun to see 200 or more of you at the construction site for our June 18 open house. We loved the sound of our low brass musicians blowing through the building. Visiting the site continues to inspire God's work. We give thanks for the session members who recommended we purchase the land, the vision and enthusiasm of our early planning teams, the hours of joyful work in our vegetable gardens, and the chance to connect with friends old and new.

Growing: June marks the completion of our first year in the current, 3-year capital campaign. So far, we have received \$700K or 50% of our total goal. At our congregational meeting on June 11, the finance team gave an insightful overview of our church budget, construction loan, and upcoming mortgage payments. If you missed the meeting, we encourage you to ask about the handout or find the presentation on the church website. You also may be interested in the landscape designs for the outdoor spaces surrounding our new building. Much of the landscaping is required by the City of Iowa City before building occupancy. Some of it is financed with special gifts. Some of it offers opportunities for new or additional giving. To learn more, look in the July *Messenger* or check out the north wall in the current sanctuary.

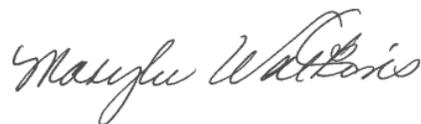
Serving Together: As we continue through this transition, we applaud the many volunteer hours donated regularly to the building project and the ministries of our church. Your passion in missions, vacation bible school, deacons' ministry, special music, and so much more moves and refreshes us. During the open house, we noticed the visitors who jumped in to improve access to the building at the gravel ramp so all could come inside. And we noticed how excited and respectful the children acted around the construction. We continue to pray for the safety of the construction workers.

If you have questions or would like to be more involved, please contact us. You can find us on Sunday mornings, by email at withoureyesonchrist@saintandrew-ic.org, or through the church office.

Blessings,



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