



The Federated Church

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"Welcoming Any, Loving All"

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Dear fellow church members,

Despite the current "shelter-in-place" orders from the Governor, Federated Church has remained a dynamic, vital and engaged community. While we're not using our building in the same ways right now, we know that regular and routine maintenance is an absolute requirement for all organizations. Federated is no exception. We have done well with volunteer labor and inspiration from our trustees, but some things, like roofs, need professional involvement. After consultation with a roofing specialist, we determined that the flat roofs of the church building are at least five years past their established lifespan. We have done all we could with interim patches, but the time is now to replace them. In addition, since we know the roof leaks, any damage that occurs until repairs are made will not be covered by our property insurance. Consequently, it is imperative that the roofs be replaced as soon as possible.

The work can be done in two or, if necessary, three phases to spread out the cost.

Phase one is the most urgent. It will include the roofs over Dutton Hall and the Classroom wing. The Board of Trustees secured estimates from four different roofing contractors to do the first phase and have chosen **Pinkston Tadd Company** in DeKalb at a cost of **\$116,300** for this work.

Additionally, the air conditioning units and ductwork on the roof would have to be removed before the roofing work can be done and then put back into place. An HVAC contractor would have to do this as a separate cost. **DeKalb Mechanical** in DeKalb has been selected for this at a cost of **\$14,880**. The total cost comes to **\$131,180**.

If Phase one can get started immediately, which we strongly recommend, it can be done by the end of May. Otherwise, it will have to wait until the fall, which incurs the risk of summer storm damage.

In Phase two, the roofs over the preschool office, the youth room and restrooms, the carport, the chapel and the office area will be done in succeeding years to spread out the cost. It is estimated that the total cost for this phase will be approximately **\$111,000**.

Altogether, in the next two to three years, we must raise between \$212,000 and \$262,000. The Church Council has approved a *Roof Replacement Fund Drive* for that purpose.

Times like this call for us to rely on all resources. The reserve funds we have accumulated over the years is one of those sources. Church Council has earmarked **\$75,000** to be transferred from the General Endowment Fund to the Roof Replacement Fund. **A congregational meeting on May 3 at 12:30pm is being called to ratify this expenditure.**

The committee coordinating the *Roof Replacement Fund Drive* consists of Skip Schramer, Dave Juday, Nancy Renfer and Gip Seaver. They are already hard at work.

Over the last several years, Federated Church has shown its true character. We got ourselves back to a balanced budget. We took great advantage of our last interim minister. We have thrown ourselves into our mission with renewed energy. Finally, we have welcomed our new pastor whose enthusiasm and creativity during this challenging time has infused yet another burst of energy among us. It is a perfect time from a congregational perspective to take this challenge on. Economically, not so much, or maybe it really is ok in that a lot of our discretionary spending has been curtailed.

You will be contacted shortly by the committee members to encourage your participation in this fund drive. Accomplishing this project will enable us to shift energy, time, and resources to focus more fully on the life-changing work of being the church.

Please be generous. We all have invested so much in our future to this point. Let's make this next step a bold one as we continue growing into the church God calls us to be in service of our community and world.

Sincerely,
Jerry Lane, Moderator