

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING’
SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 12:15 P.M.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am humbled to share the news that St. John’s has recently received several bequests which come to more than \$2,400,000. These bequests are new, and are not connected with the large donations we received for the Accessibility Project.

These gifts are a testament to the deep appreciation that so many members of St. John’s have for our church family. They are also God’s resounding **yes** to what we are doing in Christ’s name in this place. As we celebrate 175 years of ministry in Grove City, God is graciously providing us with all we need—beyond our dreams—to witness powerfully to His kingdom for generations to come. Praise be to God!

As we rejoice in these blessings, we are deeply aware of our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our resources. The church council has placed the bequests into special funds which are set up to (a) maximize their potential use over the long-term, and (b) require us to follow Bible-based principles in how we access and utilize them.

The church council, in concert with the families of our benefactors and in line with our recent completion of the new north entrance, suggests that we use a portion of these gifts immediately to attend to all remaining issues with our physical campus. Many parts of our aging building are in need of repair and, in some cases, reconstruction. With these bequests, God has given us the means to restore our entire church campus to excellent shape.

To this end, the church council is requesting the congregation’s approval to engage the services of an outside professional firm who will:

- 1) do a comprehensive assessment of our building and grounds in order to identify all areas that need work (e.g. building footers, brickwork, HVAC, windows, electric, parking lot, drainage, etc.).
- 2) establish the priority level, and estimate the cost, of each job.
- 3) engage and direct the services of professional contractors for all the different projects, on behalf of St. John’s.

We will be holding a special congregational meeting at **12:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 23rd** in the Family Life Center. The sole purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and vote on the council’s motion to engage the services of a professional firm to do the assessment and organizational work described above, for a fee of up to \$60,000.

Please prayerfully consider this proposal, and come to the meeting on June 23rd! If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Pastor Seth, Pastor Patti, council president Aaron Clark, or Dan Yeater.

In Christ,
Pastor Seth Jersild