

# Capital Campaign Update

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The overall recommendation that KSK, the architectural firm Old First hired, made to the congregation was for us to focus on our historic asset, the sanctuary building, and then make improvements to the site to make the church more open and inviting. The Capital Campaign Committee divided KSK's recommendations into three phases. Phase 1, which we have just completed, was organized around a) safety/security concerns and b) repairing/maintaining the envelope of the sanctuary building—our historic asset.

## Phase 1 – Completed Projects

- ❖ Elevator overhaul – replaced the elevator mechanics
- ❖ Replaced the roof on the building behind the sanctuary
- ❖ Volunteers relamped the sanctuary with LED lamps
- ❖ Volunteers replaced fluorescent fixtures in the lower narthex and downstairs hall with LED fixtures and lamps
- ❖ Installation of new high-efficiency boiler that has / continues to reduce fuel costs dramatically
- ❖ Sanctuary and narthex windows removed, repaired, glazed, reinstalled, painted
- ❖ Exterior wood trim of the church painted
- ❖ Bricks replaced and repointed
- ❖ Soffit installed and painted to match white trim
- ❖ New sanctuary sound system installed
- ❖ Panic bars / new hardware installed on social hall doors

At the 2016 annual meeting, the congregation agreed that, once Phase 1 was complete, work on Phase 2 could begin to the extent that funds were available. With about \$75,000 remaining in Capital Campaign funds, we can begin Phase 2 which focuses on improvements to the exterior of the church and churchyard to make the church more open and inviting.

## Phase 2 – Projects

- ❖ Open up the sightline from Race St. to the church:
- ❖ Remove the two front gates and the brick wall between them directly in front of the wide walkway up to the Sanctuary doors
- ❖ Remove the raised rose bed (former fountain) where the sign is
- ❖ Grade and repave the walkway to the front doors, eliminating the step into the narthex thus making the entry ADA compliant
- ❖ Install exterior lighting of the church and churchyard
- ❖ Install front glass doors behind the historic wooden doors
- ❖ Landscape the churchyard
- ❖ Install signage

Admin is working on Phase 2 priorities and will get back to the congregation with project costs and ask for spending approval. We're moving into Phase 2. Good news!!