

## Ringtown Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign Committee of St. John's, Ringtown, has been continuing to work on the Capital Campaign over the past several months, and we wish to update you on where the Campaign stands at present. In the midst of this extraordinary pandemic we have remained committed to looking toward our future as a congregation and planning to enable our ministry here to thrive in a facility that will help us to meet our future plans and the needs of our congregation and community. As you may remember, we decided to delay the Campaign this past Spring while COVID-19 caused issues not only for our congregation, but for our larger society as well. In the meantime, our committee has been meeting with Mr. Gene Musser from KSA, our Capital Campaign consultant, in order to prepare for the day when we are able to start the campaign in full. At first, we hoped to begin the Campaign this Fall, but that has become impractical for many reasons having to do with the pandemic. Currently, our hope is to begin the Campaign next year, possibly in February should the Covid situation ease in such a way as to make running a Campaign practical. So, to summarize, with the help and advice of Mr. Musser, we've placed the Campaign on a hiatus until everything returns to a normal enough state in which we believe it is to our advantage to begin the campaign. Our hope is to do this early next year. Please know that we are working diligently and patiently to ensure a successful building project and that this pandemic has made us even more determined to meet the current and future needs of our congregation and community.

In the meantime, there are ways in which you can continue to remain updated on and support our Campaign. First, we do have a Campaign website, [www.stjohnscampaign.org](http://www.stjohnscampaign.org), which you may download to receive information and keep updated on the Campaign progress. The website shares information and some tentative drawings of what our future plans may look like. It also

lists and answers some Frequently Asked Questions. As you read over this website and think about the project, please feel free to share with us other questions which we may answer and include on this page.

The other way you can continue to support this project is through your generosity. We do have a Building Fund set up to receive donations intended for the building project. You may contribute to this fund through contributions made during worship or dropped off/mailed to the office, or through holiday or end of year gifts. All donations are thankfully accepted. While we know that Covid has created challenging times for many of us, particularly in regards to personal finances, there may be some among us who, because of investments or retirement disbursements and the current high return of the stock market, may be looking for ways to use these resources to contribute to our building project. If you are inclined and able to offer such a gift, please contact us at the church office so we can share with you some ideas on giving in this way.

Finally, we ask that you please keep us in your prayers. We have been working hard during this pandemic to make the best decisions we can for the future of St. John's while at the same time understanding the uniqueness of this moment in time and where our members may be in these uncertain days. Ultimately, we trust in God's grace to provide for us, and are thankful that God has placed you in our family of faith. Until that day comes when things get back to normal, or, at least to a "new" normal, we will keep trying our best to minister in Christ's name and to share God's love in all that we do. Your partnership in our church family's journey of faith is greatly appreciated, and we pray for God's continued blessings upon you and your family.

St. John's Capital Campaign Committee