

March 6, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of the Hills Church,

We are happy to report that the motion to approve funding the repair and upgrade of the heating system for our church as part of the first phase in the Master Planning process passed unanimously at the Special Meeting held after worship in the church sanctuary this past Sunday, March 3. A huge “thank you” to all members of the congregation who were able to attend and vote on this important decision in the life of our church.

In order to take our church forward and continue to build a vibrant place where we can live and serve together as a faith community – for each other as well as for neighbors beyond our walls – we need to take care of the spaces and systems that are no longer adequately supporting our mission and its ministries. This past Sunday’s vote begins a process that will help do just that.

We are grateful to Judy Nitsch, Steven Patrick, and David Hansen for their expertise and perspective on what this project will involve – in terms of both construction and financing – as well as to those members who raised important questions before the vote. This input is critical to ensuring that we move forward in a thoughtful, deliberative manner with careful consideration of the implications of this decision.

Although repairing pipes and fixtures may not sound very inspiring, we look forward to envisioning what we can do together with our programs and activities as a result of this work. Imagine what the possibilities could be for creating new ministries, attracting new members, and motivating people to get involved.

In the weeks to come, look for periodic updates in “*Events at the Hills*” on this first phase of the Master Plan and its impact on the day-to-day operation of the church. At any time, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns. E-mail officeofthemoderator@hillschurch.org to share them with Mary Hill Canavan, Gintas Vildzius, and Chris Stowell or reach out to any of them individually.

Wherever you sit on a Sunday morning in the sanctuary, whether your connection to this church is old or new, your voice matters – as it is our collective discernment that determines the next step on our church journey and in our life as a faith community. And this past Sunday’s vote bore that out.

So let us begin...

In service and faith,
Mary Hill Canavan, Gintas Vildzius, Chris Stowell
Office of the Moderator