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Dear Friends,

We are writing you with **an update** on “*Keeping the Faith*” as well as **a plea** to those who have yet to pledge.

As of today:

- We have \$553,495 in pledges plus an additional \$25,000 beyond our goal designated for the new sanctuary piano.
- Our current cost estimates, excluding the \$25,000, add up to \$553,350 plus a tithe for capital projects proposed by our mission partners.
- We are just under *\$60,000 away from our goal!*

**If you are reading this and have yet to make a pledge to the campaign**, clearly we need your support. We are glad to answer any remaining questions you might have and even happier to add your pledge to the 110 pledges already received. Our hope is to complete the pledging part of the capital campaign by the end of this month.

**If you are reading this and have made a pledge**, words are not adequate to thank you for your generosity and your commitment. This has been a “grassroots” campaign led by a dedicated group of members to whom we, as co-chairs, are indebted.

The church currently has \$127,100 in hand. At its May meeting the session began what will be an ongoing discussion about the staging of our capital projects.

- With three designated pledges that cover the cost of the new sanctuary piano and an awareness that the restorer of the piano agreed to hold off other interested buyers until we completed our campaign, the session voted to purchase “Carrie.”
- In addition and in response to a request from the Music and Arts Committee, the session voted to renovate the lower corridor this summer.

Finally we want to remind you that **the sooner you complete your pledge, the sooner we can complete our renovations**. Some projects (the kitchen/bathroom and the Strouse windows) are better done in the summer. Others smaller projects may need to wait as we accumulate money to cover the larger projects. Elders are open to hearing your thoughts about which projects should be done first when monies are available. Needless to say, the congregation is not of one mind on this.