

# The Organ Renovation Project

## July 25, 2021 – The Pledge Drive



**The Goal:** With detailed reports in hand from Parsons Pipe Organ Builders on the condition of our early 1900's organ, the Session is considering a major renovation to get our organ back to its full capabilities. Their estimate for the full cost of the renovation was approximately \$85,000 if the job were to be completed in 2021; it may be a little more for 2022. Since Parsons' schedule for big jobs this year is full, the overall goal is to enter into a contract with Parsons in or after January of 2022 with the work to be done that year. To reach this goal, we will need to raise the funds required, or at least to have the steps in place by the end of this year that would give us the ability to sign a contract with Parsons early in 2022.

**The Plan:** The total cost of \$85,000 would be a significant challenge for our church, and particularly at this time with the effects of COVID-19 still with us, and with our announced plan for the additions to our staff of an Assistant Worship Leader and a Children's Minister. For these reasons, the Session has set up a two-step fund raising program: (1) to measure whether the members and friends of this church would fully financially support this endeavor, and (2) if that support is forthcoming to being able to call for that funding with the knowledge that we can meet the cost goal.

**The Steps:** Today is the kick-off of a Pledge Drive asking all of us, members and friends, to express their support and willingness to financially support the renovation of our organ by completing and returning the attached "Pledge Card". The Drive is to extend to the end of 2021, at which time the Session will assess the results and make a determination if there is sufficient support to proceed to the next step of a Fund Drive. That Drive would run for a year-and-a-half from January 2022 to June 2023 during which time the pledges previously made are fulfilled. If the total of the pledges received by the end of this year falls a bit short, the Session will have the option of providing some funds from our existing reserves to make up the difference. However, if there is a clear lack of general support, the Session will let Parsons know we are not proceeding. Since the Session might have to decide at the end of the year to not proceed with this project, we are strongly urging that no funds (no cash, no checks, no credit card payments) for the project be submitted to the church until the end of the year and the Session's approval to continue.

**Note:** If you are led to make a pledge now or later, you may use the form below and return it to the church Attention: Mike Wilson, Financial Secretary. Please choose between the two pledge payment schedules noted on the Pledge form. If more copies of the form are needed let the church know. Thank you.

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### PLEDGE - The Organ Renovation Project

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Pledge \_\_\_\_\_ Payment by:  June 2022

Date \_\_\_\_\_  June 2023

Please return to the Church, Attn: Mike Wilson