

Under One Roof

Worshiping God, Building Community, Feeding Body and Soul

St. Michael is blessed to have a wonderful facility that hosts a wide range of ministries. Under one roof, we gather to worship God by lifting our voices in prayer and song. Under one roof, we gather to meet and to share in friendship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Under one roof, we gather to use our gifts to make a difference in the lives of local students and senior adults.

After 25 years of sheltering and protecting the ministries that happen here in this place, the roof on St. Michael's sanctuary is nearing the end of its useful life. Thankfully there have been no major leaks yet, but with each storm or windy day, a few more shingles are blown away. Given the impact that the ministries under this roof make in our community, the leadership at St. Michael believes that it is important to replace the roof now to prevent any major problems or disruptions in building usage.

Over the last year, the Sanctuary Roof Task Force assessed the condition of the sanctuary roof, the trim and soffits and the 46-year-old siding on the building. Based on that research, the Task Force and the Congregational Council believe that now is the time to begin replacing the sanctuary roof, cover the trim and soffits with vinyl, and replace the siding on the sanctuary. During 2015, we have received several gifts toward roof replacement. In addition, we have been putting aside money for the last several years in the Capital Replacement Fund and the Property Maintenance Fund to help with these projects.

At the Congregational meeting on Sunday, March 13, the Congregational Council proposes the following recommendations for the Congregation's consideration.

The Congregational Council recommends that we enter into a contract with HRC, Inc Roofing to replace the roof on the Sanctuary at a cost of \$16,575 and that we enter into a contract with Crockett Home Improvement to wrap and replace trim and fascia boards on the Sanctuary at a cost of \$9,600. The project will be funded by gifts from the congregation and community, by up to \$18,000 from the Capital Replacement Fund and by up to \$8,500 from the Property Maintenance Fund.

The Congregational Council recommends that we approve a contract with Crockett Home Improvement not to exceed \$8,000 to replace the siding on the sanctuary. The contract will not be executed by St. Michael until the congregation has raised enough money to cover the cost of the sanctuary siding replacement project.

If the proposals are approved, we will continue the process of raising funds and hope to have the projects completed by late spring or early summer. If you have questions about the recommendations or the projects, please feel free to contact me or any of the members of the Congregational Council.

Peace and hope, Pastor John