

Hagerstown First UMC Members and Attendees:

I want to update you about recent expenditures for the church, which have been related to projects that we have completed over the past few months. These expenditures all have been financed by the GOOD fund.

We replaced the three oldest air conditioning units at the church, at a cost of \$9,500 due to the need for continuous repairs to those units. We also repaired a fourth air conditioning unit, which had leaked through the ceiling in one of the main floor offices. We will need to make repairs to the damaged ceiling in that office.

Fortunately, we avoided a near catastrophe when a breaker in the electrical panel shorted out and melted. This incident also resulted in significant damage to three other high-amperage breakers. As a result, we had to replace the entire electrical panel at a cost of approximately \$1,400.

We also upgraded the computer, monitor, and other equipment for the audio-visual system at a cost of about \$1,000. As we continue to work toward improvement of the online viewing of church services, we anticipate additional expenses to update equipment as necessary.

We also made much-needed updates and necessary repairs to the parsonage in preparation for the arrival of the Eckert's in July, including renovation of the main floor bathroom, the downstairs bedroom, and the laundry room, at a cost of about \$3,500.

I am asking you to prayerfully consider contributing to the GOOD fund to replenish it for future projects, which I expect to be extensive at this point. These projects include:

- Adding new gravel to the parking lot, which has not occurred for at least ten years
- Replacing the fire panel system with an upgraded system, as our existing system has not been functioning properly for many years (This is a substantial expense, for which we are researching any grant or assistance options that may be available to the church.)
- Replacing the roof on the parsonage within the next few years
- Repairing and remodeling the upstairs bathroom at the parsonage

I wanted to give you this update so that we can be as transparent as possible about how your hard-earned contributions are being spent for the upkeep of the church building and parsonage.

Sincerely,

*Chris Lane*

Chris Lane, Trustee Chair