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Members and Friends of St. Andrews,

Re: Postponement of Congregational Meeting

Over the past few months, the Church Council has been working extremely hard to gather information on how we should move forward given the deteriorating condition of the church's belfry tower. We have investigated possibilities which have included: selling the building and moving elsewhere as a community of faith, repairing the belfry, and taking the top sixteen feet off of the belfry and recapping it. We have found that selling the building is not possible in the present economic market. Repairing the belfry is not an option either as the damage is too extensive. The final option, to take the top sixteen feet off the belfry seems to be the only option open to us, but it could be extremely expensive.

We want very much to move forward with the repairs to the belfry. The Church Council and select members of the congregation have been working towards making them possible. We had hoped to have a full report for the congregation by Tuesday, September 22, 2020, but unfortunately, we are not quite ready to make that report. We want to make sure that when we call you all together, we can give you as much information as possible. Because of this we must postpone the meeting for a brief period of time.

Please be patient with us in this matter. It is our plan to hold the congregational meeting within the next two weeks. We will give good notice of the meeting and hope that all members can join our *zoom* meeting. If you need help in understanding how to join us online for the meeting, please call the church office and we will have someone contact you who can help you with the technical issues.

May the presence of the Spirit be with you and comfort you through these difficult times.

Yours in Christ,

Patricia Kirton-Bailey
Council Chair
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