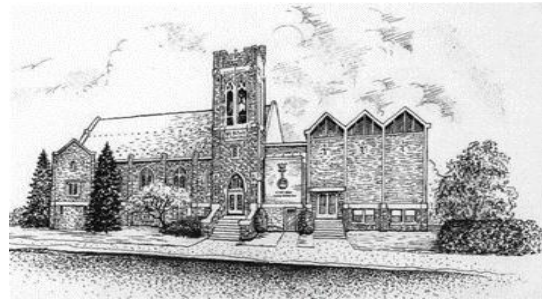




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Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 12 following worship

Greetings in the love and grace of God,

The Elders and Consistory of St. John's UCC, Fullerton, at the request of the Property Committee, have called for a **Special Meeting of the Congregation** to approve use of funds to move forward on our **Elevator Modernization project**. The meeting is being called due to the quote deadline of October 30, 2025, to secure cost for parts and labor on the project with Reading Elevator. In addition to securing the quoted price, a 20% down payment is required.

We all know how important reliable accessibility into our main levels of activity is at St. John's. We want to be sure our elevator is modernized to last another 50 years or more. Both the Property Committee, Stewardship and Finance Committee and Consistory agree that the Elevator Modernization project is our next highest priority project.

Our treasurer, Sue Weldner, has informed us that we have in excess of \$30,000 in cash liquidity to move forward, which will then be restored by funding from the Kiesbar Estate gift once processed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. Our Bylaws require a vote of the congregation to authorize any expenditure of funds in excess of \$10,000. The 20% down payment on the project of approximately \$122,204, will be \$24,441. There will be additional construction in the elevator mechanical room for a fire-safe wall and door, and other needed electrical work, for which we are seeking estimates from a contractor, of 20-25% of contract value (\$24,00-30,500).

The affirmative vote of the congregation will allow us to secure the price for modernization at today's rate, even if the work is done later in 2026. Actual construction by the contractor and modernization by Reading Elevator will not begin until we have the estate funds in our accounts. The affirmative vote simply authorizes us to move forward with the project in securing the contract with the 20% down payment.

This called Special Meeting of the Congregation should only take about 10 minutes following our service of worship on Sunday, October 12, so everyone can then go down to Fox Hall for the Music Ministry Breakfast fundraiser. Please plan to attend worship, the Special Meeting, and then come support our Music Ministry and enjoy a great meal!

Yours in grace and hope,
The Elders and Consistory, and Sr. Pastor