

Glebe-St. James United Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

Gathered by God

WELCOME

Hilda Sabadash

Welcome to worship at Glebe-St. James United Church in downtown Ottawa on May 12, 2024! Hold onto your seats – there's a lot happening today. It's Mother's Day! A big thank you to all mothers and others who are mothering! We also take note of the Ascension which appears in the Christian calendar last Thursday. Finally, it's the last Sunday in Easter. We're going to cover it all in way that I promise won't overwhelm you!

Whether you are visiting or a newcomer, we extend a special welcome to you. Friends, take note of who is seated near you and help if needed. Green cards are near the entrances and at coffee hour. If you want more information about Glebe-St. James, fill one out and pass it into the office.

My name is Hilda Sabadash and I am a member of Trustees and Worship Committee as well as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader. My pronouns are she and her.

Glebe-St. James is an Affirming Community of Faith in the United Church of Canada. Everyone and their gender, race, ethnicity, abilities, sexual orientation, or religious affiliation is welcome and celebrated in our worship. If you don't experience being welcome, please let us know, and we'll do better! We mean it!

The congregational planning meeting is this week. It will be held on this Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm in person at GSJ. All are invited to come help set our direction for the coming months.

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day of ceremony where all Canadians are called to join together to take a stand against violence towards women and children and to take practical steps for our collective journey of reconciliation. Marie Wilson will be the keynote speaker this year.

Multifaith Housing is holding their Tulipathon May 26. A team headed by Rev. Teresa will be walking. Pledge forms will be available in Fraser Hall for the next two Sundays or you can visit MHI online and support our Glebe-St. James team there.

During coffee time in Fraser Hall, we will take photos of those who want to be included in the new GSJ photo directory. If you're part of the GSJ diaspora who watch online, send us a good photo and we'll include you in the directory.

There are lots more announcements. They can be found on the church website and scrolling on the sanctuary screens at the end of the worship service.

Today's worship service bulletin can be found on the GSJ website, along with a link to this week's announcements and a "donate" button to make your offering. If you are here in person, you can share your offering in the service, either in the collection plate or via e-transfer.

Now, let us listen to our land acknowledgement.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Marsha Hay Snyder

When I heard that our Moderator, the Reverend Doctor Carmen Lansdowne would be visiting us in mid- September I was motivated to find out how the work we are doing at Glebe-St. James fits with her vision for her term in office. I knew that as a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation, from Alert Bay, an island off the north coast of Vancouver Island, she would actively seek to engage the United Church of Canada and the wider community on the journey to Right Relations.

Reading her biography, I learned that Rev. Dr. Lansdowne is focussed on living into our United Church's 2006 commitment to be an intercultural church. For her, that means being radically committed to community, to granting each other dignity and listening to each other in ways that transform who each of us is and who we are together. She sees this as a critical underpinning of our journey to reconciliation.

I am uplifted by these words. It seems to me that this is exactly what we are trying to do here, with the help of Rev. Dr. Teresa, the ReconciliAction working group, and the encouragement to each of us to speak a land acknowledgement each Sunday in our worship setting. This action keeps us listening and pushes each of us to continue learning more about how traditional Indigenous ways can teach us to live in better balance, together, in this world.

To this end, we are working on building a relationship with the Algonquin First Nations on whose traditional unceded, unsurrendered land we live and worship, particularly the Algonquin First Nations communities of Kitigan Zibi and Pikwakanagan, and the First Nations, Inuit and Métis from across Canada who call the National Capital Region home.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Sheep may safely graze

J.S. Bach, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship; it's a jam-packed day!
Today is Mother's Day!
And we bless all who are mothers or are mothering!
Today we mark the ascension of Jesus into heaven!
Can you imagine the shock of the disciples
as he ascended body and all into the heavens!
Today is the final Sunday in the Season of Easter!
For today marks fifty days since the celebration of Easter
and next week we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

HYMN VU 189 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

- 1 Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah!
taken from our wondering eyes, hallelujah!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, hallelujah!
re-ascends his native heaven. Hallelujah!
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; hallelujah!
lift your heads, eternal gates; hallelujah!
Christ has conquered death and sin; hallelujah!
take the King of Glory in. Hallelujah!
- 3 Though returning to his throne, hallelujah!
still he calls the world his own; hallelujah!
him though highest heaven receives, hallelujah!
still he loves the world he leaves. Hallelujah!
- 4 See, he lifts his hands above, hallelujah!
see, he shows the prints of love, hallelujah!
hark, his gracious lips bestow, hallelujah!
blessing on his church below. Hallelujah!
- 5 Still for us he intercedes, hallelujah!
his prevailing death he pleads, hallelujah!
near himself prepares our place, hallelujah!
first-fruits of our human race. Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, we do not know the face of the future,
any more than your disciples did.
Like them, we have many questions:
how to live fully
how to love boldly
how to bear witness.
Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit
to inspire us in our living
to give us a heart language in our sharing.
You have ascended home to your Father
that we might rise with dignity.
You live in power that we might live in peace.
You are present everywhere
that we might be fully present in our own lives
This we believe
This we step out on. Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

We cry where did you go Jesus? Where did you go?
We stand, necks craning back, looking heavenwards
But we cannot see you – where did you go?
Did you leave us?

And Jesus replies: hush my child,
Listen, listen, listen for the breeze
Listen for the breath
Listen for the Holy Wind's whispered promise

You are not alone, you are not alone
You are never alone!
My love is yours. My strength is yours.
My wisdom... all yours for the taking
Listen, listen, listen....

SIGN OF PEACE

Listen, listen, listen....
Next week we celebrate Pentecost...
But this week be still...
Know that the Holy One is in our midst...

Know that you are Christ's hands and compassion
here in this place,
Remember this as we share Christ's peace.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

HYMN VU 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah (Verse 2)

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

Listening for Wisdom

THEME CONVERSATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

HYMN FOR INSIGHT Listen to the Word that God has Spoken

Anonymous, Canadian

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.**

READING Acts 1:1-11

George LeDrew

Dear Theophilus, in the first volume of this book I wrote on everything that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he said good-bye to the apostles, the ones he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. After his death, he presented himself alive to them in many different settings over a period of forty days. In face-to-face meetings, he talked to them about things concerning the kingdom of God. As they met and ate meals together, he told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem but "must wait for what the Father promised: the promise you heard from me. John baptized in water; you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. And soon."

When they were together for the last time they asked, "Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?"

He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, "You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left."

This is wisdom from our ancestors in faith.

GIFT OF MUSIC **There Is A Saviour**

arr. Mary McDonald

There is a Saviour,
What joys express;
His eyes are mercy,
His word is rest.

For each tomorrow,
For yesterday,
There is a Saviour
Who lights our way.

Are there burdens in your heart,
Is your past a mem'ry that binds you?
Is there some pain that you've carried far too long?
Then strengthen your heart with good news:
There is a Saviour and he's forgiven you!

There is a Saviour,
What joys express;
His eyes are mercy,
His word is rest.

For each tomorrow,
For yesterday,
There is a Saviour
Who lights our way.

How marvellous! how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvellous! how wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me!

There is a Saviour,
What joys express;
His eyes are mercy,
His word is rest.

For each tomorrow,
For yesterday,
There is a Saviour
Who lights our way.x

READING Acts 1:15-17, 22-26

George LeDrew

After Jesus had ascended to heaven, the disciples returned to Jerusalem. The remaining eleven apostles agreed they were in this Jesus movement for good. They, entered into prayer with all present, including Jesus' mother, Mary, and his brothers.

During this time, Peter stood up in the company—there were about 120 of them in the upper room at the time—and said, “Friends, long ago the Holy Spirit spoke through David regarding Judas, who became the guide to those who arrested Jesus. That Scripture had to be fulfilled, and now has been. Judas was one of us and had his assigned place in this ministry.

“Judas must now be replaced. The replacement must come from the company of men who stayed together with us from the time Jesus was baptized by John up to the day of his ascension, designated along with us as a witness to his resurrection.”

They nominated two: Joseph Barsabbas, nicknamed Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, O God, know every one of us inside and out. Make plain which of these two men you choose to take the place in this ministry and leadership that Judas threw away in order to go his own way.” They then drew straws. Matthias won and was counted in with the eleven apostles.

This is wisdom from our ancestors in faith.

This morning, we hear that peculiar little story from Acts. It's generally overlooked, but since it's about anxiety, and these are anxious times all around, it can be a bit comforting.

Here's what's going on: The time is somewhere during the ten days between the Ascension and Pentecost. Luke's Gospel—and remember, Luke wrote Acts, where this story is recorded—says, and Acts repeats, that Jesus' very last words to the Apostles before his Ascension were that they were to remain in Jerusalem and wait for something special to happen—for them to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Well, the disciples didn't know it then, but they had just over a week to wait—Pentecost was just around the corner. But, again, they didn't know that. They just knew that Jesus had told them to stay in Jerusalem and to wait.

Don't you just hate it when that happens? There they were, stuck in an in-between time, right after something important—the Resurrection and the Ascension—had happened but before anything else had happened. And they didn't have anything to *do*; they were just stuck there, waiting.

I suspect we can all relate to that. It's no fun.

Well, as Luke tells this story, Peter, bless his heart, Peter just *couldn't* stand it; Peter got anxious. This waiting stuff wasn't for him. So, Peter did what so many folks do when they have no idea what to do but feel like they have to do *something*: He called a meeting. In fact, he got the whole church together, every Christian in the world, all 120 or so of them. Then he did the next two things folks in his situation so often do. He gave a speech, and he formed a committee.

In his speech, Peter, who seemed to go from fisherman to management consultant in one fell swoop, sets out an action plan—a plan to fix his anxiety by making things the way they were before—when everybody knew what to do and when there was no anxiety, no waiting, just normal life.

Peter started by noting that there had always been twelve main apostles. However, Judas and the Crucifixion and Resurrection had messed that up; now there were only eleven. So, Peter proposed that they make everything just like it was in the good old days—like last week—and get themselves another apostle—right away at this very meeting.

It's important to notice that Jesus never said anything about twelve being a magic number for apostles after the Resurrection. In fact, Jesus never said a word about this sort of administrative tinkering or anything like it. But none of that bothered Peter, and they had to do *something*, didn't they?

Of course, the rest of the folks went along. Why not? After all, Peter at least had an idea and a plan, and the same couldn't be said about anyone else. Waiting, the way Jesus had asked, didn't seem to count as an idea. So, they doubtless formed a nominating committee, and the nominating committee did its research, then had its preliminary interviews and dutifully reported back to the committee of the whole with an approved slate of candidates. Next thing you know, they flipped a coin or drew straws or rolled dice or *something* and Matthias won—or lost, depending on which of the later legends about Matthias you want to believe—and he was added to the eleven apostles. The organizational chart was complete!

So, there they were, happy as a fish with a new bicycle, back up to full strength in the apostle department—with Peter no doubt looking around for another organizational change he could make to keep everybody busy and give the appearance that real progress was being made.

Well, we have no idea what happened to poor Matthias—who had the dubious honor of filling Judas' seat on the board—from other documents we know he fed the widows and orphans in Jerusalem. Some say he was stoned to death and then beheaded in Jerusalem. The Greeks claim he evangelized Cappadocia and died somewhere in Greece. Others claim he went to the Ethiopia to plant the church and died there. The only thing these tales have in common is he died! Poor Matthias! He was pencilled into the tradition, but as far as the life, structure, governance, and operation of the Early Church were concerned, he played no role at all.

But something did happen, and it happened within just a couple of days of Peter's big meeting. Pentecost happened—just like Jesus had promised. The spirit of God moved its quiet thunder over the Church, and everything was different; everything was new.

With Pentecost, God's plan for the future of the Church—rather than Peter's—began to unfold—and it was like nothing anyone could have predicted; it was like nothing that had ever happened before; it was far different and far bigger than anything even Peter could have ever imagined. The Spirit moved the Church with new power and new direction and new insight into completely new directions. The twelve, as a group, a body—including poor Matthias, who was only just learning the ropes—the twelve vanish from the records.

To be sure, a few of them remained important for the Church for a few years, and later legend—mostly without biblical or historical support—has them, and lots of other evangelists, going all over the ancient world founding churches and dying horrible deaths. Of the 12 apostles, it seems 14 are reputed to be buried in Spain. We don't know much about this part.

But we do know that the early Church in Jerusalem was organized and operated for the next generations without the twelve and pretty much without Peter. All of Peter's anxiety and all of his planning were swallowed up in the rush of the Spirit.

It was the Spirit of God—and human affection, relationships, and devotion to the Lord—not administration, structure, or how many folks were in what department—that would ultimately shape the Church and make it a living witness to the Word of God in Jesus Christ.

One hopes that, through all of this, good old Peter learned, at least for a little while, that, sometimes, anxiety notwithstanding, when it's time to wait and see what God's going to be up to, then the best thing to do is, well, wait and see what God's going to be up to.

So, perhaps our lesson today is that an in-between time is not a bad thing at all. It just is what it is—it's a time to wait, a time to love one another, and a time to trust. It's a time to expect that God will be faithful and loving, and to look forward in confidence to whatever wonderful things God has in store for us.

So many of our times are in-between times, where we seem stuck in situations that just can't last, that must lead to something, and we just want that *something* to happen so we can *get on with it*. So, we get anxious, quite regardless of what Jesus says about anxiety, and we want to do something, anything to move things along. We might even have some pretty good ideas about the best thing there is to do.

At this point, things become a bit nuanced. To be sure, there are times when we do need to act, to change the situation—especially when it's something about ourselves. But other times, we just need to wait—especially when it's something we want or expect God to do. It's tricky, and a matter for discernment. And so we wait.

Responding at Table

HYMN MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

**Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

- 1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God.**

Refrain:

**Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

- 2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God.**
- 3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.**
- 4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction, be
to the people of God.**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

David Brown

Good Morning! My name is David Brown. I am a member of the choir, and I am also chair of the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for ensuring that the Glebe-St James building is looked after.

Last Sunday was, among other things, Glebe-St James Anniversary Sunday, marking 52 years since Glebe United Church and St James United Church amalgamated into a single congregation, based in this building. Those who are new to Glebe-St James might like to know that this building was the original Glebe United, and before United Church Union in 1925 it was Glebe Presbyterian. St James began as a Methodist church and was located two blocks from here, up Lyon Street in what is now the Glebe Community Centre.

The building we are now in was built in 1905, and as you can imagine it has undergone a number of changes over the years. Three are worth noting. One is the annex that was built in the mid-1950s and includes the church offices, the kitchen, the lounge and Fraser Hall. It also houses our plumbing and heating infrastructure. A second was a major renovation in the early 2000s – now almost 20 years ago. It included a reconstruction of the chancel – the area where I am standing – and major upgrades to the plumbing and heating system and to the lighting in the Sanctuary. In recent years, we have re-shingled the Sanctuary roof, installed an outdoor accessibility ramp and purchased a new digital organ, among other ongoing improvements.

A few years ago, we established the Doug Davidson Building Fund, in honour of a long-serving property manager. It supports major capital projects, going beyond the building repairs and maintenance costs that are covered by our regular operating budget. Unlike the operating budget, the Doug Davidson Building Fund depends on special contributions, separate from the donations to the regular operating budget that we are invited to make during Sunday services.

You can probably see where I am going. The Glebe-St James church Council – our governing body – has decided to launch a special fundraising campaign to replenish the Doug Davidson Building Fund. This is in order to finance a number of projects that aim to address issues in the church building, in some cases making needed repairs, in others providing upgrades that we believe will make a difference.

So, what kind of projects are we looking at? I can give some examples. Anyone who has tried in the past couple of weeks to enter the building through the red door at the 650 Lyon Street entrance will know that we are replacing the red door and upgrading the related communications and security systems. It has taken longer than planned, but the current word is that it is ready to go back into operation, although there is a little more work still to do.

A second, completed, project has been to upgrade the lighting in the Sanctuary, installing LED lightbulbs and removing the dead bats in the chandeliers while making sure that live bats can't get back in. There are also some needed upgrades to the plumbing and heating system, including ensuring we don't have a repetition of the frozen pipe that knocked out the heating on a cold Sunday morning this past February. A different kind of project is a continuing process of repairing the grouting and deterioration in the outside frames of the windows in the Sanctuary. Finally, among our top priorities, I would mention dealing with asbestos and other hazardous materials in the basement stairwell underneath the bell tower. This is not a regularly-used area of the building, but it is foundational in a very real sense. If you have questions about any of these projects or have other suggestions, I will be happy to discuss them.

In order to pay for these improvements, while also maintaining some capacity to address unanticipated needs, we have set a goal of raising \$30,000 for the Doug Davidson Building Fund. To get things started, our Church Council has decided to transfer an initial \$10,000 from accumulated reserves, but that still leaves \$20,000 to be raised from members of the Glebe-St James community. Dudleigh Coyle and I will be running this fundraising campaign during the month of May, and we are providing additional information in the e-Update and in a special mailing to members of the congregation. Donations of all sizes will be much appreciated and can be made by e-transfer, through the Glebe-St James website or the church office. We hope you will give it serious consideration.

Thank you!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We have heard the stories of the resurrection and ascension;
we have been invited into the stories themselves
Let us offer our gifts.

The offering is collected.

OFFERING HYMN VU 179 Hallelujah Hallelujah (Verse 4)

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

**Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

OFFERING PRAYER

The bills and the coins and the transfers to the bank
are symbols of the work of our hands, loving God.
We offer them to you that they would be signs and symbols
of our worship and service as they go out into the world.
May they be used to bring healing and wholeness to all creation. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE VU 34 Come Now, O God of Peace

**Come now, O God of peace,
we are your people;
pour out your spirit
that we be one body.**

Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

**Come now, O God of peace,
we are your people;
pour out your spirit
that we be one body.**

Prayers of Concern

**Come now, O God of peace,
we are your people;
pour out your spirit
that we be one body.**

PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever, amen.**

Sent by the Spirit

HYMN VU 192 Forsaking Chariots of Fire

- 1. Forsaking chariots of fire and fanfare brass,
as strangely silent as he came, the Saviour leaves
and God, with heaven's caress, the Son receives.**
- 2. He has to go, as from the grave he had to rise:
in order to be everywhere he must depart
to live, not in one place, but in each heart.**
- 3. So, Christ ascends; air cradles him, disciples stare.
Their Easter joy, his seven weeks' stay, seem now to end.
But no! The Spirit's sending they portend.**
- 4. Let angel harmonies resound; let trumpets blare;
let heaven's banquet guests applaud, the welcomed word,
and earth anticipate her coming Lord.**

SENDING FORTH

Dwell in Christ's love with sweet song.
Proclaim blessings in Christ's name.
We dwell in Jesus' reign.
We are God's creations.
We will loosen chains, offer rest, and share God's gifts.
Go then, knowing you are never alone,
For you go with God, the Source of Love,
Jesus, the Love Incarnate,
And the Holy Spirit, Love's Comfort and Power.
And so we sing:

SUNG AMEN

Jester Hairston

MUSIC TO SEND US FORTH

Sortie on NARENZA

Colin Mawby

End of Worship - Beginning of Service

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MV 50 Alleluia

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VU 189 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Words: Charles Wesley 1739, alt

Music: William Henry Monk 1861

VU 179 Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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Listen to the Word that God has Spoken

Anonymous, Canadian

Gift of Music: There Is a Saviour

Words & Music: Greg Nelson, Bob Farrell and Sandy Patty

Arrangement: Mary McDonald

MV 171 Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

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We thank you for joining us this morning.

Please join us for a time of fellowship
in Fraser Hall following the service.

Happy Mother's Day

This year you can support moms and babies in Nunavut while you celebrate the amazing mothers in your life. Support One Plane Away (OPA) with any amount or cover the \$37.28 cost (includes tax) of a pre-paid shipping box. OPA's goal is to reach even more babies in Nunavut, and provide much-needed essentials that are often so difficult to get in Northern communities.

You can support OPA through oneplaneaway.ca or through the Church. Just mark your donation OPA.

Glebe-St. James Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

7 – 9 pm in Fraser Hall

Light refreshments available at 6:30 pm.

May 19th

The labyrinth will not be open today.

Come join us after the service for cake as well bid farewell to Crystal Maitland.

WIG (Women's Intergenerational Group)

bring your lunch and join us for some social time. Crystal will be joining us.

May 26th

Tulipathon. To sponsor a walker or to join in the walk, please see Sue Toller or Rev. Teresa during Coffee time this week or next.

Glebe-St James Goes Out to Dinner – Sign up now!

By popular demand, we will be holding Glebe-St James Goes Out to Dinner on the first four Saturdays in June. This is a fundraising event, but even more important it is a community-building event, an opportunity to get to know each other better. For more information, please speak with Jennifer in the office or with Dudleigh.

The Doug Davidson Building Fund requires some \$\$\$\$ attention

There are currently a few building projects underway and another four in the planning mode. We are looking for an infusion of \$30k into the building fund. More details will follow next week.

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