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To the Members & Friends of NPC,

In 2028, Newnan Presbyterian Church will celebrate its bicentennial. As we approach that milestone, it is a good time to reflect on the contributions of those who came before us and to think about what future generations will see as our legacy.

Prior to the EF-4 tornado that tore through Newnan and nearby areas on March 25-26, 2021, the property ministry had identified several items that needed to be addressed in the sanctuary. A decision was made to delay the already identified projects until a plan could be made to deal with serious damage from the tornado. Also, all of this happened in the immediate aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic, which impacted the life and work of the church, as well.

Because of lengthy and difficult negotiations with our insurance provider, the repairs to the church caused by the tornado have been delayed. The church has finally received an insurance settlement of \$410,447.29. This is estimated to be about a third of the total needed to repair the tornado damage – which will require major roof work and the restoration of plaster work in the sanctuary. It is vital that this be done sooner rather than later. The repairs to the roof, in particular, will prevent more extensive damage in the future.

Projects identified prior to the tornado were:

- repairing the stained-glass windows, which will add 30 percent more clarity and brightness to the sanctuary.
- repairing the 15-bell chimes that have been in the church tower since 1924.
- painting and repairs to the sanctuary building, work on the audio system, refinishing of the pews and flooring in the sanctuary, and replacement of the pew cushions.
- making changes to the chancel that will focus on accessibility and functionality while retaining the chancel's majestic beauty. The changes will enable more Newnan Presbyterian members to participate in various aspects of worship.
- updating the organ.

This letter is intended to give a full picture of the need to make repairs from the tornado and to move forward with projects that will be a blessing to our congregation and to the future servants of God who will be part of Newnan Presbyterian Church in the century to come. There will be more information on our bicentennial planning in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, we are posting photographs illustrating the extent of the damage from the tornado on the church's website. If you have questions, ideas or concerns, please contact the Strategic Planning Ministry.

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