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## The Corporation and Parish Council are excited to launch an important fundraiser for Saint James!

## Making it Happen!

No, it is not ALL about bricks and mortar, light and sound ... but, yes, it IS about bricks and mortar, light and sound because they provide the context in which most of our worship takes place! The members of Saint James' are family and the community within which we interact and, much of that interaction takes place in our magnificent structure on Melville Street. Even during these difficult times, there is still "activity" and organizational aspects of our parish life taking place in the building.

But ... our structure needs some "TLC" and much needed upgrades. Various groups have helped in the maintenance of the church, giving freely of their time and talents to do tasks that save a great amount of money; but there are areas in which we need expert advice and skill such as sealing out the elements of weather and "critters", enhancing our communication with the church and our community, and being effective stewards of our building.

Making it Happen is about providing the physical framework to make MINISTRY happen!

We have three areas of focus – maintaining the building structure, preparing for reopening with increased flexibility in how we communicate with the parish and community, and making our building more inclusive to those with accessibility needs. These priorities will help us grow in witness, inclusivity and justice.

We are pursuing all options in terms of funding this much needed work in the building, but we still need your help to "make it happen". The Building Committee made recommendations to Parish Council and the Corporation and we are actively pursuing the tasks listed on the enclosed brochure. **Your donations will help us to achieve each of these areas of focus.** 

We know that not everyone will be able to make a financial contribution at this time. Many people give generously to our church and times may be difficult for many. The church is grateful for every gift shared whether it be time, energy, skills or financial.

Financial donations can be made by cash or cheque (please write 'Making It Happen' in the memo line or on the envelope) or via e-transfer to saintjamesgiving@gmail.com.



Your Wardens (as well as members of the Building Committee) are available to answer your questions. Our emails are below, or you can leave a message with the parish office and one of us will return your call.

We can all "make it happen" for the benefit of the entire parish of St. James.

Yours in Christ,

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