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## A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

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Dear Friends,

I want to tell you about a moment that has stayed with me. Last year I met with a mom in tears because of this church. She lost her child to suicide several years ago, and her words will be etched on my heart, mind, and soul as long as I serve this place: “If we knew a church like St. Martin’s existed, my kid might still be here today.”

That moment is why I am writing to you.

We are a growing, vibrant, and joyful community. People who were searching for something they couldn’t quite name have walked through our doors and discovered, because of you, that what they were looking for was here all along. And there are countless people still searching.

That is what this campaign is about. Not just a building project, though there is real and necessary building to be done. Not just a fundraising goal, though the goal is significant. We are building a community, and a church building, that will help everyone know they are welcome, they belong, and they matter.

And none of that happens without you. I am asking you to pray, seriously and specifically, about what your part in this moment might be. Ask God what faithfulness looks like for you in this season. Then trust what you hear.

St. Martin’s is standing at a threshold. The people who will fill these pews in five and ten and twenty years are already out there. Some of them are driving past our building this Sunday on their way to somewhere else, or to nowhere at all. They are searching for something: community, meaning, and love. And they are asking if such a place exists.

What we build now is our answer to them. It is our way of saying that we knew they were coming, and we got ready.

I am grateful to do this work alongside you.

*Serve God in joy,*

*Alan*

## BEING READY

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*Five years ago, sixty people gathered on a typical Sunday. Today, more than one hundred and sixty do.* Our church was built for one congregation, and that congregation kept growing into something different. Now we must make sure our building can meet that new growth.

**We will build a new narthex** — a welcome center for everyone who crosses our threshold, with a coffee bar and room to linger. The new front porch of a growing church.

**We will expand our seating** — from roughly 190 to 240, so growth is no longer limited by the walls.

**We will redesign our altar area with accessibility in mind** — because God’s table has never had a barrier and neither should ours.

**We will bring our choir down from the loft and onto the floor** — because music belongs to the whole congregation.

**We will update our chapel** — so that our children have a space worthy of the faith we are forming in them.

**We will upgrade our audio and video systems** — so the worship of this community is heard and seen clearly by everyone in the room.



*The updated chapel — home to children’s ministry on Sundays.*