

*New Ipswich Congregational Church*

*156 Main Street*

*New Ipswich, NH 03071*

December 2018

Dear Friend,

Since 1770 the New Ipswich Congregational Church (N.I.C.C.) has ministered to the people of this community. During its long history it has enjoyed times of great celebration and also times of trial. You may have heard the stories of the fire of 1902 and God's faithfulness in rebuilding to provide a home to worship that would serve the people of New Ipswich for over a century.

In 2007 N.I.C.C. again faced challenges when the building was deemed unsafe due to structural problems. With the support of the community and members of the church, a builder was hired to make the structure safe and make many upgrades to allow the facility to continue to serve the community of New Ipswich for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This was an expensive undertaking. Fundraisers were held, people gave generously, however to complete the project the church had to borrow \$470K. For the past eleven years the members and attendees of N.I.C.C. have been faithful in their contributions and the mortgage is paid each month and currently has a balance of just over \$300K.

We firmly believe that God will continue to provide and for the remaining 15 years we are sure He will allow for this loan to be repaid in full. However as we look at the payments we make to the bank each month, we see that not only will we pay the outstanding balance but also \$145K of interest to the bank over the remaining life of the loan. We think of the things we could do with that money over the next 15 years to further God's Kingdom and to care for the members of our community.


God has placed it on our hearts to get out from this burden of debt and we are reaching out to you and asking you to prayerfully consider stepping beside us to help pay off this debt. We appreciate that \$300K is a lot of money, however if many come together much is possible. Three hundred people contributing a \$1,000 or three thousand people contributing \$100 could take care of this. We only ask that if you feel led you give what you can. All contributions received as part of this capital campaign will be applied directly to reduce the principal.

You may be a former member of N.I.C.C. who has great memories of the love and fellowship you enjoyed here. Perhaps this was your home church growing up where the seed of faith was planted. You might be a community member who has your own church you are a part of and you understand the


importance of a community church to serve the needs of the people of this area. Maybe you don't have a church but you enjoy a peace and a comfort when you drive down Main Street and see N.I.C.C. knowing that for almost the entire history of our town it has been there to serve our town. Whatever the reason is that New Ipswich Congregational Church is special to you we pray that you will consider contributing to allow us to continue to be a blessing in the lives of others.

Whether you are able to give or not we ask that you join us in prayer in accomplishing this goal and we pray for God's blessings on each of you.

  
Ken Whitson  
Pastor

  
William Kivela  
Moderator

Bob Wooster  
Elder

  
Carol Romeril  
Treasurer



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Please accept my contribution to be applied to the outstanding principal of the building fund loan of New Ipswich Congregational Church

\_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_ \$500      \_\_\_ \$1,000      \_\_\_ Other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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You may contact me annually until the debt is paid in full      Yes / No