

# April 16, 2021 Daily Church Email

## CHURCH EXPANSION UPDATE

As we look to the future and what the church can be for the community—a spiritual presence and positive moral influence, we are at a critical moment.

How will we engage our neighborhood of Ely, Shueyville, Swisher, the southeast edge of Cedar Rapids, and beyond our neighborhood?

How will we draw people to a life of discipleship and faith?

Who will God send to us to be part of our church family?

How can we be ready and welcoming to them when they walk through the doors?

What will our future as a church look like?

How can we be part of the next chapter of the life of First Presbyterian Church near Ely?

The Expansion Committee appointed by the congregation has been moving forward preparing plans to present in April. **On April 18 (and repeated on April 25) after worship plans prepared by Point Builders and STS Civil Engineering will be presented to the congregation.**

**The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on May 2 after worship for the purpose of voting for the building project.** Each church member present at the meeting is allowed one vote. Currently, we are working out how to include members not yet comfortable attending an in-person meeting.

The Session thanks the committee for incorporating elements that the congregation has brought forward.

Thank you to Angie Ehle, Larry Harder, Theresa Harder, Bill Serbousek, and Brian Thompson.

Have a blessed day in Christ,  
Pastor Julie

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