



When we were discussing this year's canvass theme some of the input I received was "don't make it about the church building." If only it were that easy!

On January 30<sup>th</sup> temperatures went up and the center section of our roof showed more than 70 leaks. My guess is that the extreme cold weather opened up a number of holes in our 20-year-old roof which showed up as soon as the weather changed. This past Sunday the congregation approved up to \$169,000 for roof repairs. We have put up plastic to help catch leaks and have organized a team of "Rain Catchers" to be in the church on warm days to make sure the drips don't cause any damage. It would have been nice to not make this season about the building, but the water just keeps coming!



Meltwater on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. All of this water has to either evaporate or drip through the roof. As you can see it is not draining very well.

This month is canvass month. By March 31<sup>st</sup> we need to hear from all of our church members as to what their planned financial contribution will be for next year. If you are a member, then you should be returning a pledge. The amount is up to you, but your membership says that you [covenant](#) to "Share the ministry of the congregation through our gifts of time, talent and money."

This year we not only need your contributions for our church operations, but we could use an extra donation to help pay for the roof. We would appreciate it if you could add an extra one-time payment to your pledge this year.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of our church.

Thank you!

