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Dear Youth and Families,

As most of you are aware, starting next Sunday, March 7th, the construction phase of our Capital Campaign will begin. This is an exciting step that, when completed will make our church more accessible, user friendly, up to date, and attractive. The Youth Ministry Committee, adult advisors and Third Church staff have been working on this plan for many months with continuity and safety at the center of our decisions. Flexibility will be central to making these next months successful.

Entrance to Education Building during Construction

Beginning on Sunday, March 7, all youth, advisors, kitchen teams, and families will enter and exit the Education Building through the Arnold Park side entrance to the chapel (by the playground.) This will be the only entry door. On Sunday mornings, please enter and go directly to your classrooms. Our regular sign-in and out sheet will be just inside the door on Sunday evenings. Please check yourself in. This is very important. At the end of the evening, an advisor will be posted at the door to check you out. Parents should drop off and pick up youth at this door. Keep in mind that Arnold Park is a one way street. For safety purposes, please pull on to Arnold Park. East Avenue is not visible from this door.

Kitchen teams, youth advisors, and the few youth that drive themselves to program should use the Arnold Park parking lot.

How Construction will affect the 7th grade Worship Education Class

Beginning on Sunday, March 7, the 10:45 worship service will be worshipping next door at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word. Because of their worship time (9:30 am) Third Church has adjusted our worship time by a half hour (11:15 am start) in order to allow their congregation time to vacate the sanctuary, and allow our members to arrive and settle in. Their programming and available space does not allow us to Sunday School in their building.

The 7th *grade Worship Education Class* will continue to meet in the Youth Lounge. On Sunday mornings following the children's message, 7th grade youth will exit out the side door of the Incarnate Word sanctuary and into a small lobby where they will be greeted the teachers standing in an assigned position with a color coded class sign. Teachers will have class lists and mark attendance at Incarnate Word. Classes will walk along the side of the parking lot and across Arnold Park, entering the Third Church Education building from the side entrance to the chapel (by the playground). We recommend that the youth keep their jackets with them in the pews so that they can have them for the

walk. At about 12:25, all classes will return to Incarnate Word where classes will go to coffee hour in the lower level. Families are asked to check in with teachers and pick up their youth from coffee hour.

How Construction will affect Commissioning Class and Youth Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday, March 7, the Commissioning Class and Youth Sunday school class will begin *one half hour later*, at **10am**. The locations will remain the same with the Youth Sunday school class meeting in the Youth Lounge and the Commissioning Class meeting in the Kindergarten room. Please enter through the side entrance to the chapel (by the playground).

How Construction will affect Jr. High Bells, Covenant Ringer and Singer rehearsals?

Both bell choirs will rehearse at Incarnate Word. Please enter Incarnate Word through the parking lot door. There will be signs directing you to rehearsal locations. The bell choirs will travel back to the Education building for Covenant Singer rehearsal together. Covenant Singers will rehearse in the Chapel. Remember to sign yourself in to the building.

How Construction will affect Sunday evening Dinner and Fellowship

The only changes to Sunday evening will be where we enter and exit the building and where we eat dinner. We will be using the second, fifth, and sixth grade rooms on the third floor of the education building for dinners. Dinner teams should report to the Youth Lounge. We only have 5-6 youth nights left in the program year and our meals have been streamlined and simplified. Dinner teams are still needed for set-up, serving and clean-up.

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Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any question or concern. Consult the BEAT Box, the Sunday bulletin and visit www.thirdpresbyterian.org for updates.

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