

To Whom it may concern:

St. John's UCC church on the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln Ave. has a history of community involvement that dates back more than 120 years. The new building, replaced the old wood structure and was constructed around 1954 with many improvements made over the years.

This congregation, like many others in the city has a dwindling membership, especially the younger generation. The current sign is very outdated and requires a labor intense effort to change the letters. Changing the messages on the new sign would be much easier with only a keyboard. It would allow us to put on several messages at one time. To reach out to the neighborhood and beyond, encouraging everyone to attend worship and experience Sheboygan's best kept secret, that we are a progressive church where "God is still speaking."

I have seen several other churches in the city that have converted their signage to exactly as we are proposing. This started as a dream about 6 years ago, and now a benefactor has come forward to help make this dream come true. Please prayerfully consider this request and help us improve our churches presence in this community.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Knaak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Knaak

Property committee Chairperson

St, John's UCC