

1241 Crawford Drive
Billings, Montana 59102

September 25, 2023

Dear members of the Brown Baggers AA Group,

We write today with a heavy heart. As you might be aware, the past several years have been very challenging for our congregation. The pandemic accelerated some long-term downward trends, and our financial situation is untenable.

Several months ago, the congregation met and discussed the situation. After much discussion it was agreed to move forward with the possible sale of our building. We have now engaged with a realtor, Tyler Samson, of NAI Business Properties. The listing should be active any day now.

First, please know that this was not an easy decision, nor a hasty one. It is the result of much discernment and prayer. Also, please know that we value your important ministry and service to the community of Billings. We take pride in the fact that so many meetings have taken place within these walls.

So, what's next? Nothing is changing immediately. What does the future hold? We don't know. Our realtor said he has no idea how long it will take for the building to sell. He has been informed of your group and how much we value it. Our hope is that if another congregation were to buy it, that you could make a new agreement with them. We will emphasize that, as much as possible and we will keep you informed.

Our hope and plan is to continue as a worshipping community after the sale of the building. We just won't have a permanent worship space, at least, not for now.

Please again know that your group holds a special place in our hearts, and we want to do whatever we can to assist in this transition. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the church office.

Lovingly yours in Christ,

Dr. Steve Gerstner, Senior Warden
Doris Gerstner, Junior Warden and Treasurer
Rev. Stephen C. Day, Rector