



*Vandalia Community Preservation Association, Inc.*

5471 Vandalia Road \* Spencer, Indiana 47460

May 27, 2020

Dear Friends of the VCPA,

The Vandalia Community Preservation Association, Inc. is recognizing its 25<sup>th</sup> year. Throughout the past 25 years we have been blessed with family, friends and neighbors who have, and who continue to support the VCPA's *mission to preserve, restore and maintain the Vandalia Chapel and Schoolhouse.*

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The Annual Membership Business Meeting, which has always been held in the spring of the year, was cancelled due to Indiana's coronavirus restrictions. The VCPA Board has also decided to cancel its annual Strawberry Fest held in June, as the Schoolhouse cannot be restructured for maintaining safe distances.

We are therefore updating our members of past accomplishments and future endeavors via written communication. Your input and ideas are always welcome. If there are no objections from the membership, current office holders will remain in place until Spring of 2021.

Included with this letter is a copy of the January 31, 2020 article from our local newspaper, the *Spencer Evening World*, recapping a long-time goal of National Historic Register status. Other 2019 accomplishments were the of hosting of two very successful events, our Strawberry Fest with Midwest Station Bluegrass Band and our Chili Supper and Songfest with Lloyd Wood and Band; receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the Efroymsen Family Fund which has been designated for the painting and repair of the Chapel's roof; repair of the VCPA sign; replacement of the Chapel's entry door; lawncare of the Chapel and Schoolhouse; having tree stumps ground; and general maintenance of both buildings. Our goals for 2020 including purchasing exterior plaques to recognize National Historic Register status for both buildings, painting of the Chapel's roof (Efroymsen grant); repairing the Chapel's bell tower; and increasing our membership.

The VCPA Board would like to thank you for your continuing support. We invite you to renew your membership to help continue our efforts. Membership dues are only \$25 per year and are tax deductible. To renew your membership, please make your check payable to VCPA and mail to: 5471 Vandalia Road, Spencer, IN 47460. All money is for the upkeep and preservation of the Chapel and Schoolhouse. It is only with your help that we are able to continue to preserve and maintain these historic structures.

We look for to seeing you at our next event which will hopefully be the annual Chili Supper and Song Fest this fall. Please check our website [www.vandaliacpa.org](http://www.vandaliacpa.org) and/or *Vandalia Community Preservation Association* Facebook page for scheduling updates

On behalf of the VCPA Board of Directors, thank you once again for your support.

Stay well and safe.

Sincerely,

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Susan Summerlot  
Secretary/Director  
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*The mission of the Vandalia Community Preservation Association (VCPA) is to preserve, restore and maintain the Vandalia Historical Chapel and School House located in Vandalia, Indiana.*