

# Newsletter – Christian Centre Szczecin

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**Also the road will be made beautiful!**

**It's time for the parish hall to be beautiful, too.**

## Latest Version

Before the year comes to an end, a newsletter should be sent out. In the meantime, construction has progressed. Also, some interesting discoveries were made: During the outside insulation work, the workers found a coin from 1855 (probably J. G. Oncken (1800–1884) dropped it out of his pocket at that time ☺) and door arches were revealed in the house. Above all, great difficulties could be overcome, i.e. the ailing beams could be relieved by the arrangement of side timbers.

Pastor Robert Merez visited the USA to win hearts for our vision. In two congregations his concerns were brought into so-called mission committees. So, there is hope that financial support will follow. Our working group had to gather new strength, since our personal situation did not spare the necessary strength to publish a newsletter in the usual rhythm. Nevertheless, with the help of other Rostock church members, the working group has also

developed ideas to find people in Sweden, who donated to the community centre. Now, we hope that the vision will spread there in order to provide money for the renovation of the community centre. With God's help, it is possible. In addition, the plans for a charity concert, which will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 in Rostock.



**This door arch has been exposed.**



**Old doors are being refurbished.**



**The construction of the elevator shaft is already well advanced.**



**Relief of the dilapidated beams by side timbers.**

### **Encouragement through a glimpse into history**

At the end of the 19th century, August Hermann Francke, who went down in history as a friend of the poor and father of orphans, not least as a teacher, had the vision of building a large orphanage. For outsiders it was a mystery, how the construction should succeed, but nevertheless the construction was finished. High up on the gable of the solid building one could read: **“They wait for the Lord, they get new strength, that they drive up with wings like eagles.”** ( Isaiah 40:31) Many people gave money, often at just the right moment, so that God's work became visible. This is an encouragement also today.

### **Encouragement even today**

God's help also became clear in a current situation in the construction process. Although there were initial difficulties with the monument protection office, PLN 200,000 is now being made available for work on the façade.

## Invitation to the benefit concert in Rostock

On Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 at 7 pm a benefit concert for the Christian Centre Szczecin will take place in the parish hall of the Rostock Baptist Church (Hermannstraße 15)!

**What do we have in store for you?**

A **colourful bouquet of flowers** from many participants with pieces of music, multilingual songs, impressions and lyrics. It will be an entertaining and impressive evening with a culinary break. Thank you for your support for Stettin! Soon, more on [www.christliches-zentrum-stettin.de](http://www.christliches-zentrum-stettin.de).



## Call for donations of a special kind

If we were to give 10 euros a month nowadays, it would not be a burden for many, a relatively small gift. But if many would agree to do so, then we would get solid support, which could make a significant contribution to the completion of the construction project. We would be very happy if many supporters would find themselves, who would cause standing orders in small amounts (of course more is always possible)! So far there are only two standing orders.



In the name of the working group "Christian Centre Szczecin" we say **thank you very much** for all donations and prayers! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a sheltered year 2020!

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