

Property Team - December 2017

1. We are in the process of winterizing both parsonages for winter.
2. The first parsonage has had the tub and surround replaced(\$2400), the cracks in the dining room ceiling and wall a main floor half bath repaired(?), the main level floor floors refinished(\$1600), and the porch columns and gable end painted(paint and labor donated). The porch floor will be stained next spring. Items left to do include cleaning or replacing the carpet, painting the upstairs bathroom and other areas needed(will wait to find out if color changes are wanted. Also will need to do work on the 2nd floor balcony(spring) and replace dishwasher and refrigerator.
3. Received an estimate from the Floor Guys to replace the carpet on the steps leading into the Fellowship Hall(\$631). The carpet has been ordered.
4. Most of the sound system has been moved and is working well. Rick is building the cabinets that will be placed in the Sacristy area, which will house some of the sound equipment and provide for more working area during communion.
5. As ex-officio liaison member of the Heritage Endowment committee, I met with the committee on November 21 at the church. It was a very informative meeting that provided some answers to the use of the endowment funds. Because there is real need to tuck point the church, the Property Team will be going to the church council with a motion: " To direct the Property Team to update the bid from Karr Tuckpointing, LLC, and proceed with the arranging for the tuck pointing of the church ASAP, with funds available from the Heritage Endowment(approx.\$23,000) and the remainder from the Olerud Bequest". The bid given in June of 2016 was for \$35,897. Karr will not do the chimney, because of its poor condition, and recommended that we contact someone to tear down and rebuild it. We have no cost estimates at this time, but I did contact Winona Controls and was informed that it might be more cost effective to replace the boiler with a new energy-efficient one that needs no chimney, as it is expensive to replace a chimney. A new boiler would provide for savings in the future.
6. Handbell choir is in need of space. One possibility is to remove the 3 pews on the south side of the church, much like we did on the north side for the piano and Praise Band.
7. The Tiny Pantry needs to be moved from its current location because it blocks part of the stairway, which is a fire exit. I have contacted Deb Spence about the issue. A possible choice would be in the area opposite the Gathering Room door.
8. Plans on closing out the Parsonage fund raising project.
9. What should the church do with all the "history items" that are taking up valuable storage space?
10. Looking for ideas for better ways of presenting information that often is placed in pews. Also looking at alternative to communion cards.