

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee is responsible for the oversight, maintenance, and security of the physical facilities of the church, rental property, parking lot, sidewalks, play area and lawn.

Major accomplishments in 2008 are as follows:

1. We inspected and replaced all fire extinguishers no longer meeting code.
2. We contracted with Advantage Wildlife Solutions to evict pigeons that had taken up residency in the steeple, and to clean up and disinfect the steeple interior and reinstall the wire mesh over the arch steeple windows.
3. Under Bob Lightner's direction, we evaluated our exiting property Insurance, obtained competitive insurance proposals and renewed our coverage.
4. Under Paul Wolfe and Terry King's coordination, we held a Church Work Day on April 26 during which over 35 members of the congregation spent time:
 - Cleaning and Oil soaping the Sanctuary
 - Repairing and Painting exterior doors and painting the lower portion of Frederick and Lewis Street exterior walls.
 - Repairing the patio concrete and cleaning the patio window well
 - And, hanging an awning above a patio doorWe hope this work day goes on to be an annual event.
5. We evaluated increasing sanctuary lighting and installing ceiling fans.
6. We contracted with O'Brien Roofing to repair wind damage to the steeple roof. This was undertaken using our insurance.
7. We contracted with Buck's Painting to paint the steeple roof and most of the church that requires a crane to paint. We have increased the property budget to allow affordable painting projects each year in the future to help prevent deterioration of our buildings.
8. We made arrangements with Messer Landscape, Inc., for snow removal for the 2008-2009 season.

Other property improvements were completed by Paul Wolfe with help from David King. In addition to ongoing Boiler repairs, heating system and plumbing repairs and carpet shampooing, Paul completed:

- Kitchen repairs, painting and floor re-waxing
- Downstairs ladies restroom repairs & painting
- And, repair of the ornamental plaster at the rear of the Sanctuary

Thanks go to our committee members: Paul Wolfe, Terry King, Andy Easley, and Bob Lightner for their work during this past year. Thanks also go to Carolyn Brown for her beautiful flower garden.

And, thanks go to you, the congregation for your help on the past work day and throughout the year as well.

– Chuck Blackley, Chairperson