

2018 Trustees Update

The trustees have been working diligently to maintain and upgrade CUMC and would like to share with you what has been/ will be going on at the church. We have been meeting and discussing each project with much research done as well as many bids taken into consideration. Below are the projects to date along with the trustee who spearheaded the project in case you have questions.

Nursery school space expansion due to growth of enrollment. In order to accommodate the needs of this program within our community, the wall between classroom #1 and #3 will be removed and an accordion door will be installed.

These rooms will still be available to CUMC for Sunday School use as needed.

DATE OF WALL REMOVAL: WEEK OF JULY 22ND. DOOR INSTALLATION: AUGUST 21ST. (Glen Walker, Kristen Torkelson, Amy Crandall, CMP director)

Parking lot paving due to the state of disrepair causing risk of injury. Paving will occur (weather permitting) on **AUGUST 1ST TO 3RD WITH NO DRIVING ON THE PAVEMENT UNTIL AUGUST 12TH.** On Sunday, August 5th you should be able to walk on the new pavement (no spiked heels please). If you need to park close, parking will be available on the nursery school side of the building with the use of the side entrance and the front entrance to Rodda Hall. (Craig Denecke)

Air-conditioning was added to the activities room in order to accommodate more diverse groups for building usage. (Glen Walker) In addition, new window units were obtained for rooms 6 and 7, the Wesley Room, and Pastors Sharon and Jeff's offices as the old ones were no longer working effectively.

Fogged windows in Rodda Hall were replaced. (Glen Walker)

TV monitors and media players will be added this summer by Jeff's office and the activities room to inform the congregation, visitors, and those who use the building about what events are taking place and what has been happening within the church. (Mike Rack, Pastor Jeff)

Doorbell cameras have been added in order for the staff to be able to see who is at the door by using their phone or computer. (Mike Rack)

Energy savings. Extensive investigation both last year and this year was done into Solar panels for the church. It was decided that now is not the right time to move forward, (Ed Asirvatham)

Installation of water and pipe sensors for detection of water leaks provided by a free program through the church conference. (Glen Walker)

Memorial Garden upgrades. Multiple shrubs were replaced/added along with perennials and annuals, funded by the Memorial Fund. (Carolyn Palma with Phyllis Conrad, and Peggy Sweitzer). If you are interested in helping in the garden let us know, we are happy to provide you with guidance!

DVD players and TVs purchased/donated for Sunday school, room 6 and 7 (David Bramwell)

Building Usage: We have many groups using the church which is a wonderful way to welcome the community as well as providing the church with extra income. Some of the groups include Masterwork, NJ Youth Symphony, Dance Development, and Broadway Boot Camp among others (Linda Connors). If you know of a group or individual who is looking for a place for their event or club please let Linda or the church office know!

Parsonage and 20 Oak Drive: Various repairs have been attended to as needed. (Doug Bryant)

There will be a small library "house"/box placed by the activities room door by the Nursery School in honor of three Nursery School teachers who retired this year.

Endowment management: The trustees have met with Regent Atlantic and along with the finance committee assure that the endowments are used responsibly. (Treasurer: Anita Hoffman)

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE? We are looking into having the hinges on the Sanctuary Doors replaced. If you have ideas for contractors who would do this please let us know! Also, if you have or know of someone who has a piano they would like to donate or give to the church for a small fee please let Peter Hill know (specific features are necessary).

SAVE THE DATE: Work and fellowship day Sunday, September 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

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