

The Deacon's are providing an update concerning the Sanctuary HVAC along with other needs within the church building and property

We Praise God that a temporary heating option was available and able to be installed quickly and will provide us heat thru the spring.



"Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord." (Haggai 1:8)

The Board of Deacons recognizes that maintaining the church building and grounds is a practice of good stewardship

We have an aging building that has begun to require additional work

The Deacons have been evaluating our needs and have created a high priority list of projects that need to be completed soon



In the last 6 weeks we have experienced a major failure in our Sanctuary HVAC System. The heat exchanger has rusted out. It has faithfully provided the sanctuary heat & air conditioning for the past 30+ years. At this point it is no longer safe to operate.

We are receiving bids from multiple vendors and expect the cost of replacement to be over \$100,000 with a 6 to 9 month wait period till the unit would be installed.



The parking lot has started to crumble in many locations and the Deacons did do some repair to the lot this past fall.

The lot still needs a few more areas repaired, then sealed and a new tar and chip surface along with new parking lines. To maintain the safety & integrity of the parking lot these repairs need to happen soon.

Current bids for this project are around \$30,000



The women's restroom is a project the Deacons have been interested in renovating for a while now. We really want this to be a priority. Preliminary discussions with some women of the church took place and numbers were gathered.

It is dated and could really use a complete makeover.

We are looking at roughly \$20,000 + to complete this project.



We have had increasing concerns with flooding in the basement of the church. A number of years back the basement did flood which involved the replacement of the carpet in the youth area.

We have found that during large storms our current sump pump has struggled to keep up with the water. The deacons would like to add a second sump pump in the basement to help keep water from entering the basement area

That project will cost around \$1,000



The main church office entrance has been a problem the last few years with several people falling and getting injured. The lack of a good platform to stand on and handrails is the main reason.

The Deacons would like to create a safer entrance that is handicap accessible with a ramp and proper handrails.

We would also like to add a front door automatic opener to allow easier access.

Those two projects will cost over \$20,000 to improve



The Sanctuary metal roof is likely going to need some major repairs or replacement in the coming years. Some of the gutters are leaking including the downspouts.

We have had a number of companies look at the roof and the bids are over \$150,000 to address those issues.

This is a major project coming in the near future.



So if you have been keeping up with our running total....we are at nearly \$350,000

And that is only the items of high priority that we have identified and not including projects that may present themselves over time.



The Deacons have been considering what the best ways to pay for these improvements would be. We do not want to have to finance any of these projects. We want to be able to fully fund these projects from <u>over and above</u> giving.

The Deacons have been evaluating these projects and completing projects over the past few years with funds that had been faithfully given in the past.

Moving forward the Deacons have created a Long-Term Capital Maintenance Fund. The purpose of this fund is to be used to fund new building programs, maintenance, campus expansions, debt reduction if needed and other one-time needs.

The desire of the Deacons is that this money be given in excess of your regular tithe to help supplement our regular building needs.



So how is the fund going to be managed? The Board of Deacons will discern the needs of the church property and building and complete the projects as the funds are available.

If the general fund giving habit begins to decline, the Deacons may need to pause giving to this fund to make sure that the general fund needs are achieved.

Any expenses that are ongoing or recurrent will be included in the regular budget process. This fund is for one time expenses.



You can give using the Yellow Envelopes that are on the Information Center in the Narthex or in the pews.

You can also give online through the church's website.



God has used our building and property for many years to Reach, Equip and Send.

There are a lot of exciting things happening at Westminster and the Deacons are preparing to make sure this building and property is ready to handle everything God has planned for the future.

If you have any questions, you can ask any of the Deacons or specifically Mark Hoffer, Greg Breiding or Tom Koegler