

DPC Trustee Annual Report 2024

It has been a busy year and the team has been very active working on items in and around the church. Much thanks to Pastor Dorinda, Ashley Hamilton, Barbara Morse, Pam Pierce, Obumneke Amadi, & Frank Nowicki. Additional thanks to JR Morse for all his help with many of the items we've been working on this past year.

- a. Ensure the fire extinguishers, stove and hood are inspected and in working order, and PN Alarm does an annual test.
- b. Adjusted paper towel holders to accept generic rolled paper towels as we could no longer find the original style.
- c. Repaired / replaced the outlet in the kitchen near the door as it was no longer working as a ground-fault outlet.
- d. Spring cleanup was May 4th, and we really worked on the entire church inside and grounds outside. Fall cleanup is November 9th.
- e. Jim Clinton repaired the sanctuary door frame and flooring near the door as they were spongy from wood rot because of water leaking in that space. Also repaired the drainage lines from the air conditioning units in the sanctuary, as the line had become disconnected causing the wood to rot at the doorway.
- f. Repaired the gutter and fascia along the parking lot side of the building.
- g. The entrance driveway to the church was full of potholes and in terrible shape. We used funds from the building fund to re-pave this area. Economy Paving did this work.
- h. With much help from Mark Fiore, we re-painted the lines in the parking lot.
- i. Water is coming through the basement walls and near the floor in the basement of fellowship hall. There is no footing drain in that spot and the next best option was to pave a grade against the building and replace the downspouts to drain further from the building. Economy Paving did this work for us. We used funds from the building fund to pave this area.
- j. Water is also coming in the downstairs classrooms along the east wall floor, and we have flooded several times with silty water. A local company donated their time and equipment to come in and power flush the drainage line along that side of the building. The line appears to be good and could have had a minor blockage causing the flooding. Many thanks to JR Morse for his work on this.
- k. The wheelbarrow tub had come free of the frame, and we used larger bolts and washers to repair it.

- l. The eaves of the sanctuary building were coming down on the fellowship hall side. A local contractor, Tommy Thompson, began working on removing and repairing them, and found that the brick wall in that area was also leaning inward towards the sanctuary. He braced the wall and is in the process of removing some brick to replace it with a wood frame wall and repair the brick. Birds and bats have been using the space and there is significant damage by them in several areas of the space. The work will be ongoing to make it safe, secure, and restored as close as possible to its original look.
- m. 'Someone' (not me) spent a significant amount of time cleaning the toilets in the upstairs bathrooms and Sunday school room. They didn't want to be recognized so please don't ask, but you all should know it was done and that it took many hours to do. Hopefully regular cleaning will keep them that way. We may need to install a sediment filter in the system to help. They are inexpensive and will help to keep out things that can clog faucet screens and the like.
- n. We are looking at a new garbage company as the costs of our current one have increased dramatically.
- o. We are moving a full-size freezer from Debby Kainu's place to the church and will remove the old one.

On the To-Do list:

- a. Reroute the sump drain below the kitchen from the septic to the curtain drains to reduce load on the septic system.
- b. Replace leaky faucet in kitchen.
- c. Replace broken/ damaged tiles in main entrance ceiling.
- d. Replace the bell tower window louvers.
- e. The deacons are very interested in a dishwasher for the kitchen, and we are working on finding one that will suit us and legal requirements
- f. Once we have an idea about a dishwasher, we will need cabinets for the dishes we already have. The group suggested going to the building place on Golf Links Road.
- g. Move the internet cable from around the building to through the attic space.
- h. Install a French drain / downspout drain on the north side of the building between the fellowship hall and east side of the building where it will tie into the current system.