

## **Buildings and Grounds Annual Report 2022-2023**

Looking back over the last year is always a treat. Some of the projects that B&G was able to complete include the following:

- ◆ **Audio Visual Control Center** – This was a collaborative effort that was led by the FUUSM Tech Team, B&G, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trust Governors. It included the design and construction of a brand new AV Control Booth in the SW corner of the sanctuary. It allowed for the upgrading of AV and electrical wiring and the computer, technical equipment, and camera used in the production and streaming of our services to FaceBook and YouTube. It was a huge step forward technically and involved a reconfiguration of the Sanctuary....it fits in very nicely! Special thanks are due to Al Tuttle, Mike Bailey, and Ralph Olander.
  
- ◆ **Plaster Restoration in the Bell Tower** – After many years of inattention, B&G decided that restoring the plaster in the Bell Tower room (just off of the Loft) was an absolute necessity. Thanks to a grant from the Board of Trust Governors we were able to complete this project in the fall of 2022. We are now considering no-storage or safe-storage alternatives for that room because of significant fire risk.
  
- ◆ **Uplighting on the front of the church** - During 2022 we purchased and tested one uplighting fixture for the front of the church. More recently, we have purchased an additional light fixture and are planning to have them permanently mounted and wired. This will require additional trimming of the landscaping in front of the church and also extinguishing the lights during night bird migration periods during the year.
  
- ◆ **Other Minor Projects** – We were also able to correct issues related to roof drainage and downspout function thanks to Jim Grecni, Kim McMichael, et, al., and our crack team of squirrel hunters, Roger Kalter and Kim McMichael. We were also able to repair one of the solar panels in the roof array thanks to Chip Pickering and his team. In the RE Building Darryl Ting installed a much-needed railing on the right side of the stairway. Thanks very much to all who pitched in.

As always, a sincere thank you to the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trust Governors, the FUUSM Trust, the Ting Trust, and to the ever-faithful, always-willing members of the B&G Committee, Jann Adams, Dave Ballantyne, Tim Finkel, Gary Hamilton, Roger Kalter, Gwen Noe (Gwen passed away in 2022), and Al Tuttle. Keep in mind, for 2023, as a result of the Committee Fair, B&G has FOUR NEW MEMBERS...Jim Braswell, Linda Lewis, Justin Sheaves, and Jay Warmke. Thanks to everyone for your willingness to participate.

Joe Baker, Chair  
Buildings and Grounds Committee