

## Buildings and Grounds – 2013

In addition to normal lawn maintenance and snow shoveling, the following tasks were completed in 2013:

- New storm door installed at the Manse (purchased by Melodie);
- Replacement of lights on ramp;
- New roof and Chimney repair at the Manse;
- Installation of curb stops at the church by Dave Geurtsen and sons. (donated by CMBK);
- Sewer line cleaned out at the church;
- Replacement exterior door installed at the church for the kitchen;
- Removed plexiglass, repaired and repainted stained glass window frames and vented and reinstalled plexiglass on 6 windows (including the Tiffanys);
- Informed by our insurance carrier that we need to install a rail on the Manse porch. Design and request was approved by the Village Planning Board and rail will be fabricated and installed next Spring;
- Fellowship Circle held a “clean-up day” in September at my request;
- Replaced exterior light over Fellowship Hall door;
- Replaced dishwasher in Manse;
- Snow plowing for the Manse and Main St. side of church arranged with Mark Jessman;
- Our exterior sign was damaged in November by vandals and a replacement sign has been ordered to be installed when the weather permits;
- In January, 2014, a circuit board in the Sanctuary furnace quit working. Zehr’s have replaced the problem board under warrantee.
- This “old-fashioned” winter has come with its challenges, one of which is all the ice. We have purchased (so far) 320 lbs. of ice-melt and currently have about 60 lbs left. We were able to remove ice from the Fellowship Hall door’s steps, the ramp and the main, front door to the Narthex on 12/23 so there would be access on Christmas Eve. With help from Patti, we were able to make exterior access to the church kitchen door, also at that time. Almost all of the ice has been removed from the sidewalk on the East Main St side and about 50% of the ice from the South Broad St side of the church.

Many of the above items were accomplished with the willing help of: Charlie Howlett, Burr Stoker, John Major and Dick Bucci. Thank you, gentlemen.

The new rail for the Manse will be completed and installed in the Spring along with starting the venting and repair of the rest of the stained glass windows. I also find that the new lighting for the church ramp does not withstand the weather of the north country and will investigate a more permanent, weather resistant solution.

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