

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

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Property Committee members include; Scott Shepherd, Peter Taudvin, Bob Sampson, Rob Bate, Muriel Credle, Sandy Martinage, Penny Guild, Mike Wilt, Jim Thorp, and Jenn Morton

The Property Committee never has a dull moment. Maintaining our historical buildings is a major undertaking. We are constantly faced with regular upkeep and maintenance tasks, while also being challenged by new situations as they arise.

Last November, we had an extremely successful fall clean up. Many volunteers turned out to help clear the grounds of leaves in what Mike Wilt called "record time".

This winter we unfortunately saw snow damage to both the lower and then the upper sashes of the front Sanctuary window. In the coming year we are planning to correct the snow shed issue in order to prevent further damage.

The West side of the Sanctuary's slate roof has started leaking through to the interior of the Sanctuary ceiling. This is a problem that needs to be fixed immediately. Repairs are scheduled to occur this summer. Budgeting for a maintenance issue of this magnitude is an enormous challenge. The slate roof repair project alone is anticipated to cost the same amount as our entire Property Committee budget for 2008-2009.

This spring we have completed a couple of landscaping beautification projects with the help of volunteers from the congregation. This volunteerism is an amazing benefit of our UU community--- church members and friends who are eager and excited to help out. We appreciate their hard work, and look forward to continued support in the future

It has been said that "It Takes A Village". This is certainly true of when it comes to the tasks of maintaining the UU Property. Sandy Martinage does a remarkable job as the church Sexton. Jim Thorp is a dedicated work-horse who also carries the title of groundskeeper. An amazing crew of 3 volunteers spends every Tuesday morning inspecting and repairing issues on both the interior and exterior of the facility. These 3 women, Muriel Credle, Penny Guild, and Mary Licking are true "unsung heroes". They clean, paint, fix, inspect, maintain, wash, install, prune, and organize, for countless hours each year. Without Penny, Muriel, Mary, Sandy and Jim our UU Property would not be in the great shape that it is today.

We look forward to 2009-2010 knowing that there will be challenges and surprises, but at the same time, realizing that the rewards of preserving our historical UU buildings are worth all the time and effort!