

Property Team Annual Report 2020-2021

The Property Team experienced the COVID twist just like everyone else on the planet. We had to adjust to Zoom meetings which are difficult for a group that likes to get up out of our chairs during a meeting and take a walk to the area in the building that is under discussion. On the other hand, some things stayed the same; pumps failed, toilets back-up, and leaves continue to fall. Our team handled the day-to-day maintenance of the building and grounds. Thanks to all the UU members who helped during the fall clean-up. We spread it out over two Saturdays and managed to do a great job on that project.

Another big change was the Sherri Woolsey to Ericka LaValley baton exchange. Sherri was on the job for many years and knew the property as well as anyone during those years. She was such a great resource for all the projects and happenings. Ericka has stepped in to keep the mojo going forward and has been a great help to the team. Thanks to both of you for all the hard work.

These are the items the team tackled this year:

- Repair flooring in Parish House Men's room.
- Fall Clean-Up.
- Replace Fire System Sprinkler Heads
- Repaired damage to the ceiling in the Sanctuary.
- Replace Sanctuary lights with long-lasting bulbs.
- Install several exterior lights.
- Plenty of inspections: Elevator, Pest, Fire, Back Flow, Kitchen Hood.
- Pump repair on the heating system.

Next year - The Property Team has set goals to accomplish as many of these items as possible.

- With help from Church volunteers, hold a Fix-It Day sometime in July or August 2021.
- Classroom exterior door replacement.
- Install a new security and alarm system for Church buildings.
- Repair clogged drain in the Courtyard.
- Install several exterior lights.
- Repair electrical fixtures in the Sanctuary.

COVID did help us in getting all the Sanctuary work completed without interrupting Sunday services. This is my one and only COVID bright spot. All 160 sprinkler heads were pulled and replaced during the winter months, light bulbs were swapped and the ceiling was repaired under one contract.

Money needs to be raised or allocated for painting the back of the Sanctuary and Parish House, where paint is peeling and bare wood is exposed. We had a quote prepared to do that work about 3 years ago. We do not believe we can successfully tackle this type of painting project during “fix-it” events.

We changed landscaping companies and it looks like we made a very good decision. All comments have been very positive.

I believe we are getting close to nailing down a new security system. It would be nice to have a better user interface, some outside cameras, and the ability to disarm from a phone app. This should happen sometime in the next 6 months.

The exterior classroom door replacement project will involve removing the door and door frame. This will be expensive and we will be attempting to do these ourselves. We will focus on the worst door and see where that takes us.

The most important project in the near future is preparing to reopen the Church. We have to start making a checklist. This will most likely involve many teams and it will be tedious. We have to check all the equipment in the building. Think of all the different items that can be added to the list. We will be starting our list at our next meeting. All teams need to think about this in the near future. We hope to roll in a fix-it day to help jump-start the opening. We are in the planning stages and the timetable is TBA.

Respectfully Submitted,

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