

## Trustees Updated List of Things to Do (March, 2018)

As a result of the Congregation recently cleaning yet another flooded basement, it has spurred the Trustees into action to further investigate replacing sump pumps with “Battery Back-Up Sump Pumps”. It’s an idea that’s been talked about for some time, but is being moved to top of **List of Things to Do**. This is truly a “when it rains it pours” moment for costs. (No Pun Intended!)

First, it won’t just be a matter of replacing one sump pump at church...it will be the 3 existing pumps (1 off kitchen, 1 in work room, 1 in elevator pit) and also adding an additional new pump in the old classroom. The “Classroom pump” will need to include having foundation work performed in order to accommodate the new pit and pump. The existing concrete floor will be bored out, new concrete poured for pit, followed by installation of additional piping to get water pumped out of building. Once completed, the Trustees will then handle the tidying aspect, and put place back together again with whatever cabinet or closet construction is needed.

In addition to having the Church safe guarded, the parsonage needs to have a battery back-up system installed on its sum pump. The parsonage’s furnace and hot water heater have both been repetitively damaged due to flooding, and have incurred costly repairs needed to get them back up and running.

Once these pumps are updated and incorporated into existing sump systems, it is with high hopes that the Congregation will not have to receive late night messages calling for help! The word “flooding” will not have to be uttered within the walls of Plattville United Methodist Church without including “Noah” in the presentation!

Second, Trustees have been working towards upgrading an out dated, and feared unsafe electric panel. This particular panel had been “unknown and hidden” behind portion of wall. Once discovered, was thought to be no more than a “junction box”. Turns out, it still includes a fuse panel complete with screw in fuses. This will need an electrician to pull entire old panel and replace with a modern circuit breaker system.

This electrical work will also include the replacement of “whole building surge protector” which has blown out. Trustees have tracked down the same equipment to replace, and are currently in talks with manufacturer to waive not only tax (due to our exemption status) but also shipping and hopefully, granting us a discount off \$500 +/- cost. This cost only covers purchase of component, and Trustees will take care of installation with assistance from Terry’s electrician friend.

Third...well let’s just hope for warm weather to arrive soon. Maybe the aging and leaking boiler will hang in there long enough to catch our breath and plan for that!

If any of these projects happens to garner your attention, and you’d like to help cover the anticipated costs, please feel free to submit a donation to Trustees with your preferred project noted in the Memo portion of check. A running tally will be kept for everyone to see progress

in achieving goal!

Mediation Bricks have been delivered to Ground Effects for personalization. Once they're completed, Trustees will be sure to get them installed in Meditation Plaza.

Respectfully submitted, Trustees of Plattville United Methodist Church