

Thank You To...

...Morris Hack for his work in securing the new carpet for the main office area.

...Brian Tennien for his tireless painting efforts in all corners of the church building. The church really needs a face lift and Brian has been a gift from God to help keep the church looking sharp. If you need a paint job at home, see Brian!

...the Schopp family for purchasing the new furniture in the youth area in memory of Garrett. What a difference it will make for so many children and teens who will use the rooms for faith forming activities and conversations.

Facilities Update

The concrete repair and replacement project at the north circle entrance off of Hampden has been completed. The new concrete is 8" thick and includes steel reinforcement underneath to increase the strength of the concrete and prevent cracking. This is necessary due to the heavy garbage and food trucks that use the drive regularly. A special "thank you" goes to Lon Schumacher and his company, Scott Contracting, for providing such a high quality job for Bethany's members and our many visitors.

The main church office has new carpet! Thanks to Morris Hack, a long-time Bethany member, who was able to work with one of his business associates to obtain the donated carpet. Bethany then paid for the installation and moving services for the office furniture. It's a huge improvement, so stop in and see visit the office staff!

The next project to be completed will be the installation of window shades in the west narthex. This will help with cooling during the summer months but more importantly, will decrease the glare and the impact of

direct sunlight in the worship space. The shades should be installed in August, so see if you can remember to notice next time you're in the Sanctuary.

The Facilities Team is evaluating options for repair of the east parking lot. This remains a high priority but the cost is significant, so the Facilities Team is being very intentional with the analysis and assessment of the options. The team hopes to have a recommendation in September so the project can be completed before the winter months are upon us.

Upgrade Approved for the Sanctuary Sound System

The Church Council approved a recommendation from the Bethany Technology Task Force to upgrade the sound system in the Sanctuary. The recommendation includes new speakers as well as a virtual sound board. With this setup, the existing sound board will be replaced by a computer program. The sound tech will manage the inputs and outputs with a mouse while watching the "board" on two computer screens. The sound team is excited for the installation of this new equipment in August.

2009/10 Total Contribution Summary

Overall, total contributions to Bethany were up in 2009/10 compared to calendar year 2009 but less than calendar year 2008 (see summary below). For all that we receive we need to be grateful for the faithful support and generosity of so many people in this congregation. Since 2001, total annual contributions to Bethany have ranged from \$2.3 million to \$3.1 million.

Fund	FY2009/10	CY 2009	CY2008
General Fund	\$1,918,905	\$1,933,905	\$2,087,742
Debt Reduction	\$425,677	\$388,450	\$580,494
Second Mile	\$79,726	\$61,363	\$50,266
Balloon Bash Fundraiser	\$0	\$0	\$65,698
Other donations	\$26,903	\$24,720	\$53,346
TOTAL	\$2,450,398	\$2,408,438	\$2,837,546

Founders Campaign Update

We are nearing the end of the third and final year of the Founders Campaign. As we surpass \$2 million in outstanding debt and work on getting as close as possible to \$1.5 million by the end of this year, please remember to complete your commitment this year. If you have not made a commitment to the Founders Campaign, please make a special, second mile contribution for the cause.

Now that our first year with the Founders Campaign Savings Fund has been completed, it is clear what an awesome gift this campaign has been for the mission of Bethany. We have been able to provide many new and enhanced program opportunities including the Health & Wellness program with Traci Shahan, the intergenerational summer Sunday School with Rit Vogel, the Faith Milestones ministry with Joni Grundman and the pastoral internship with Caitlin and now Jessica. In addition, we have made great progress on the property improvement plan with a new roof in the administrative area, new concrete driveway, sound upgrades and window shades for the Sanctuary. Wow, now that's exciting! Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Founders Campaign!