



“Project Rainwater”

Progress in June and July is summarized below. Apologies that the increased activity has taken away some ability to provide updates. For Questions or Comments please contact Glenn Lutz 989-948-1512 or glennlutz@msn.com



1. **Tree Removal:** As previously recommended to Church Council and approved by the May Voters' Assembly, 9 pine trees and 1 Maple tree have now been removed and stumps ground. Two additional maple trees have been trimmed. This action will reduce future damage risk to both Church and Parsonage buildings. Cost paid to Jacks Tree Service was \$3200 to get trees safely on the ground and \$1000 to grind stumps. All cleanup continues to be in process and is being done by St John-Amelith. Reseeding for grass will not take place until after some re-grading work is done to improve natural drainage away from church.
2. **Scaffold:** Given the condition, inspection needs and many unknowns related to the east wall box gutter, decision was made to purchase used scaffold, cross bracing and deck planks. Cost was right near \$5000. This scaffold has been erected by volunteer help and will remain in place until inspection and repair work is complete. The church owns this scaffold which allows for extended use without additional cost or limited use timelines. It is expected this ownership will potentially last several years and its use will extend to other areas of the church where elevated work needs to be done safely. Full expectations are that when the time is appropriate, future resale will recoup the purchase expenses.
3. **East Wall Exterior Box Gutter:** At this time at least 8 temporary patches have been placed on the rubber gutter liner to cover various size holes which have been allowing water to seep onto/into the exterior wall and be absorbed toward the interior of the building, thus causing interior plaster damage. Consultation is currently underway with several commercial roofing companies and construction experts to determine the best reasonable and reliable long-term solution. When the right solution plan is decided upon the repairs will begin but exact timeline is unknown. It is most likely the same solution will be applied to an additional short piece of box gutter on the southeast side of the church where plaster damage is also present (*above and left of the east hymn board*).
4. **Brick and Mortar Repair:** There are many areas of brick on the church suffering from loss of or deteriorating mortar joints. While these are not currently an immediate threat to the building, without attention, these will eventually cause problems. Given the fact that scaffolds are now set up, any needed mortar joints will be repaired that are accessible from the current scaffold setup. An experienced mason from a local commercial contractor has looked at the needs and has agreed to do this limited tuckpointing work outside of his normal workday.
5. **Flat Roof Areas:** The roof areas above the Elders room and Pastors room are flat cement and appear to only have been previously waterproofed by tar like material which has now cracked and dried to the point of almost being nonexistent. Quotes are being pursued for new flat roof installation over these areas to prevent further plaster damage.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1