

Trustees' Brick & Window Fund

Why:

- Grace United Methodist Church has been and is a place with great missions and programming. Many people have found “family” and personal growth because of their association with Grace and its activities.
- Our beautiful church building, which houses many of the activities, has served us well for many years and we hope will continue to serve us and others well into the future. Today, the Trustees and Property Committees would like you to see and understand some critical building needs. These issues need to be addressed in order to preserve our beautiful building for our use and the use by future generations.
- The Trustees stand behind the many important goals for Grace, including the near term goal of having an elevator to service the Education Building. However, weatherproofing the building is an important top priority, too. The extent of exterior and interior damage is of significant concern. If necessary repairs are delayed, we will incur more damage and higher costs. We have an opportunity now to make repairs today that will save us from more costly repairs tomorrow. It is an opportunity to invest in the continued success of our church and maintain and protect its beauty and history.

Tuck-pointing

Defined:

- Over time, weathering and decay causes voids in the mortar joints between bricks allowing the undesirable ingress of water.
- Water entering through these voids can cause significant damage through freeze/thaw cycles.
- Tuck-pointing is the process of renewing mortar joints in masonry construction.
- Neither building (1926 and 1956 built) has been completely tuck-pointed or repaired since built.

Tuck-pointing Plan:

- We have a proposal to tuck-point and seal areas needing repair for approximately \$148,000.
- If this is split up into smaller sections and done a little at a time the price goes up 10-15%.
- Included in the estimate is \$21,000 to re-caulk old windows.
- If the old windows are replaced with new, energy-efficient windows, we would save \$21,000 which would bring the tuck-pointing cost to approximately **\$127,000**.

Windows

- \$204,500 is estimated to replace all remaining old windows (169 total-80 in Educ. Bldg) a few at a time.
- **\$173,000** is estimated to replace all windows at once.

Total Estimated Cost: \$300,000

Action Request:

- We ask that you prayerfully consider how much you are able to contribute.
- Every dollar will help! No amount is too small....and no amount is too large! We encourage ALL contributions. They will be used. We will only complete work for which there are funds available.
- Please be mindful of the need to continue to fund the regular operating budget when making your decision on the amount to give.
- Place your contribution in an envelope marked “Trustees’ Brick & Window Fund” and either put it in the offering plate, mail it to the church or leave it in the church office.
- Envelopes are available in the church office, from a member of the Trustees or Property Committees or in the bulletin for this service.
- Please direct your check to the “Trustees’ Brick & Window Fund” by marking it such in the memo line.
- Please do all you can to have your contributions in by May 31st. We need to make commitments by then to get the work completed this year. Remember, we will only complete work for which there are funds available.

Pictures and information are available on our website: **www.gracedesmoines.org/activites/trustees**