

Building Committee Report for 2009

The building committee at Kirkland Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, goes back many years, and two generations. In fact, as long as there has been a Kirkland Congregational Church, there has been a group of individuals, mostly men that comprised a “building committee”.

My father, Frank, and 11 other men from this church, created a group called “The Dirty Dozen” and they would show up every Thursday morning, during the 1980’s and 1990’s, and attend to the many tasks that any building requires, when it is used to the extent this one is. The Women’s Fellowship would show up around noon and provide lunch for this group as a thank you for their efforts. Perhaps that makes Women’s Fellowship part of the building committee also.

As the size of that committee dwindled to one or two, those remaining people reached a point in life where, even though their hearts were willing, their bodies told them it was time to pass on their legacy and let a younger group carry the torch.

For much of the past 9 years, work has been done by individuals with a willingness, and/or talent that matched jobs that needed doing. Maintenance and repairs were managed more by crisis, than by planning.

Our building is showing many “battle scars” as a result of the sharing we do of our facilities to many self help groups and other worship denominations. We are proud to share our building but the repairs and maintenance continues to be an ongoing need.

The world today is a busy and fast paced lifestyle and it is a considerable challenge for people with the talents and desires to find the time to lend a hand and make the improvements and repairs our building demands. It seems the best way to meet those demands is for people that are willing to help, look to our “building needs list”, find a task, and go about resolving that issue in the time they are able to make available. It is hoped that a regular time of the month or quarter can be established but don’t let that stop you from stepping forward and taking the lead on a project. I can be available to advise accordingly.

Please contact me, if you are interested in making a difference and helping us out.

Submitted by Michael Gaskill – Building Committee Chair.