

Mazomanie United Church of Christ Newsletter

Food Pantry

The Christians in Action Food Pantry needs nonperishable food items. Please consider bringing the bagged items to church at Midland UMC before or after services. The items will be collected and delivered to the food pantry.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Mark your calendars for the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service scheduled for Wednesday, November 27 at Midland UMC. The community is invited to attend worship and the time will be announced closer to the event.

Donations to our church

The community has been very generous to our church following the steeple fire. Arena Congregational Church, Cornerstone Church of Spring Green, and individuals have sent checks offering their support.

Lorraine Cisneros from the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ presented the congregation with a check for \$300.00 during a recent Sunday worship service.

Members of Washington Reformed UCC from rural Monticello will attend fellowship following worship on October 27 and present a check on behalf of their congregation.

Steeple Status Update

Jace Jontz, Project Manager from NCI Roberts, provided the following update.

The bell will need to be removed and sent to Verdin for restoration. It appears not to be cracked and the tone of the bell is good. We are waiting to hear what that cost will be.

The Structural Engineer is working on pricing and time needed to design the new bell tower.

Next Steps:

1. Understand the cost of the bell restoration and sign an agreement with Verdin.
2. Sign agreement with Architect and Structural Engineer to start drawings and calculations.
3. I'm proposing to remove the bell tower on a time and materials basis, due to the risk factor of removing the bell with a crane and lift. We need to think of safety first!
4. Once the bell tower is removed we will protect the bell tower from the weather.
5. During this period we will have received the drawings from the Architect and Structural Engineer and we will be able to bid and give you a cost to replace.
6. We will then build this bell tower on the ground and lift into place in two or three pieces.
 - a. Why the bell is on the ground we will have all the siding installed, shingles, crown moldings, historical details in place and painted.

b. We are hoping to have minimal work to be done in the air. Safety first!