



TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WM. CROMPTON BENNETT
MINISTER

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

November 4, 1953

Dear Member:

This Sunday, November 8, is Church Loyalty Day. We all want to be present in the Sanctuary for the Morning Service to make our pledge to God's work as a part of our worship experience. This puts our pledging in the proper light, for it is God who makes our lives possible who supplies all that makes life pleasant who gives our life purpose.

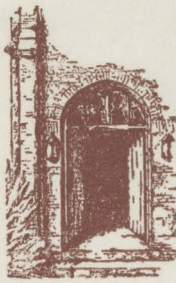
Therefore, we are called upon to give to Him a pledge that is personal (from the heart) a pledge that is proportional (as we have been blessed) a pledge that is systematic (week by week).

Give serious and prayerful thought to your giving to God. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Most sincerely
Your Minister and friend,

Wm. C. Bennett
Wm. Crompton Bennett

WCB/cdw



TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WM. CROMPTON BENNETT
MINISTER

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

October 31, 1956

Dear Member:

Sunday, November 11, is LOYALTY DAY...the day we have the privilege to share with Christ the bountiful blessings that are ours. Only by each member sharing generously will the great work of our Church be done.

Our people have been most generous in the past. For several years in succession the complete budget has been pledged on LOYALTY DAY. This is as it should be. And now if you will turn to your budget you will find that -

To meet the necessary minimum budget for the coming year each of us will have to pledge one-third more than last, or in other words, \$4.00 this year for every \$3.00 pledged for 1956.

As was explained at the Congregational meeting we have included in the budget this year a sizable amount to air-condition the Sanctuary and/or improve the parking lot. By including this in the yearly pledge, we can preclude the necessity of conducting additional "building Fund" drives.

Your pledge card is enclosed. Bring it with you on LOYALTY DAY, Sunday, November 11th. If you find it more convenient, you may place it in the offering on November 4th. Those members who are unable to attend Church on either of these Sundays, and who do not mail their pledge in, will be visited on Sunday afternoon of the 11th.

Our Church has grown tremendously through your increasing stewardship. As you sign your pledge card, remember that its future strength rests with you.

Sincerely,

R. N. Barringer,
Chm. Loyalty Day Committee

Jack T. Crumpadker, for the
Men of the Congregation

Mrs. Charles F. Knott, for the
Women of the Congregation

J. C. Petrea, for the
Church School

Miss Jane Shaw, for
the Young People



TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WM. CROMPTON BENNETT, TH.M.
MINISTER

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

February 26, 1951

Dear Member

All year long you show your loyalty to Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church by your attendance at Sunday School, Mid-Week Prayer Service, the Sunday Morning Worship Period, as well as other meetings and by doing the many things that are necessary to keep our Church alive.

Now we come to that time of the year when your loyalty is most needed in careful planning for the next twelve months...loyalty to the monetary planning for the operation of our Church and expansion of the Church program both in local and foreign fields.

Sunday, March 4, has been designated as Loyalty Day at Trinity Avenue. It is the day that our Church Loyalty Campaign gets underway. It is your time to pledge yourself through your monetary pledge to the work of the Church for next year.

A budget, as adopted by the congregation, is enclosed. Consider it carefully and further consider what your part should be. Pledge cards will be placed in the offering plates on Loyalty Day.

It is our hope that you and all members of the Church will be present and that Loyalty Day will prove that the members of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church are loyal to the Church and its work.

Sincerely,

Loyalty Day Committee

C. B. Goswick

C. B. Goswick, Clerk, Session

Paul Harrison

Paul R. Harrison, Pres., Men of Church

Mrs. Dan T. Carr

Mrs. Dan T. Carr, Pres., Women of Church

Ed Higgins

Ed R. Higgins, Rep., Adult Church School

George M. Miller
George M. Miller, Chm., Diaconate

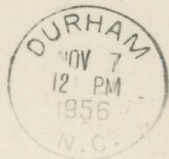
P. S. All members not pledging on Loyalty Day, Sunday, March 4, will be contacted during the following week. Your pledging on Loyalty Day will save many valuable man hours. A sample pledge card is enclosed. If you do not bring this one with you on Loyalty Day, another will be supplied you at the Church.

ALL OF US - without exception - as members of the Church
Should be present THIS SUNDAY - at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian
for CHURCH LOYALTY DAY

This is the day when we will bring our pledges for the coming year and dedicate them to the service of Christ through the Church. Those whose cards are not received by the eleven o'clock hour will be visited during the afternoon by one of the Loyalty Day workers.

Let every individual and family be present.

Wm. C. Bennett, Minister



BUILD YOUR FUTURE
WISELY. SAVE
U.S. SAVINGS BONDS



Mrs. Boardman C. Bennett
1012 Green St.
Durham, N. C.

THE BUILDING SPEAKS

I stand on the corner of Trinity and Gregson—a large stately red brick edifice built in 1925 to the glory of God and for the generations to come. From my vantage point I can see out into the community and inwardly, I can see the many people who enter my doors for worship and fellowship. I serve them in joy and sorrow, and because of the solace which comes to each individual, they in turn respond in love to the ministry which is theirs as part of this community.

This year, 1996, has brought me many blessings. I rejoice in the Bedient organ which has been installed and is now in its final stages of voicing. A first in my 71 years of being on this corner occurred in March: Trinity Avenue Appreciation Day. The financial love gifts have been many for the refurbishing of my sanctuary, the rewiring surrounding the organ's installation, and a universal sound system. I've seen other wonderful things happen too: there have been calls to serve as manual labor and you have served! Some 30 people gave their Easter Monday holiday to remove the pews, old carpet, staples, and nails. Young and old worked from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There was laughter, food, song, and good fellowship. The refurbishing effort has called for the mature judgement of many. You have worked together, new friendships have been found and cherished, and there is excitement about the completion of this project. Sunday, April 28th, everything will be in place and my renovated sanctuary will be completed. I think you will like it!

I know that it is the hope and prayer of those working on this project that *everyone* in the church contribute to the work that has been going on. If you have not contributed, I am asking, "What can you give for my 'facelift' to show your appreciation?" Only you can answer that question! Come, sit in my sanctuary and pray to the God I stand to glorify. With your prayer, please find an answer. Checks should be made to Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church—Refurbishing Sanctuary Fund.

*Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church as told to
Becky S. Bowden, Chair Appreciation Day*

of the ART

A Newsletter for and
about the Trinity
Avenue Presbyterian
Church and its
ministry

Vol. II, No. 5

it!

Weeks that occurs fifty days
Because the early Christians
term is now more commonly

at Jewish Feasts. Its name
weeks which began with the
ng the Passover Celebration
originally an agricultural feast
1 during the month of Sivan
(among others) and Jewish
2) referred to this feast as

Highlights

Calendar p. 4

Circle News p. 10

Hearts & Hands p. 5

Prayer Concerns p. 11

Spring Retreat p. 4

Youth News p. 3

Pentecost

Sunday, May 26

remained in Jerusalem after the Resurrection appearances of
together in one house when the Holy Spirit came upon them,
tongues of fire upon each of them. Then the apostles began
to pay attention initially of foreign-born Jewish people, who were
Gentiles.

which resulted in the conversion and baptism of about three-

One is to defend the historicity of the events recounted from
the Bible is explaining theologically the coming of the Holy Spirit
from the Old Testament which provide some background into
Pentecost. In Exodus (19:18) the Lord descended in fire; in
Genesis (11:1-9) the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel. Joel (2:28-32) offers a
promise in Acts (2:17-21). John the Baptist in Luke (3:16) and Jesus
promised the Holy Spirit to be significant.

The Holy Spirit at Pentecost with the mission and expansion of the
Church is a time for us to celebrate the Church universal and
local. It will be a time for us to ponder the vital role we play
as men and daughters.

God bless you,

SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

By Easter we will have in place a beautiful new organ. But to properly voice the organ, any changes to the interior of the sanctuary must be completed prior to the final voicing. To that end, many members have been working feverishly to determine what changes might be desirable in the foreseeable future and to put them in motion in time for the voicing. The following improvements are in the works:

- Replace the sanctuary carpet with oriental runners
- Refinish the floors in the sanctuary and the narthex
- Paint the sanctuary and narthex
- Paint the Gregson Street entrance door
- New flooring in the rest rooms
- 12 x 15 rug for the narthex
- Carpet for the balcony steps and balcony
- Cleaning of the sanctuary pew cushions
- Any needed structural flooring repairs

As a result, the sanctuary will be in disarray for part of April.

On Monday, April 8, the carpet will be removed and the pews will be moved to one side of the sanctuary. Beginning Tuesday, April 9, half of the sanctuary floor will be refinished. Saturday, April 13, the pews will be moved to the other side of the sanctuary. We will gather for worship on April 14 in the sanctuary with folding chairs on the unfinished side. Beginning Monday, April 15, the remainder of the floor will be refinished. The pews will be reinstalled on Saturday, April 20. Services on April 21 will be in the sanctuary.

Beginning Monday, April 22, the new runners will be laid. The runner is a beautiful oriental pattern that matches the current pew cushions.

We will be back in the completely refurbished sanctuary by Sunday, April 28, when we will glorify God and celebrate Mary Lou Carr's birthday!

March 4, 1996

At its last stated meeting of February 25th, the Session authorized the moderator to enlist the Officers of The Presbyterian Women to serve as the coordinating committee for the refurbishment of the sanctuary. Because developments are moving rapidly, I am writing to keep you up to date.

On Tuesday, February 27th, I met with Dott Faulkenbury, current moderator of Presbyterian Women. She indicated strong support for this work and indicated the many ways The Presbyterian Women are working to support this project. She recommended appointing a coordinating group to serve on behalf of the church and the Presbyterian Women.

On Thursday, February 29th, Jane Porter, Becky Bowden, Margaret Clarke, Thersa Roberts, Ann Martin, Judy Johnson and I met with Gene Bedient, our Organ Builder, and Suzanne Purtee, our Director of Music, to discuss possible changes in the sanctuary in conjunction with our new organ.

When an organ is installed, it is "voiced" to its room. Changes in that room (sanctuary) will change the sound of the organ. A normal organ installation process follows a carefully devised plan. There is a three week installation period. The builder is away for one week, while craftsmen complete minute details of installation. The builder returns and begins the forty day process of voicing the organ. Voicing involves individual attention to each of the 1,498 pipes in the organ.

Gene Bedient advised that contemplated changes to the room be completed the week he is away. That week is March 10 to March 17. Gene also advised that the carpeted space in the sanctuary be reduced. He gave three reasons: enhancement of congregational singing, enhancement of the piano and harpsichord, and enhancement of the organ. It was unanimously agreed to leave the front of the chancel, the pulpit platform, and the outside aisles uncarpeted.

Jane, Becky, Margaret, Thersa, Ann and Judy agreed to serve as the coordinating group. They have unanimously selected the carpet: it is an oriental pattern made from New Zealand wool and woven in Belgium. The background color closely matches our pew cushions. The manufacturer and installer will install the carpet, in the proper time sequence, so that the organ can be voiced in time for Easter.

The committee received approval from the Session on March 3rd to have a "Trinity Avenue Appreciation Sunday" on March 24th. The purpose of this event is to raise enough additional money to cover sanctuary refurbishment and replenish the general fund. A goal of \$75,000.00 has been set, over and above pledges. Money has already been pledged to pay for the carpet. Becky Bowden and Tom Harvey are working on the written material informing the congregation. Suzanne and I will work on the worship for that day.

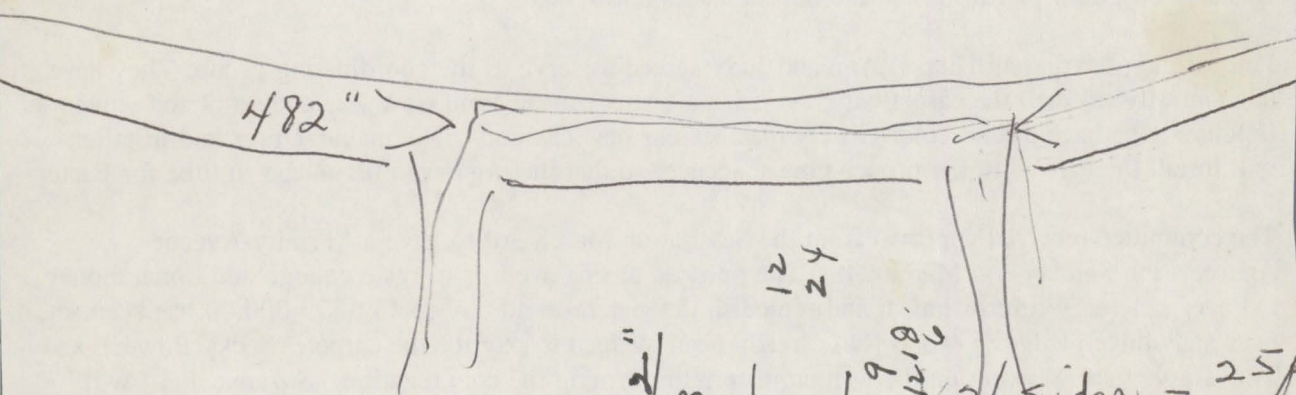
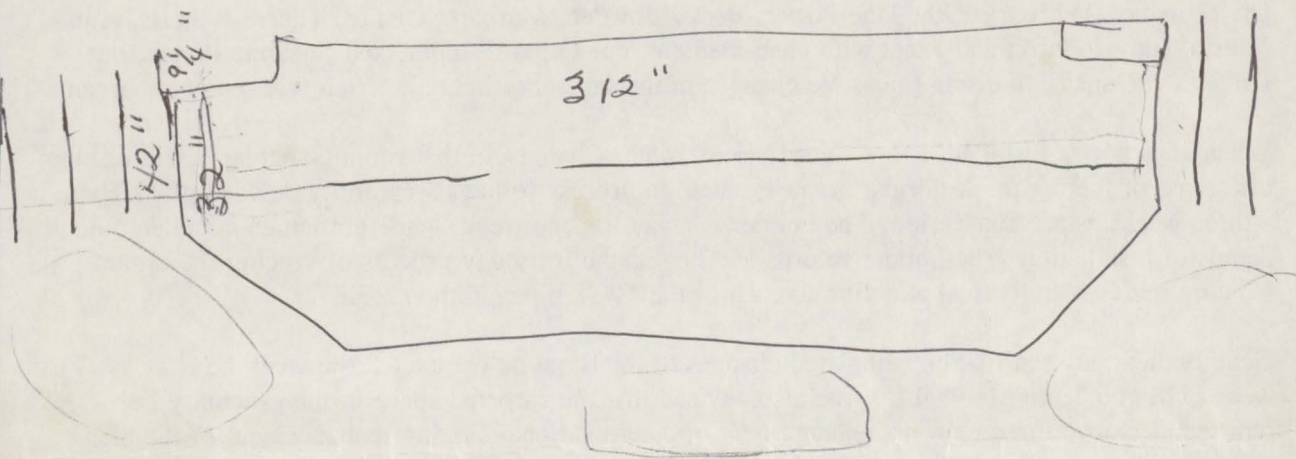
All of this is moving quickly. The committee will meet to address concerns as they arise. Please keep the coordinating group in your prayers. I will send weekly letters to keep you informed.

105°

105-3045

3480 al

~~20~~
33"



26
12 | 312

12 | 153
12

33
24
9 9

12 18
12 6

2 (sides - 25 ft.
center - 40 ft.
across podium

~~6 ft.~~ 6 ft.

SANCTUARY REFURBISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 24, 1996

I. Committee Members:

Judy Johnson

Jane Porter

Becky Bowden

Ann Martin

Teresa Roberts

Elise Nunley

Paula Clise

Margaret Clarke

II. Brief History of Committee's Work to Date

February 24: Session authorized a committee to refurbish the Sanctuary.

February 29: Committee's first meeting. The committee was charged with refurbishing the Sanctuary. The first order of business was replacing the carpet in the Sanctuary, to coincide with the organ voicing process. Mr. Bedient made recommendations regarding removal of some of the carpet in the Sanctuary to enhance the sound of the harpsichord, piano and organ as well as acoustics in general. He also informed us of the necessity for completing any changes to the Sanctuary before the organ was voiced or as soon as possible while it was being voiced. The committee decided to look into runners for the aisles and across the back of the Sanctuary. Five committee members ventured to Fargo Hanna and unanimously selected a New Zealand Wool oriental runner, made in Belgium, that could be installed within our time frame. Becky Bowden agreed to head up the first ever Trinity Avenue Appreciation Day fund raising effort to pay for the refurbishing.

March 7: Committee met to review other areas of the Sanctuary that need refurbishing. Committee reviewed and approved the bids for the painting and the floor refinishing. The runner carpet sample and the Narthex bathroom flooring were approved by the committee. Becky discussed the March 24th Appreciation Day .

March 11: The committee met in the Sanctuary with Mr. Tommy Long, from Claude May-- who donated his time, and selected the paint colors for the Sanctuary and the carpet for the balcony and the balcony steps. A work schedule for the refurbishing was ironed out so that all work will be completed by April 21.

March 12: Some congregation members expressed concerns about the speed of the refurbishing efforts. All work was halted.

March 13: The committee met to address the concerns and some changes were made in the schedule to accommodate the expressed concerns. Work on the refurbishing restarted.

March 17: Judy Johnson and Becky Bowden met with the Diaconate to enlist their help in preparing a work schedule for removing the old carpet, pad and tack board, as well as moving the pews in preparation for the floor refinishing.

March 21: The committee met to review the work that has thus far been completed and to address additional areas that need refurbishing.

III. Project Breakdown

1. Painting of the Sanctuary, Bathrooms, Stairwell and Balcony with two coats of top of the line Benjamin Moore paint.

Contractor: Triangle Professional Painting-- Steve Biddy

Work begun: March 14

Work completed: March 18

Cost: \$9681.50

2. Replacing of the flooring in the Narthex bathrooms and repair of floor underlayment.

Contractor: Piedmont Decorators

Work begun: March 18: Al removed radiators and commodes in preparation for flooring placement.

Work completed: March 21

Cost: \$751.00

3. Replacement of the bathroom fixtures after the floors were laid.

Contractor: ACME Heating and Plumbing

Work completed: March 21

Cost: \$219.00

4. Repair of rotten wood in steps up to balcony.

Materials Cost: \$48.50 (at cost from Ted Barringer)

Contractor: Jay Hallon

Work completed: March 22

Cost: \$250.00

5. Re-carpeting the balcony and its steps.

Contractor: Piedmont Decorators

Work begun: March 18: Al, Becky and Judy removed old carpet, pad, tack board and staples.

Work completed: March 25- March 28

Cost: \$ 3411.41

LABOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Many people helped with their time, muscles, and sweat. The tasks included pulling up old carpet, padding, and staples; removing and reinstalling pews, pew cushions, hymnals, and pew accessories; removing and reinstalling lavatories, toilets, and radiators; setting up and taking down folding chairs for Sunday services; rewiring the pulpit; polishing, cleaning, and dusting; and providing food and refreshment.

Special thanks to Bill Telford who coordinated the volunteer effort.

Special thanks to Al Asselin for heavy labor and creative solutions.

Mark, Timothy, & Tyler Ahrendsen
Carl, Connie, Brendon, & Benjamin Badger
Rosa Beavers
Daphine Bedient
Becky Bowden
Linda Braddock
Tom & T.J. Carstens
Bob Clarke
Kent & Paula Clise
Jane & Crawford Eakle
Joanne Franke
Marie Grauerholz
Ralph Gunderson
George Hare
Jon Inglefield
Ann Johnson
Bill & Judy Johnson
Phil Kearney
Roland Kurtz
Bruce, Leslie, & Trevor Lobaugh

Bill & Ann Martin
Louise Noel
Dave Patton
Bill Pickard
Joni Porter
Jeff, Catherine, & Laura Reedy
John Reeves
Susan Ross
Joe Rusnak
Len Stockburger
Marcie, John, & Cliff Telford
Al Thorn
Noell, Marc, & Lee Tillett
Bill Waddell & Teresa Roberts
Suzy Ward
Marvin & Peggy Waters
Bill & Carol Wilcox
Corlis Wood
Matt & Whitney Yarbrough
Steve Yova

PARTICIPATING VENDORS

The refurbishment would not have been possible without the cooperation and quick responses of the following vendors:

Brame Warehouse
Fargo-Hanna Oriental Rugs
Jay Hallan Carpentry
Tommy Long at Claude May
Herman Rogers (rug installation)
West Durham Lumber Company

Charlie Daniels
Wallace Gooch Flooring
Lit'l People Plus (seamstress)
Piedmont Decorating
Steve Bidy at Triangle Paint Company
Y & J Furniture

THE SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT

Phil & Connie Kearney
Ron & Suzanne King
Esther Krigbaum
Roland & Carol Kurtz
John & Ginger Lane
Bruce & Leslie Lobaugh
Julian & Emily Maness
Dot Markley
Bill & Ann Martin
Margaret Martin
Mary Mattiacci
Duffy & Linda McDonald
Don & Pat McIntire
Mac & Polly McLeod
Kate Milliken
Dutton Moore
J. T. & Arla Moore
Martha Newsome
Jim & Elise Nunley
Roger & Lori Parro
Dave & Judy Patton
Bob & Conny Peake
Gary & Beverly Pellom
Tod & Catherine Penney
In honor of Tod & Catherine Penney by
Mrs. C. Robert McDaniel, Jr.
Piedmont Decorators
Chris & Cathy Perry
Jim & Ruth Petrea
Bill & Allison Pickard
Paul & Marion Pierce
Travis & Jane Porter
Todd & Ann Praigg
In honor of Suzanne Purtee by Joyce Bumann
Jeff & Kathy Reedy

Bill Waddell & Teresa Roberts
Bobby & Harriett Ross
Bill & Elaine Ross
Susan Ross
Joe & Beth Rusnak
Bruce & Sharon Shields
Martha Sparks
Nick Staffa
Ossie Stephenson
Doris Swaine
Lou & Jerri Swanson
Betty Jean Teer
Bill & Marcie Telford
Jane Thorn
Heath & Jane Tuttle
Hazel Tyson
Harold & Carol Van Hise
Jim & Gail Vander Weide
Calvin & Suzy Ward
Bill & Carol Wilcox
Dottie Wilkinson
Ted Wilson
Wilbur Wilson
Agnes Winstead
Barry & Ann Wood
Corlis Wood
Joanne Wootton
Anne Wright
Y & J Furniture Company, Inc.
Steve Yova
Bob & Barbara Yowell
Arlene Zinger

Last but not least are the pennies, nickles,
dimes, and quarters that our children gave.

IV. Total Projected Cost as of March 21: \$ 31,288.11 ++

V. Total Money raised to date: \$35,378.11

1. March 17 collection: \$14,556.50

2. March 24 collection: \$20,821.61

VI. Additional areas of concern depending on money raised:

New vacuum for the church

New dishwasher for refectory kitchen

New curtains in the parlor

New lavatories and sinks for Narthex bathrooms

6. Sanding and refinishing the floors in the Sanctuary and the Narthex, including stain and two coats of polyurethane.

Bill Waddell has agreed to draw a scale model of the Sanctuary diagramming each pews placement. The pews will be numbered according to this diagram before any movement takes place.

Contractor: Wallace Gooch -- Gooch Flooring Company

Work begins: April 8. Contact person: Bill Telford

The diaconate and men of the church are responsible for seeing that the carpet, padding and tack board are removed and the pews are moved to the Gregson Street side of the Sanctuary. Mr. Madison Yarborough is sending a crew over on April 8 to unscrew all of the pews and assess their integrity. He will also repair any pews that need repairing. All of this work has been donated.

April 9: Refinishing begins

April 13: Pews moved to the other side of the church and folding chairs set up for services in the Sanctuary on April 14

April 15: Refinishing continues

April 20: Pews returned to their original position

Cost: \$6443.10

7. Runners for the Sanctuary aisles, steps and pulpit area.

Contractor: Jimmy Hanna, Fargo Hanna Rugs

Work begins: After floors are refinised.

Work completed: April 22

Cost: \$4912.60

8. Rug for the Narthex.

Contractor: Jimmy Hanna, Fargo Hanna Rugs

The rug selected was chosen by the donors March 18. It will be placed in the Narthex once the refinishing is completed.

Cost: \$3500.00

9. Repainting the entranceway at the Gregson street door.

Contractor: Steve Bidy--Triangle Prof. Painting

Work begins: March 20

Work completed: March 21

Cost: \$ 271.00

10. 8 X 10 Oriental Rug for the front of the Sanctuary in front of the communion table.

Contractor: Jimmy Hanna, Fargo Hanna Rugs

Rug to be selected by the donor

Cost: \$1800.00

11. Cleaning of the pew cushions.

Contractor: Still to be determined

Cost: Still to be determined