

Organ Committee visits Lima Pipe Organ

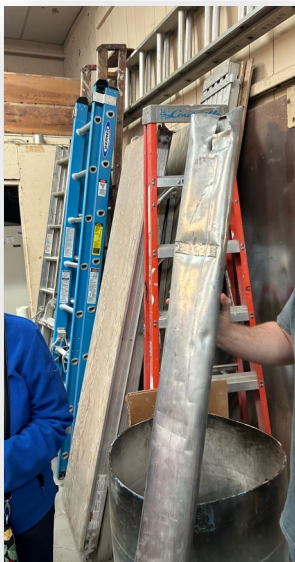
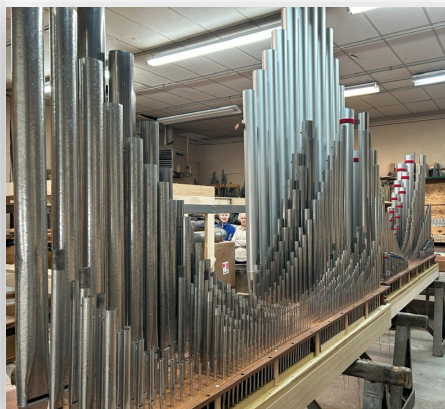
Several members of the Organ Committee recently visited the Lima Pipe Organ Company to view the progress of our Noehren Pipe Organ. All of the pipes have been removed from the sanctuary and are going through extensive renovation, restoration, reconstruction, and repair at the Lima Pipe Organ shop. We were able to see the progress of the repairs as well as new construction of the base the pipes that will be reinstalled in the organ chamber.

It was amazing to see the number of pipes (over 2000 total, from the size of your little finger to 16' in length!). They all need to work in harmony with each other to produce the many sounds and timbres this magnificent instrument will create. Once they are brought back to the church, you will notice an entirely different look as some of the pipes will be revealed and extend out over the choir loft. This will obviously change, and we think enhance the sound of the instrument.

We were able to witness some of the pipes which have become damaged over the years of use. They will all be reshaped and eventually polished and tuned to once again enhance the sound and appearance of the front of the church. It has been 45 years since the organ was originally built and installed. This is the first major renovation since that time.

If you would still like to give to the organ fund, make your check to First United Methodist Church Organ Fund. We are hopeful that the project is covered, but unexpected expenses and the need to begin a maintenance fund, encourage us to still accept donations. If you would still like to be a part of this lasting legacy in our beautiful sanctuary, just drop off your contribution to the church office.

This beautiful looking and magnificent sounding instrument is built and given all for the Glory of God!



First United Methodist Church Discernment Process Update

Dear First Church family,

The discernment team has spent the last month doing a lot of listening, explaining what we know, and praying. I hope you've been praying too. We invite you to continue to pray for First Church and God's will and provision through this process. We will be putting out a short survey to gather your thoughts after Easter. You will have about 10 days or so to get that back to us. We hope to make a recommendation to the administrative board at the April meeting.



EASTER LETTER INFORMATION

Greetings First Church Family,

We love celebrating New Life each Easter. In addition to jubilant song, beautiful flowers, passionate liturgy and preaching, and joyous fellowship, we celebrate our New Life in Christ with extravagant generosity. This year's Easter Offering will bring a sign of new life to an area of our church facility.

Our Board of Trustees THANKS YOU for all your past contributions to our Easter Appeal. As you know in the past we have concentrated on the building. This year, our Board of Trustees invites you to help us to replace our sanctuary video projection system. The foundation of this replacement is reliability of the projectors and availability of replacement parts. While in recent years we have made investments in lighting, sound system and cameras we have not made any changes to the sanctuary screens and projection system that the attending congregation utilizes during worship. The obsolescence of our current projectors compelled us to ensure this vital part of in-person worship didn't get interrupted. Your offering will go towards the upgrade and enhancement of the video projection system. We appreciate any consideration given to this offering for the betterment of the worship experience for all.

In closing, we invite you to prayerfully consider this extra-mile gift as a sign of new life. You will find an Easter Offering envelope in your box of offering envelopes; you may elect to use an Easter offering envelope found in the pews or designated E-giving via our website, are all viable options.

Wishing you a blessed Easter!

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