

St. Timothy's Memorial Chapel Committee (STMCC)
Report to Yellowstone Presbytery
November – 2017

2017 Summer Worship – We had a total of 446 worshipers in attendance at our 13 worship services. This is a minimal increase over those present in 2016. However, the Offering was \$5,350 – a 20% increase over 2016.

Publicity – In our attempt to increase worship attendance we took a number of steps items such as updating the website, printing of generic Business Cards for the pastors and committee members to hand out, printing Take Away Cards for worshippers which provided background information on the Chapel, printing and distributing 30 Posters and purchasing a ¼ page depicting the poster in the Anaconda Leader. We are considering some additional advertising for 2018.

Columbarium – The columbarium, a project in the Long Range Plan has been funded by a private donation. The columbarium and two benches have been installed and were dedicated on August 27th. The stone covering of the concrete pad and the safety wall, as well as tuck pointing of the main entrance walkway is scheduled for late October. Additionally some granite boulders was installed to block access to 4-wheelers but allow wheelchair access.

The columbarium is composed of 42 niches (three tiers of 14 niches). A deed of Internment Right has been prepared by Attorney Dan Manson who is a member of the Chapel committee. Additionally, a price schedule for the niches has been approved by the Committee. A Columbarium Sub-Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Vice Moderator and the Treasurer of STMCC has been elected. The Columbarium Committee is responsible for developing Rules and Regulations for the management of the columbarium.

Plans are to develop a brochure on the columbarium for distribution and to place that brochure on our web site.

Chapel Roof – We have received \$40,000 from our insurance company for hail damage to the roof of the Chapel. We are not sure if this all we are going to get since we have not seen a copy of the policy to determine if it covers replacement or not. We have received 3 bids for reroofing the Chapel and the committee. The thought is to replace the cedar shake roof with a manmade slate shingles.

There are currently discussions underway between our preferred contractor and the adjuster since his bid is more than what the companies estimate for replacing the roof.

2018 Pastors – The proposal was (see below) to have Rev. Boulton preaching from July 8th to August 5th. However, we received word from Rev. Boulton that he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and would not be available in 2018. The preaching schedule will not be set until STMCC January meeting.

Rev. Andrew Mullins – June 3&10
Rev. Don Dempsey – June 17, 24 & July 1
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Rev. Lewis Galloway August 12, 19 & 26.

Music Concerts – Five Music Concerts were held during 2017. Total attendance was 614.

Weddings – Fifteen weddings were held at the Chapel during 2017.

Meeting with Yellowstone Presbytery Leaders – On October 10th Ed Leipheimer, John Fitzpatrick and Ron Hanson met with George Goodrich, Debbie Blackburn and Jack Bell. The purpose of the meeting better understand the concerns of both groups. George had prepared an agenda which was general followed. It provided

Standing Rules – The Standing Rules for the chapel were adopted in 1965 and have been amended in minor ways twice (in 2002 and in 2013). The sense of the group was that the Standing Rules need to be critically reviewed and most likely adjusted. STMCC agreed to propose a draft revision of the current Standing Rules to the Leadership Cabinet for consideration at their next meeting.

Financial Procedures Document – Like the Standing Rules, the Financial Procedures document needs to be reviewed and most likely changed. A draft of potential changes has been prepared and will be sent to the Leadership Cabinet for their consideration.

2018 Maintenance Projects – Next spring we are faced with a number of maintenance projects. Actual costs will not be available until the budget is set in January.

- The gutter on the east side of the manse needs to be replaced.
- With all the fires in the area we need to seriously consider fire proofing the tree covered area on the chapel property between the access road and the chapel and other structures. The plan is to consult with State officials on a plan and seek a contractor to do the work.
- Additionally, the sprinkler system needs to be adjusted to cover planned vegetation behind the columbarium and other areas that aren't being adequately covered, Also it needs to be reset so that it comes on earlier in the morning and possibly later in the day.
- Also, the flower beds need a lot of attention as the grass seems to be invading.
- We have had a difficult time finding a painter to scrape, prime and paint the two crosses on the Chapel but are planning on getting it done in 2018.