



# The Hamilton Beacon

August 10, 2020

## A GREAT DUMPSTER DAY, WITH MORE TO COME!



Our favorite Saturday Morning activity continues with Dumpsters to fill.

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM**  
*In a 3 hour session, we do what we can to clean.*

**Please bring your face mask!**



We had a wonderful crew. Much thanks to Coach Barry's SplashHoops youth. They were amazing! Our volunteers are listed on the inside page.

**"Many hands make light work."**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BY PHONE (IT WORKED WELL!)



**Here is how you enter the Conference Call:**

At 9:25 pm do this:

- Dial this number: **[484] 588-4122**
- After prompt, using your phone's keypad, enter the conference room number: **812**
- After prompt, using your keypad, enter this PIN: **2334**
- This puts you into the call: announce your name.

To give all opportunity to join, Brian begins at 9:35 am. Questions???? Call Pastor Jack at [410] 828-0819.

## THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE HELPING US!

Thanks to those both church and SplashHoops youth who helped Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

Phil Adams  
Timmy Adedire  
Terez Beauford  
Coach Barry Carrington  
Harry Doyle  
Aaron Hibbert  
Emma Hines  
Jack Hodges

Janice Howard  
Devon Jones  
Joshua Lang  
Oryne Stewart  
Coach Bill Toole  
Ramon Villanueva  
Braylen Walker  
Tommy Williams

# FURNITURE IN WESTMINSTER HALL



The furniture is now on the Stage in Westminster Hall. Some belongs to individuals. Some was simply acquired and put in storage.

Now is the time to claim and mark what is yours! The other furniture that we somehow “acquired” is for sale. Whatever is left we will pass on for someone’s use.

This offer is good through Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

# DEALING WITH THE VIRUS

Last Saturday, the report was the U.S. has surpassed five million virus cases. The infection total has more than doubled over the past two months.

So much do we want to return to worship and to our in-person fellowship with each other. The Session/Trustees, thinking about our safety, has very reluctantly decided, “not yet.” This, even in the face of many churches that have elected for in-person worship. When one church in Alabama made the decision, one person who came had the virus, enclosed is a diagram of the contract tracing of persons infected.

An Episcopal clergy did a “take off” on the musical Hamilton, writing some new words to “You’ll be Back”. It’s on our congregation’s website for viewing: [www.Hamilton-pres.com](http://www.Hamilton-pres.com) You’ll find it in “Useful Links.” Enjoy!

# REPORTING ON THE AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> SESSION/TRUSTEE MEETING



The group gathered by a phone Conference Call meeting and made these unanimous decisions.

“DUMPSTER DAYS” TO CONTINUE ... WE HAVE MUCH TO DO  
A dumpster was filled! Several 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms cleared, refrigerators cleaned (kitchen looks better!), trash bags chucked into the dumpster. There is still much to be done.

## ROOF REPAIR BID ACCEPTED

Roland Slate bid of \$28,674.00 accepted. They will repair two major leaks: where the roof intersects with the tower wall, and the Tower itself. Work begins in September.

## SIX CRITICAL RENOVATION PROJECTS

Session/Trustees approved a plan for a step-by-step repair and renewal program. We will do each of the six project in sequence until the money runs out. We complete and pay for a project before the next new project begins.

1. Entry Hall outside the Church Office/Restroom/Kitchen  
Replace stained ceiling tile and lights which fell down.
2. Westminster Hall Garage Area Door and Floor Drains  
The door is barely hanging on; drains need unclogging.
3. Men’s Restroom  
Remove/replace ceiling tiles, walls, recondition floor, remove one urinal to create a handicapped restroom.
4. Entry Room Under the Tower  
Patch plaster, repaint, panic bar on one door; Panic bars on other doors for emergency exit.

4. Front Sanctuary Doors on Harford Road  
Repair peeling/flaking paint by sanding and repainting.
  
6. Sanctuary Walls  
Repair and paint walls that have experienced cracks and water damage - each, west, and south wall (this is the wall with our stained glass window). The north Chancel wall seems fine.

### How Will We EVER Pay for This?

Let's begin by thinking Biblically.

In I Kings, Chapter 17, we read of the widow of Zarephath and her son as they are encountered by the Prophet Elijah. Deep in a drought, the widow has prepared their last meal. Elijah asks for food ... but they do not have enough. Elijah promises God will provide. Indeed, "the jar of meal did not run out, and the jug of oil did not fail, according to the word of the Lord." Enough for the three through the drought.

This is a biblical example of God's day-by-day provision. The meager supplies are provided until the drought ends.

Maybe this helps us to see how the six projects on the list can be accomplished - bit-by-bit as funds are available. It will be tough! Plainly, we do not *currently* have the funds to accomplish these crucial repairs.

We will keep going. Will the meal be enough? Will the oil continue to flow? Can we move through our list with a sense of mission?

If we are to attract new folks in the neighborhood, we need a building in repair, that speaks a message of care and mission.

Join us in our progress!



If the only prayer  
you say in your  
whole life is  
"thank you"  
that would suffice.

Meister  
Eckhart

Michael