



## Finance and Maintenance Committee Report

Your Finance & Maintenance committee has utilized the past three months to continue with the cost evaluation and prioritization of our next capital projects. After considerable debate and consideration, the major capital project for 2010 was presented to the congregation on May 9, 2010 to replace the sanctuary carpet. This project was accepted by the congregation and at this time the decorating committee is finalizing the colour selection and we expect to have their final decision within 7 to 10 days. The project will commence approximately 10 – 15 days following the selection of the colour choice. We still hope to replace the 10 lower north side basement windows later in the year as funds are available.

Unfortunately, our operational revenue slipped during the past few weeks and we are currently \$6,842.00 or 10% behind revenue budget and operating with a \$10,329.00 deficit. Our Y-T-D Presbyterian Sharing givings of \$6,789.50 are 6% behind required budget and our Building Fund revenue of \$4,437.50 is 1% ahead of required budget. Please give your prayerful support to our operating revenue budget as we often have lower revenues during the summer and most of our expenses are fixed in nature and carry on during the summer.

### Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Our expenditures for this same Y-T-D period basically met budget expectations. We have paid \$2,510.00 or 72% of our Presbytery dues and \$4,000.00 or 56% of our National Assessment and our \$1,000.00 congregational commitment to the Youth Mission Trip in the above mentioned deficit number. General Assembly changed the payment structure last year and all dues now have to be paid by October 31<sup>st</sup> instead of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

I am pleased to welcome Rebekah Theodore to Knox as our new church secretary. Rebekah comes to this position with extensive administrative experience and strong computer skills. If you have not already introduced yourself, please do so in the near future as Rebekah wants to know each person by name.

Once again, F & M would like to thank you for your suggestions, feedback, prayers, financial support and co-operation as we move forward with another active and fruitful summer to make Knox a better place of worship and community support.

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