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News from South New Hope

RESTORATION

Continued restoration is a lively discussion each time the trustees meet. Our heartfelt thanks go out to you who have made it possible to continue with the repairs to the church.

To refresh your memory, two major tasks have been accomplished. The bell tower was rebuilt after finding severe deterioration. (See Dec 12 Newsletter) and the basement was prepared for a new floor to be laid. (See May 2012 Newsletter)

Late last fall the new floor was poured in the basement by Warren's Masonry. DONE This past winter Kan-Do Construction was contracted to replace everything, from baseboards, wood trim, steps, and deteriorated walls to rebuilding cabinets that needed removal in order to pour the concrete. DONE

Part of the electrical wiring up-grade was done in the basement while the walls were open. This was the obvious time to address this need. DONE

Unfortunately, the 1950s furnace the contractor was depending on for heat failed. He was able to bring in portable heaters and complete his job, but it does bring up the question of when do we replace the furnace?



Drywalling basement walls

POLAR PLUNGE PIE SOCIAL

2012's pie social was memorable in several ways. The weather was as cold and nasty as it could possibly be, with the threat of rain all day.

However, most memorable was the awesome donations of pies, and the attendance, in spite of the weather. Thank you to all who donated pies, who served and all who came to enjoy the pies! It took all of you to make it another success. Let's do it again on October 5 (the weather can only be better—we hope!)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

May 11—Annual Meeting of Trustees. Open to the public.
10:00 a.m. at South New Hope.

May 19—Unveiling of Historical Sign, Closing the Cornerstone, Readings of short vignettes about the people and the period of the early SNH history.
2:00 p.m. at South New Hope.

June 16—Rosalie Gilbert, professional harpist, in recital; and a spirited hymn sing.
2:00 p.m. at South New Hope.

July 4—New Hope Parade, ending at the church.
1:00 line up, 2:00 parade begins.

Sept 14—Fall Workday
8:00 a.m. at South New Hope

Oct 5—Third Annual Pie Social
12:00 at South New Hope.

We welcome you to these events and activities! See our website for details.

NEXT STEP IN RESTORATION

As soon as possible this spring, work will begin to correct a long-standing problem with water leakage in the back of the church and down the basement steps. Much consultation has gone into this job and the board is confident that they have the right fix, and only hope they don't find major structural problems when the siding is removed from the rear of the church.

FAMILY INFORMATION

An effort is being made to gather family information about all the people buried at South New Hope Cemetery. Obituaries, which are extremely helpful and informative, have been located for about 120 people. This information has been put on a data base. Along with the obituaries, we are seeking pictures and stories of these people.

This data will eventually be put on our website. Watch for more information about this in the near future.

In the meantime, contact us to see what we have on your family ancestors. info@southnewhope.org

“OUT OF THE WOODWORK”

There are several items of interest below that are worth a brief explanation. No single item in itself is earth-shaking, but we feel certain that each one of them brings back memories for someone.

ORGAN An old pump organ has been donated to South New Hope by Elsie Mae Hildebrand Yohr who attended the pie social last October and noticed that there was no organ in the church. The complete history of this organ is not yet known, but it is known that it was used in a church and from there donated to a family. It was a welcome donation. South New Hope used a pump organ many years before there was electricity in the building.



Donated Organ

FLAG While rummaging through a closet in the church, an old U.S. flag was found. Though well tattered, it was a flag with 48 stars. The Board felt it was memorable and had it framed. The flag will be on display in the church.

PICTURE A picture of Jesus that at one time hung on a basement wall had been removed by Mary Helen Anderson from the church for fear it would be destroyed. Shortly before she died, she asked her sister-in-law, Patty Anderson, if she would return it. Patty honored her wish and today it is back awaiting a wall on which to display it.

SILVER There are a number of silver items that have been saved since the early 1900s. Many of those items were donated in memory of a loved relative. Some of those items

are a baptismal bowl and pitcher, communion trays and chalice and a tea server. These items were on display at the worship service held at South New Hope in 2012.

Look for more about these on the website soon.

ANTICIPATION

On May 19 the trustees will unveil an eagerly awaited historical sign. Our thanks go to those who gave this marker as a donation to South New Hope to share the church's history with the public. The sign was manufactured by Sewah Studios in Marietta, OH.

On that same day, the plan is to seal up the cornerstone opened in 2012. We will see those items that will be put back into the cornerstone to be kept there for the next opening, most likely many years from now. Copies of the items found last summer in the cornerstone will also be on display.

To complete the day, we will have a series of short readings about the early times and its people. There may even be a “sneak preview” of the newly restored basement. All are cordially invited to this event.

FOUND IN THE MINUTES

Way to go, ladies! The basement was added in 1927 after the women of the church came forward. At a special meeting on July 9, 1927, a discussion was held “regarding the basement under the church, as the Ladies’ Aid a while earlier held a meeting at Albert Anderson’s and decided unanimously to remodel* the basement under the church, and appeal to the men to call a meeting to get it done.”

It apparently did get moving. The annual meeting for the year 1927 was held in the church basement.

*Referring to a small basement area with a dirt floor that was put in when the original church was built.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1903, a wood furnace was purchased. Before that they had only a stove to warm the church.

Early on, kerosene was used for lighting. In 1912 three gallons of kerosene cost \$.28.

Electricity came to South New Hope in 1945.

In the expense account of 1909’s minutes, E. P. Kalstad was reimbursed \$.10 for postage, reminding us that a dime was worth a lot more in 1909 than it is today.

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