

South New Hope

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News from South New Hope Church (SNH)

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SNH?

A group of cheerful workers turned out at the church workday on May 14, and in spite of cold weather a lot got done. The 12 adults and 5 children cleaned five rows of headstones and trimmed trees and brush on the cemetery grounds. **Watch your emails for another workday which will be scheduled for a Saturday in August.** Hope to see you there!

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STILL MORE TO COME???

You betcha! There will be a pie social at SNH on October 1, so mark your calendar!! Stop out between 1:00-4:00, eat pie and see old pictures of the church as it looked in the past, along with some history.

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DON'T WORRY—BE HAPPY!

A landmark of South New Hope Church is the iron fence surrounding the grounds. As the summer proceeds, a repairman will be removing one section at a time to restore it by sandblasting, priming, repairing and repainting it. Already concerned people have asked what has happened to various sections of the fence. It's in good hands.

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OOOOH, I WANT TO HELP!!

The Restoration Committee could use more hands and heads, so if this is a project that piques your interest just e-mail Duane or Gary at snhlc@snhlc.org.

RESTORATION HAS BEGUN?

The committee has spent time prioritizing the projects that need to be done on the church, both interior and exterior. It is exciting to look ahead. Within a couple weeks a contractor will be hired and ready to start with Phase 1.

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WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES?

Most important is to improve the structural integrity of the building. Rotten beams and timbers the bell sits on will be replaced. A problem with leakage into the building will be corrected. And much, much more....

As a side note: The bell has a beautiful tone. We know that it was built by Buckeye Bell Foundry/The Vanduzen & Tift Company, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1890.

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DID YOU KNOW....

That there are five Civil War veterans buried at SNH?

That at one time a gazebo graced the north lawn and in the summers there would be evangelists that preached from there on summer evenings?

Because of generous donations to this date, the committee is able to proceed with the first phase of the restoration.

Once some important safety repairs have been completed, the committee will be looking for ideas of how to feature SNH in the community.

A hearty thanks to all who have donated to the SNH restoration and have shown an interest in how things have been progressing in these first few months. Your continued financial support of this project is greatly needed and appreciated.