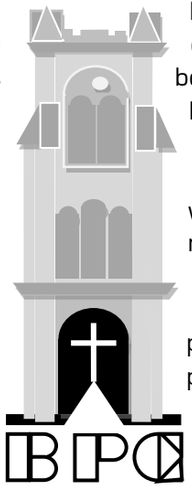
## BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

AUGUST 23, 2009

Through the summer months of July and August Building and Grounds continued our work on developing the plans for the Interior and Exterior Bell Tower Repair and Renovations.
We wish to thank the Resource Committee and the Session for allocating funds for the repairs for the Bell Tower and funds for part of the Exterior enhancement projects.




The Bell Tower project includes a HAZMAT (hazard material) contract with WACO to remove the mass of bird droppings that have accumulated over past years. Work on this contract began on August 24th and is scheduled to be completed by September 8th. Harrisonburg Construction Inc. is contracted to begin work on the Interior of the Bell Tower the week of August 31st and follow with the Exterior Contract for the Bell Tower. The Interior Contract involves extensive work including: demo and replace two interior floor elevations, replace the roof and add a lockable roof hatch, install hardware cloth on the louvers, rebuild the bell support and reinstall the bell. Work for the Exterior repair of the Bell Tower includes repair of the roofs of the four Cupolas, finial replacement, prep and painting of all wood surfaces and trim as well as replacing all damaged louver panels with maintenance free open louver material. Also, included is the replacement of the tri arched plain panels with closed louvers to match the upper open louvers.

Please excuse any inconvenience caused by the Narthex entry being closed in September for some weeks as a safety precaution, as work continues.

We developed two portfolios: a Budget Portfolio with supporting information and a Design Portfolio with Concept Drawings for the College Street entry gathering area and Signage designs. These were delivered to the Resource Committee for their consideration, acceptance and action before submitting to the Session. As we continue on these major projects we ask for your prayers and support. To save on expenses we may be requesting your help on certain projects that we feel can be accomplished by church members (in-house) rather than engaging a contractor.

We welcome you to join Building and Grounds: Merrill Simon, JC Enterline, Elizabeth Engleking, Gracie Florence, and, of course, Kerry Foster, Janet Sonifrank .Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 14th at 7:00 ,

Submitted by: Janet Sonifrank