

RENEWING OUR STAINED GLASS

February 2016



Dear Congregation,

Many of you may see changes in our Sanctuary this coming week. Our historic stained glass windows help set the tone for our worship services and have served us well! The middle window behind the choir was installed in 1900, the ten sanctuary windows along the side in 1914 and the two angels behind the choir in 1922. Our predecessors made a significant sacrifice to design and install these beautiful depictions of aspects of our faith that we enjoy today.

Now, we need to do our part to provide careful cleaning, repairing, and restoring these beautiful artistic pieces so they will last another 100 years! To make this a reality, the Board of Trustees initiated this major project with Shenandoah Restorations in Irmo. The artists of Shenandoah Restorations will remove our windows two at a time to take them apart, clean and repair them, and re-lead them. They will also perform any needed repairs to the window frames and install new, strong clear exterior glass so people can enjoy our windows from the street. They estimate that it will take approximately two months per window with an overall completion date of early 2018. While they are working on the windows, they will install plywood to cover the opening. We will need to be patient through this process as the end result will be stunning for all to see.

As you can imagine, this is an important undertaking for our church and offers us an opportunity to continue the legacy of providing a special place for future generations to worship. If you have questions about this significant project or would like to make a special gift, please contact Robbie Douglas, Lynn Shirley or Anne Sinclair.

Thank you, in advance, for your support and patience as we undertake this project to restore and preserve our windows for the next 100 years!

Sincerely,
Anne Sinclair Trustee Coordinator, Stained Glass Window Project
Lynn Shirley Chair, Board of Trustees