

February 9, 2020 ORGAN PROJECT update:

We continue our talks with Muller who is currently storing the organ in Cincinnati. They continue to be gracious and hold the instrument as we research the best options for church. They said it is normal for the process to take many years for organizations to raise funds and be ready to install the organ. Given the expense we are looking at terms of a pipe organ. We are also reaching out to a different organ company called Schantz, which is based out of Orville, Ohio. Receiving a second quote from Schantz we can insure that we as a church are taking the best and most financially feasible route for the organ. We also continue to investigate the option of a digital organ. The difference between a pipe organ and a digital organ is a pipe organ is like a wind instrument. Air is pushed through the physical pipes to create a sound. A digital organ does this through technology and the sound comes through speakers. With the advances in technology and sound the difference between a pipe organ and a high quality digital organ are barely distinguishable. Digital organs are also more cost effective and require little to no maintenance. We are also receiving quotes to rebuild our 1901 Steinway baby grand piano. We hope to proceed with this soon so if and when we decide to move forward with the organ project we as a church will have a functional instrument with which to worship. As always feel free to ask questions to the organ committee. Those people are: Duane Barber, Jr., Jerry Bell, Joe Bell, Todd Burson, Mary Alice Gordon, Sarah Jancura, Neal Martin, Rev. Karen Oehl, and Sherri Pembroke.