

PROPERTY TEAM MAKING REPAIRS AFTER POWER OUTAGE ON MARCH 10

The Property Team members Bill Bond, Joe Mueller, Gary Tackes and Claude Zimmerman have been hard at work over the past couple of months. Back on March 10, Port suffered a major winter storm that caused power outages across town that stretched for many hours. The church building suffered damage due to a major power surge that caused considerable damage to our electronics. When power was restored, it became clear that many of our electronic systems had been affected. Thankfully, our Property Team was quick to respond. They were able to inspect the whole church and have carefully kept track of the items and systems that were damaged to make an insurance claim. They worked quickly to make many repairs themselves and have been pursuing other professionals to repair other items.

The list of damaged items is extensive: 12 indoor power outlets (GFCIs) were damaged around the church, as well as five outdoor power outlets, and two dimmer switches in the sanctuary were burned out. Fortunately, power-strips in the office and Dennett Room saved the computers and large screen TV from damage but the strips had to be replaced. Then the team set to work finding professionals to fix the automatic door openers (at entrance off parking lot and the two bathroom doors) because door openers were all damaged and circuit boards had to be replaced. Some of the systems are still down and waiting for bids to be accepted by Insurance. The team is still working on getting the following systems back online: the fire and smoke alarm system including automatic fire doors and emergency lights, two diagnostic display panels on the boiler, the power inverter for the solar panels, damage to the church roof on the southside of the building, and last but not least, the digital thermostat for the church offices.

At this time, we are not sure what the total price tag will be to make all the repairs, but estimates are in the \$20,000 range. Thankfully, believe it or not, it could have been worse! And we do have insurance that will cover the damages with a \$2,500 deductible to be paid. Thank you to Bill, Joe, Gary, and Claude for the many hours they have spent inspecting and making repairs as well as the hours they are still spending pursuing quotes, making appointments and meeting contractors to get in and make repairs. We are so fortunate to have their dedication!



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