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Jonathan House was the focus of many of the trustees' activities this year, as we addressed a number of long running maintenance issues, while upgrading space for current needs. Projects undertaken included:

- **Completion of the new natural gas heating system:** The temporary propane tanks used last winter were replaced by natural gas installation.
- **The attic area was fully insulated by blown-in insulation during the summer.** Several dumpster loads of stored debris were also cleaned out prior to the insulation. Two new attic windows were installed by Buddy Wilson to replace old leaking sashes.
- **Office renovation:** The second floor rooms were cleaned out and refurbished with fresh paint, refinished hardwood floors, electrical repair and air conditioners, and are now useful offices. The hallway, stairs and downstairs offices were also repainted and re-carpeted.
- **Squirrel infestation has been an ongoing challenge,** and again in the fall, pest control was required to remove squatter squirrels from the upstairs walls. Further construction and gutter repair will be required in the spring to prevent new nesting.

Campus lighting was reviewed during the year and a number of lighting and electrical improvements were completed.

- **Outdoor lighting:** New LED lights were installed in the lower parking lot, Edwards Hall entranceway and Jonathan House entry sidewalk. Up the hill, new lighting includes parking lot illumination from Dickerman Hall, a motion detector light on the sanctuary steps, and a driveway light at the parsonage which also illuminates the road for pedestrians.
- **Emergency lighting:** Emergency lights were replaced with new LED lamps in Dickerman Hall and the Sanctuary. Emergency light batteries were replaced in all the Edwards Hall fixtures.
- **Parsonage electrical work:** The old fuse-box electrical panel in the parsonage was replaced with circuit breakers after a power loss in the building in the spring.
- **Motion detector bathroom lights:** At the recommendation of the Green Team, light switches in Dickerman Hall and Edwards Hall restrooms were replaced with timed motion detector switches to save electricity.

Gardens continued to be overseen by the Trustees. This was the first summer of the Framingham Community Farm behind Jonathan House, and further work was done in the Edible Forest Garden in front of Edwards Hall. Leaves were raked and shredded for compost this year, at a significant savings over collection and removal. Because of the many new garden initiatives, an oversight committee has been proposed to help plan and organize campus-wide gardening and landscaping maintenance.

AED and First Aid Box Installations: With increased use of all the buildings on campus, health and safety issues have also been addressed. Both Dickerman Hall and Edwards Hall now have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and improved first aid supply boxes in convenient and visible locations. In addition, a new handrail was installed on the sanctuary front steps, and three wheelchairs are available for use in the sanctuary/Dickerman Hall.

General Ongoing Repairs and Additions: In addition to the usual maintenance for normal wear and tear, heating systems occasionally require some tuning and adjustment, particularly in Edwards Hall, and once in Dickerman Hall in early winter. The folding chairs in Edwards Hall are being re-covered as the old vinyl covers deteriorate with use. A new addition in Edwards is the stunning Arts Collaborative aluminum Open Spirit tree sculpture which now hangs at the back of the room. Space downstairs in Edwards Hall is being prepared for use as the Arts Collaborative Studio, where more creative undertakings may materialize in the future.

Additional Sexton Hours: Due to the multiple uses of facilities and the increased cleaning requirements, especially in the winter and after private rentals, additional Sexton hours were approved by the Trustees. The extra hours are to be used to hire an assistant sexton to check and clean Edwards Hall on Sunday morning

before the Brazilian church service and the main sanctuary before the 10 AM service. Other duties or special projects may be assigned, as necessary, or when the Sexton has a conflicting schedule.

Faithfully,
Scott Cleveland for the Board of Trustees