



South Congregational Church, UCC
20 Church Street
Newport, NH 03773

Rev. Craig Cowing, *Pastor*

July 2011

Have you seen painters scraping and priming on the front of the church? Nowhere near the top of the steeple, they still appear small against the meetinghouse. Their task seems daunting. To us, the task of raising funds to preserve this building is equally daunting, but we have made visible progress.

The enclosed financial update shows that we are just under \$10,000 short of our fundraising goal, with about \$5,000 needed in pledges, and a matching \$5,000 challenge grant hanging in the balance. So we ask again for your financial support—with gratitude for all you have done already.

If you have pledged, please do meet, accelerate, or increase your support, as you are able. Your timely gift is important as we schedule the work to match our anticipated receipts. If you have not yet pledged or contributed, please join us as stewards of this brick meetinghouse, now entrusted to our care.

Each dollar from members of the congregation has been matched by \$2.80 from other sources. This is a testament to the significance that others ascribe to the building. And some don't even consider what has occurred inside its walls: the celebrations of communion, of marriage, of baptism, and of lives well-lived, for over 188 years since the South Church of Newport was dedicated.

Thanks for your care, consideration, and support.

Peter Irwin

Dave Little

Jim Perkins

More information at www.NHsteeple.org/Newport

MEETINGHOUSE PRESERVATION FUND

Name(s):

Record as anonymous.

Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

I/We will support the historic preservation of Newport's South Church with a tax-deductible financial contribution or pledge to be fulfilled by January 31, 2012 on the following schedule:

Please designate gifts payable to SOUTH CHURCH for "MEETINGHOUSE PRESERVATION" 20 CHURCH ST. NEWPORT, NH 03773		DATE	AMOUNT
1)			\$
2)			\$
3)			\$

South Church Meetinghouse Preservation

Financial Report as of July 3, 2011

	PROJECT BUDGET	PROJECT TO DATE	REMAINDER	COMMENTS
Estimated Costs:				
Roof Replacement - <i>Fall '10</i>	85,000	(85,000)	-	Contracted & add'l materials.
Steeple & Front Gable Painting - <i>Summer '11</i>	30,000	(9,400)	20,600	Work commenced on 7/6/11.
Masonry, Windows, Trim Repair - <i>Fall '11</i>	50,000	(5,000)	45,000	Chimneys restored; other work pending.
Contingency	25,000	(13,215)	11,785	Add'l roofing materials.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES...	190,000	(112,615)	77,385	
Designated Resources:				
<i>Assured income...</i>				
Ensor Bequest	50,000	50,000	-	Received; \$50,000 expended.
LCHIP Preservation Grant	50,000	40,000	10,000	Remainder upon project completion.
SCC Capital Reserve Fund	25,000	25,000	-	Received; \$13,215 expended.
<i>Community fundraising...</i>				
Pledge Commitments, Cash Donations	50,000	45,067	4,933	<i>Required from fundraising.</i>
Challenge Grants (3 x \$5,000)	15,000	10,000	5,000	<i>Challenge grant remaining.</i>
TOTAL RESOURCES...	\$190,000	\$170,067	\$19,933	
Memo Items:				
Preservation Fund Balance (cash available)			\$45,786	Donations, grants, reserves received.
Scheduled Pledge Payments			\$11,666	Receivable through 2012.
Fundraising Shortfall			\$9,933	Includes \$5,000 challenge grant.