

Friendship CRC Window Project of 2010

After many years of repairs, replacement and repainting around the six round windows of our church, it has become apparent that a more permanent repair and replacement needs to be made to preserve the stained glass windows for many years to come.

The Building & Grounds team has accepted a bid from Vos Glass for \$17,000 to replace all six exterior 6' round windows with new aluminum-framed windows. These new windows will be designed with proper air circulation between the clear glass exterior windows and the stained glass interior windows to maintain an even temperature, which is critical to the stability of the lead construction of the stained glass windows.



Because of the new thicker window frames that the stained glass windows will be mounted in, each window will need to be removed for a few weeks to be resized for the opening. Each window will also be restored to its original condition and more reinforcement added to stabilize the windows for 70+ years. This work will be performed by Pristine Glass of Grand Rapid for \$8,260.

This was an expense to our Building & Grounds fund that was not anticipated or budgeted for. While the funds will be made available thru a transfer from another to-be-determined account, a number of people mentioned after the congregational meeting that they would be interested in helping financially with this project.

If you are interested in contributing to this project and/or have questions about this project, please contact Kathy Vander Stel, chairperson of the Building & Grounds team. The team appreciates the support of our congregation as we work together to maintain this beautiful facility that God has blessed and entrusted us with. Thank you.



Note: If you are wondering if this is a priority for 2010, look closely at the sanctuary windows and you will see the black discoloration and bubbling at the top and bottom of the windows as well as streaking down the sanctuary walls. You can also stand in the main entryway bell tower and look up at the southwest window and see the severe bowing out of the stained glass window. A look at the outside clear glass window of that same opening will reveal a cracked window.