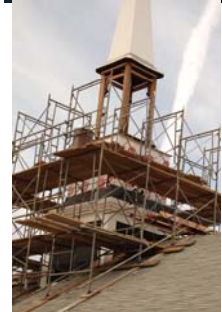




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STEEPLE DEDICATION JANUARY 24, 2010

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped make this celebration possible: to the Member Care Committee (*Elaine Magyar, chair*) for coordinating a delicious potluck meal; to the Flower Girls on Post Road for donating the beautiful bows and fifty yards of ribbon (*as well as to sexton John Pickup for literally going above and beyond the call of duty to secure the bows!*); to our special guests (*and master copper craftsman*) Jim Aldrich, his wife Maria and son Caleb, as well as Jim's apprentice, whose painstaking craftsmanship, thorough attention to detail, and characteristic thoroughness have worked wonders; to Buildings and Grounds committee members past and present (*Glenn Fairbairn, chair*) who've labored years to see this come to fruition; to all who so generously donated to our ongoing Capital Campaign; to all who were present to join in prayer and celebration, and to Treasurer David Dickerman, Trustees President Barry Baxter and members of the Stewardship Committee and Session for all the behind the scenes hours of strategizing, financial planning and paperwork necessitated to ensure timely payments in projects of this scope.

EXCERPTS FROM THE LITANY OF STEEPLE DEDICATION

As the steeple directs attention heaven-ward, it also serves as a unique witness to the community that this particular building is set apart for a purpose of the highest value. May this restored steeple proclaim to the community that we worship the God Most High, the Lord of Hosts, and that under this tower is proclaimed a message of high hope, heavenly aspiration, and grace which comes from above for all who will receive it.

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS, THE LOVE OF CHRIST PROCLAIM,
TILL ALL THE WORLD ADORE HIS SACRED NAME.

A reading from the Gospel of John: "I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen. No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven -- the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life."

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." Let us pray:

WE DEDICATE THIS STEEPLE, O LORD, TO YOUR HONOR AND GLORY. MAY IT CONTINUE TO HOLD THE CROSS AT HIGHEST ELEVATION FOR DECADES TO COME. UNDER THIS TOWER, O LORD, MAY THE FAITHFUL FIND SALVATION, AND THE CARELESS BE AWAKENED. MAY THE DOUBTING FIND FAITH, AND THE ANXIOUS BE ENCOURAGED. MAY THE TEMPTED FIND HELP, AND THE SORROWFUL COMFORT. MAY THE WEARY FIND REST, AND THE STRONG BE RENEWED. HERE MAY THE AGED FIND CONSOLATION, AND THE YOUNG INSPIRATION. AND MAY ALL WHO LOOK TO THIS CROSS DISCOVER IN FULLEST MEASURE THE HOPE IT PROCLAIMS, IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

