

Clean-up Day

Three youth and four adults from the Simsbury UMC stepped forward on March 19, 2016 to help our church toward the goal of restoring some of its original beauty. SUMC's Confirmation class, as a service project, had offered to assist us with work that needed to be done.

The youth were Sophia Santiago-Douglas, Colin Anderson, and Simon Liete; the accompanying adults were Linda & Russell Stroud, Jenny Euting, and Hans Bengard. This crew attacked the chancel choir rail and rings, pulpit rail, balcony rails, door push plates, offering plates, altar cross and candle sticks with gusto (and a lot of Brasso) to give them a shine not seen for many years. Woodwork in front of the choir, the Communion rail, altar, pulpit, pulpit chairs, wall behind the pulpit, and the piano all got a new shine. The crew also prepared the palms for Issy to set up for Palm Sunday. (Special thanks goes to "Alex" who helped disassemble the choir rail on Friday to lay out all the pieces to get a good polishing.) Issy and Barb reassembled the rail later Saturday afternoon.

Others from our congregation that assisted in "clean-up day" included Sue Bessette, Barb Hawley, Pastor Florence, Sandy Taylor (vacuumed those pesky stairs leading to the downstairs) and Warren Shaw (cleaned up the back parking lot area). All pitched in, some earlier and behind the scenes, others with the main crew. Arlene Daniels donated cookies for refreshments, and Pastor Florence did her wonderful hot chocolate. We ended with pizza and a good feeling of a job well done.

Thank you one and all, especially the Simsbury contingent.

A special shout-out goes to Clayton Webb, Jr. for his service to a certain little issue in the upstairs lavatory. He responded to our pleas for help that very afternoon and waived his professional fees. God bless you, Webbie!

Respectfully,

Sue Bessette & Barb Hawley, Co-chairs, Board of Trustees



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