

Reflections

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A newsletter for Hillview Baptist Church

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers!

Loving our Neighbour

By: Pastor Norm

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How can Hillview Baptist reach the community with the Gospel? One of the core values we embrace as a church is REACHING.

On Sunday, October 30, Jonathan Snook gave a report outlining the initiatives we are undertaking to build relationships with the community of Hillview; ways that we can reach out to the neighbourhood with the love of Christ. The three approved initiatives that he mentioned are:

- Community gardens
- Allowing a pre-school in our church
- Food Bank distribution centre

A conviction I hold, and I hope you do too, is that the world we live in needs to become a better place because we are a part of it. We are Christ's ambassadors who have been commissioned and commanded to love our neighbour. So, who is our neighbour? Jesus had the same question put to him by a lawyer seeking to justify himself. You know the context. A group of highfalutin religious types are trying to trap

Jesus in his words; they ask Jesus, "what's the greatest commandment?" Jesus had over 600 options, but he went with Deuteronomy 6.5: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength". And then he added another: "and love your neighbour as yourself." It was the second one that stung the inquisitor. Who is my neighbour? For us at Hillview Baptist the answer is obvious: the people living near our Church.

So the question begs: how can we love our neighbour? How can we make Hillview a better

place to live? God put this church on this piece of land almost 40 years ago for a purpose: to be a good neighbour. To be the kind of neighbour that will cause people to glorify God. Not for the sake of gaining a great name for itself, but to be a church that will reach people with the love of Christ through tangible acts of service and kindness so that the name of Jesus will be exalted, that God will be glorified, and that all will say, "how great is our God!"



Hillview's Food Bank

By: Rick deLeeuw

Hillview Baptist Church is a Food Bank distribution centre for the people living in our neighbourhood. We are now into our 6th month as a food distribution depot and the need for food pick-up centres and volunteers are in steady demand.

Following the success of our

White Christmas outreach program, we began exploring other opportunities into making connections with our neighbours. Jo Legaspi has always had a deep passion for the Food Bank. Her enthusiasm to outreach is contagious, which inspired and encouraged the Deacons to pursue the possibility of becoming a

Food Drop off Centre. After many discussions with the Food Bank officials and in compliance to their guidelines, our application was accepted. Our work began on May 2, 2022. We distributed food hampers to 15 families. Every week we now distribute over 50 packed boxes of food to 20

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Church Connections: The Hickman Family

By: Joanne Hickman

I, Joanne, grew up on a farm. Where our farm ended, going east, it bumped up to the First Baptist Church, Leduc. This was less than a quarter of a mile. I have many fond memories of that Church. We often walked to church and on cold, wintery days my dad said the car would not start if we took it.

"... BOB ALSO HAD AN INVITATION TO THE PARTY..."

When the Robert Seutter family relocated to the Millet area because their farm was sold to the City of Edmonton, they attended the Wiesenthal Baptist Church a few times, but decided to

make their home church First Baptist.

When their oldest son, Ron, turned 21 on Sunday, July 26th, 1964 we were invited to his birthday party on their farm. They had asked all the youth group from the church to the party, as well as family and friends from the

area. Bob also had an invitation to the party, and I remembered him from Camp Sylvan Lake and other occasions, and was happy to see him, but thought no more about it.

Mr. Seutter, that schemer, introduced everyone there at the birthday party, and when he got to me told me many things about Bob, making a special effort to point out that Bob was single. During the dinner party Bob was sitting across from me and occasionally spoke to me. After dinner I started to dry the dishes, and Bob began asking me about myself.

During the course of the day the guys from my church group hid my car behind the garage in the middle of the apple trees. Later on Bob helped get my car out from behind all the trees. He then asked me if I would like a ride back to Edmonton where I was staying with my sister, as both of us had jobs with the Provincial Government.

I drove home to my folks and about 8:00 pm Bob came by. My mom and dad were in the kitchen and Bob mentioned that he and his cousin Cyril

Lentz sold bulk milk tanks - just down my dad's alley as he was wanting to purchase a bulk milk tank.

Irma also came with us back to Edmonton. Bob did drive us back to Edmonton but insisted that we stop at the Dairy Queen for an ice cream cone. He went and bought ice cream cones for the three of us but dropped one right at the car and had to go back and buy another one. Bob then drove us to our suite and asked me if he could phone me sometime during the week. He did call on Thursday night and did so every week, and came up often to see me, as he was working in Red Deer for the Alpha Milk Company.

On October 9th, 1965, my birthday, we got engaged and married June 4th, 1966. On our honeymoon we went to B.C., then crossed the border and went down to Lincoln City, Oregon.

Some of you Seniors might relate to this, the most expensive prices we encountered:

Lodging - \$10.10
Breakfast - \$ 3.00
Lunch - \$ 2.30
Dinner - \$13.50

Lest We Forget -

By: Bill Holmes



The only family connection I have with Remembrance Day and the Canadian military is my uncle. His name was Albert Dorey and he lived in London, Ontario. During World War II he was a wireless operator with the Royal Canadian Air Force - 431 Iroquois Squadron. On March 31, 1945 his Lancaster bomber took off from his home base at Croft North Yorkshire and never returned. His plane was shot down. He was 27. He is buried in Beck-

lingen War Cemetery in Germany. He was survived by his parents, his wife Jean and his daughter, my cousin Margaret. She never met her dad.

His name is engraved on the monument at the "Bomber Command Museum of Canada" located in Nanton, Alberta.



Hillview's Food Bank (cont.)

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families. It's been a real blessing as families share their struggles and how much they appreciate the help we are providing.

Being a part of the Food Bank ministry has been an educational journey. Visiting their warehouse and seeing the many volunteers packing hampers on a daily basis so others can eat is both eye-opening and overwhelming. According to some of their documents "The Edmonton's Food bank began in 1981 through the realization of two factors: hunger was affecting the lives of many of their clients and edible food was being wasted in the

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community. There was a desire to reconcile these realities and to establish a channel for surplus food from the food industry to help those who were experiencing food insecurity. An

ad hoc committee began investigating the possibility of establishing a food bank to serve agencies located within the inner city. Interest was high among these agencies to provide meal or snack programs to people in need. Edmonton Food Bank collects food such as bread, pastries, fruits, vegetables, and near dated dairy products from grocery stores, food producers, and warehouses. This food is edible, but not marketable for a variety of reasons, such as label or branding changes. Between 60%-80% of the food distributed by the Food Bank is gleaned from the food industry, including warehouses, grocery stores, farmers, and local grocers."

Edmonton established the first food bank in Canada. The organization provides food to over 30,000 families per month. On an annual basis the Ed-

monton Food Bank distributes over 6 million kilograms of food, providing 350,000 meals and snacks and have 68 Food Depots. The Food Bank also offers free employment assistance, English and math upgrading, budget advice, personal counselling and information on affordable housing.

As we head into the busy Christmas season we can make a difference. Pray for the Food Bank, the volunteers, the families in need, the unemployed, and indeed our community. Pray for additional volunteers to assist us in distributing food hampers on Monday afternoons. And finally, I want to thank the volunteers who are supporting this ministry at Hillview. This tangible assistance to our neighbours would not be possible without you.

Rick's story generated some questions for which I wanted answers. Here are my queries and Rick's responses.

1. Do you also collect food for your clients/users? Are we as a church allowed to provide "extra" items? Or are we only allowed to distribute the food the food bank supplies?

The Food Bank is totally responsible for the food it provides to the clients picking up Food Boxes. We are not to add food items to the boxes as we don't know the family history, etc. We are a Food Bank Depot...they deliver...we pass hampers to the families.

2. Are you sent names of the people coming to our food depot? Can only preapproved people get food?

Each person that requires help contacts the Food Bank and they go through a series of questions such as how many are in the family and their ages, whether

there are health concerns etc. example allergies to peanuts. Each hamper for distribution has an assigned number and we receive a control sheet with the number and the name of the client is matched to the corresponding number. We check it off as people receive their boxes. As mentioned, every hamper is carefully prepared and checked by the Food Bank volunteers to be sure that health issues have been met.

3. Do people ever inquire about the church?

The odd person may ask something about Hillview as we have an info table close by. We are not allowed to promote our church but if they do approach we will guide them to the information table and they can take what we have available as our church contacts are provided on the info material.

4. I have heard about something called White Christmas. What is that?

The Hillview White Christmas program is an entirely different ministry. Totally separate from the Food Bank. With this ministry we receive private donations that are used to buy gift cards from Co-op towards grocery purchases. I will fill you in on this outreach come December.



Photo by Wayne Baker

More Connections - Visiting Fiona

By: Donald Nelson

We arrived in Halifax, Thursday, September 22nd, just a day before hurricane Fiona. We figured that the flight would be cancelled if we were in great danger. We sat behind two “born and raised” Nova Scotian young men on the flight who analyzed the whole situation, agreeing that storms are frequently over rated, and the hurricane had been down graded to a tropical storm at that point.

Friday we visited the Immigration Museum at Pier 21, noting that some exhibits had been removed pending the storm. Friday evening, when the storm hit,

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we were without power in a private home and the wind was howling, the house creaking, and some things blown about,

like the kids plastic swimming pool that vanished. We were safe and comfortable. By mid afternoon Saturday, the wind had decreased and we went for a walk along a community path beside a creek. Russ noticed a few missing shingles on roofs, and an occasional tree on the ground. There were quite a few people on our path, all discussing where to get power, groceries and gas. There was some power back on in our area, but our residence was out until Sunday. Sunday we took a drive to Peggy's Cove, Oak Island and Lunenburg to see the Bluenose II and visit the Fisheries Museum.

Bought a few gifts at Mahone Bay, so nothing was out of the ordinary for us as tourists. We avoided driving in Halifax as traffic lights were not working.

On Monday we drove to Prince Edward Island. Our booking had been confirmed post storm as long as we

were okay with only generator power during the morning and evening. We had a lot of time to explore the island, much of it on foot as there was a significant gas shortage, and we wanted our car's tankful to last the week. This was where our holiday was most affected. Most museums and tourist attractions were closed. The Confederation Centre depicting the beginning of Canada as

a nation, had been turned into a “warming centre”. People without power could charge their phones and electronic devices as well as get a few snacks to eat. But out in the open air, we roamed through the original part of Charlottetown, admiring the old architecture and seeing damage to some buildings, but especially the huge old trees that came down pulling huge root systems right out of the ground and taking sidewalks and driveways with them. We marveled that so few houses were actually hit with the fallen trees. There was a lot of cleanup...piles of brush that had been left strewn everywhere after the storm. We did get to see the Acadian Museum and the Anne of Green Gables Museum, a house where Lucy Maude Montgomery had lived. The North Shore and the original Green Gables site were all closed due to significant erosion and damage from the storm. We had full power 6 days after the storm, although some people remained without power well into the second week. We saw rows of trees fallen on electrical lines, resulting in



rows of snapped power poles. Crews worked night and day to get trees off the roads and to restore power. Northern Nova Scotia looked to be in a similar situation with power lines still down 10 days after the storm.

Cape Breton and the Cabot Trail were next on our itinerary. We shortened our time here as many of the trails were still closed, but we had a beautiful drive around the island and the fall colours were gorgeous. A short trip to Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, and a couple more days in Halifax and we headed home.

That was our trip. Thanks to those of you who left a message on our phone, prayed for us, and inquired about our experience on our return. Some suggested that they would have been fearful in our situation, yet we never even talked about changing our plans. Fear is widespread in our current world. With the Lord's help, we try to live each day without fear. God is in control. Whatever happens, He is with us.

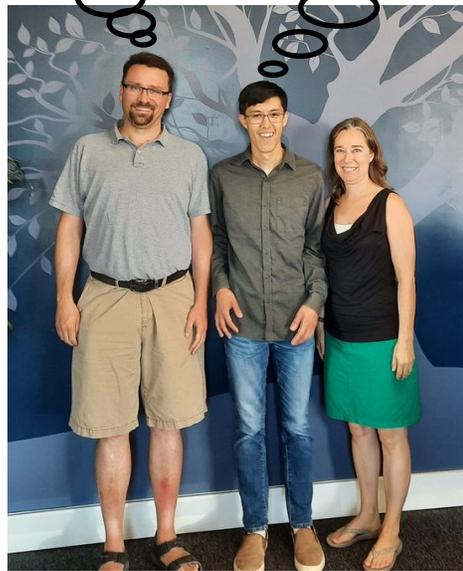
Hebrews 13:6 The Lord is my helper so I will have no fear.

An Engagement

By: some Hillview folks



We are so glad that you two have found one another and are starting the rest of your lives together. Love Mom and Dad (Krista's)



Neil, Ben and Krista

Congratulations to you two on your engagement. I had a great time at Hillview getting to know you both and I'm so glad to see you taking this step. I'll continue to keep you in my prayers." Ben Lien

*Laugh together often and put your spouse's happiness and well-being ahead of your own.
Mary Anne Dietrich*

1. Laugh everyday!
 2. Work together to find ways that your talents in marriage can serve Jesus.
 3. Be open to opportunities, like the Christmas Banquet 2021.
- Howard and Janet Adam*

*Never let the Sun set before you go to bed if you are angry or have a dispute. Let God guide you.
Gerald Kabitz*

*Neil, make a quick trip through the main part of the house just before Krista arrives home, run a dust cloth over the tables. Your wife will feel she has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too.
Joanne Hickman (revised from a 1950 Home Economics Book)*



"And by clicking on 'I Agree,' you agree to the terms and conditions..."

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Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.

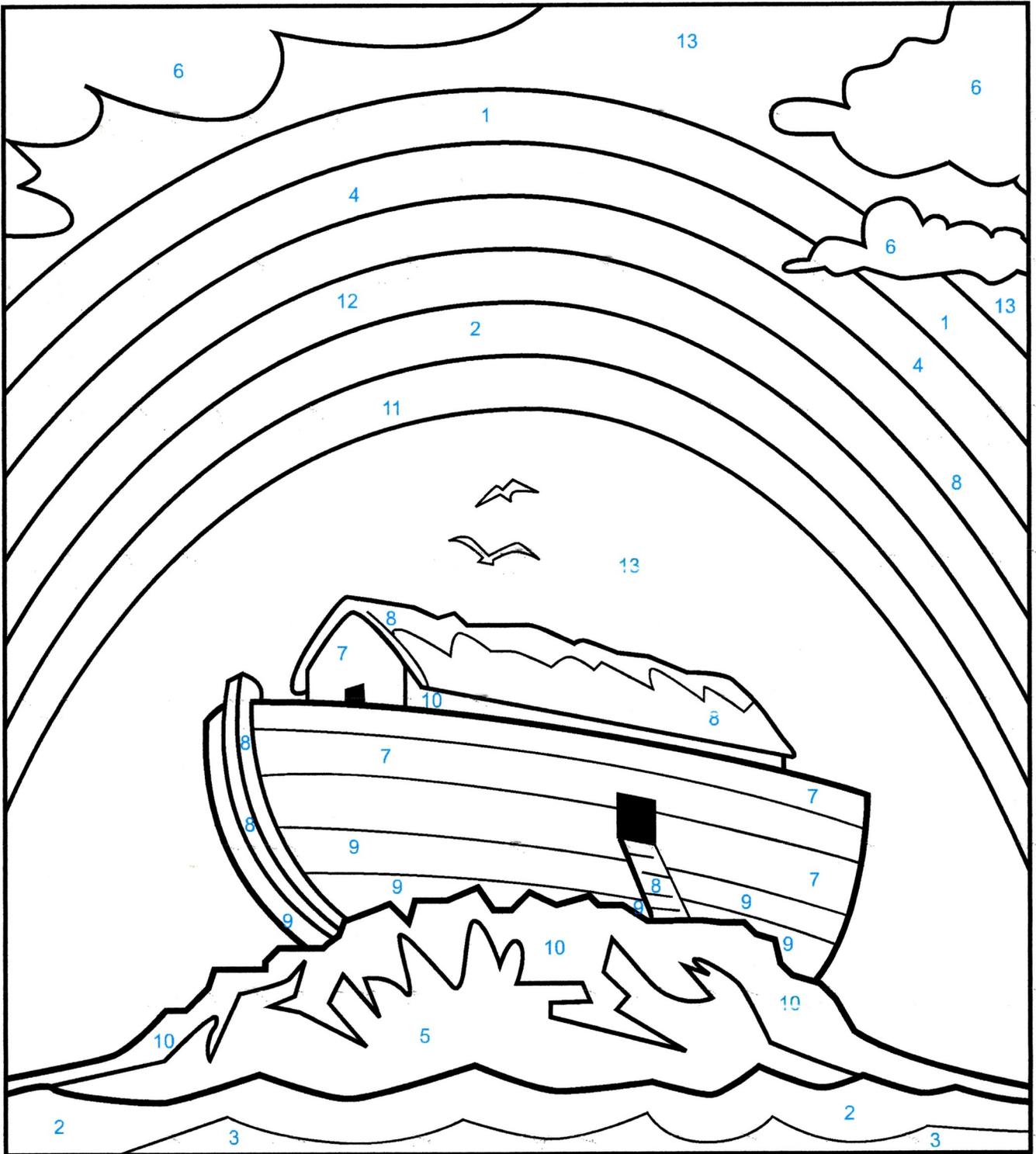
~ Will Ferrell

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*Read the Bible and pray together every day!!
Ardath Effa*

God Made a Promise to Noah Color by Number

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6. Light Gray
7. Tan
8. Yellow
9. Brown
10. Dark Gray
11. Violet
12. Light Green
13. Sky Blue

Gabriele, as you requested, hopefully this will provide more of a challenge for you than the activity page in October's issue.

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Matthew and I were so grateful for the way you welcomed us into your church family and made us part of your lives. Your support and kindness were powerful blessings. I'll never forget the love you showed us when we got married.

We began our married life with a crazy few years. We moved from Edmonton to San Diego, back to Edmonton and finally to Winnipeg. We spent the first nine months in a long-distance rela-

tionship and the next three in a COVID lock-down. We went from seeing each other once every couple of months to once every couple minutes, every day, all day. We spent our second year in transition, living with my parents and then in a friend's apartment. We learned to work from home in a small apartment, and we really got to know each other as a couple.

In our third year, we moved to Winnipeg, started new jobs, and tested positive for COVID. We tried and failed to buy a house (we lost 5 bids and then we gave up) and spent several months church hopping. (It's amazing how hard it is to find a church that is both healthy and spirit-filled).

Now, we have finally settled into our new lives. We're in an apartment with a beautiful view of Winnipeg's renowned Elm canopy and the Assiniboine River. In the winter months, the city transforms the river into the longest skating trail in Canada. It's 10 kms long and starts at our back door. The trail leads to the Forks, Winnipeg's most important geographical landmark. Here the Assiniboine and Red River meet. Before Canada completed the railroad, the Forks connected Western and Eastern Canada and was the country's most important center for trade. It's how we got the name

"The Gateway to the West." The Forks history is incredible. I love exploring it and hearing the many stories of our past. It is also Winnipeg's most popular hang-out spot. We've spent hours there trying out new restaurants, cafes, walking trails and museums.

We've finally found a church: Trinity Baptist. It's in a 100-year-old, stone building with wonderful acoustics. There are almost more children than adults in the church, and they are all under the age of 5. The pastor told us that 10 years ago, there were no children. The church prayed ceaselessly for God to send some, and he answered enthusiastically. Now, the congregation is tripping over children. There are also many seniors in the church. I'm connecting with a wonderful, older woman named Sarah, who has already blessed me with her prayers.

Between finding a church and settling into our new jobs, Matthew and I are beginning to make friends. We spend most of our Sunday afternoons with Justin and Kathrina, strong Christians we originally met through church. We're also meeting regularly with Evan and Rosie (their child Fern who turned 1 in June) and Derek. We connected with this group through the University of Winnipeg at a new faculty picnic.

We're so grateful for the home that God has prepared for us in Winnipeg. It has been wonderful learning what that looks like.

Thanks again for all your support and prayers. We think about you regularly and look forward to visiting often.

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A little boy opened the big family Bible...

He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered,

"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Living, Loving
Reaching, Growing



Nov 6: Coffee's On! Come join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments

Nov 13: Coffee's On! Come join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments

Nov 20: Please join us for Chili & buns after the service!

Nov 27: Coffee's On! Come join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments. Third times a charm!

Bible Studies

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study @ 10am

Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study in the library @ 7pm

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study in the Fireside Room @ 7pm

Sanctuary Modernification*

By: Bill Holmes



"I have a plan 'B', but that's also dependent on a working projector bulb."

There are some more changes coming to a sanctuary near you. If there are no supply chain shortages that seem to be so prevalent today, there are some modifications coming to the sanctuary. As you have probably noticed, the left projector is missing; its been dispatched to recycle

paradise. The A/V Committee decided to recommend to the Elders that the entire video system within the sanctuary be updated by replacing both projectors and the acquisition of two screens. The Elders authorized a maximum expenditure of \$15,000.00 with a hopeful install deadline of Christmas.

Five quotes were obtained from four different companies. All quotes received were higher than the budget allocation, but the A/V Committee determined that money could be saved if the installation was completed by volunteers. Luckily, we have many talented and knowledgeable people that are willing to participate in this project. Al Aben is the lead, with a supporting cast of everyone! For the techies among us – we are getting an NEC 4KUHD ready, 6,000 lumens with flexible lens shift, HDBaseT, 1.6 zoom lens and tilt free capability.

Sounds impressive, a state of the art unit until sometime next week.

The new projectors will be brighter, have more contrast and a much sharper image. Pastor Norm's maps and his other images/pictures will actually be visible. These are laser machines, no bulbs that need replacing and with up-to-date technology for greater functionality and flexibility. The existing right sanctuary projector will probably be moved to the Fellowship Hall because it offers better connectivity than the existing projector. It means HDMI connections rather than VGA, and no converters required.

Any questions or concerns please contact the A/V Committee.

* Modernification- a made-up word referring to a combination of modern and modification that is categorizing a change or renewal of an environment whether natural or man-made.