

“Growing Spiritually as Individuals and as a Church”

When we were closing out our study of Paul's letter to Titus a few weeks ago, I referred to a prayer that became the most requested item I've written. It is a good reminder for our congregation because we want to use our building for the glory of God. Here is that prayer in its entirety:

O Lord,

You are the creator and builder of the church.

As we now use this building as a house of worship, help us remember this building is only a tool, and we your people, are the church you choose to build.

May our (pews/seats) become worn in worship.

May our carpets show the stains of educating our children in Christian faith and fellowshiping together.

May our windows become smudged from many tiny hands.

May our parking lot collect the gravel from many car tires.

May our hymnal covers and seats become worn from so much use.

May our utility bills reflect the fact that this building is seldom unused.

And when it becomes time to remodel or refurbish, may we be speedy and generous to do so, always remembering that we, your people, are the church, and that this building is only a tool.

May we worship you and not it.

Amen.

-mark l vincent

Circle of Concern – Tim Huffman, Bill Johnson, Cooper Reents, Diane Taber, Tom West.
Our prayers for Chris Cox and all people serving in the military

Calendar

Wed. Feb. 22	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Lenten Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 W. Grand Rev. Bill Ingersoll, preaching
Thurs. Feb.23	6:30 PM	Hand Bell Practice
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sun. Feb. 26	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Adult Study Group
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wed. Feb. 22	7:00 PM	Lenten Service At First Congregational Church, 801 Bushnell Fr. Gary Krahenbuhl, preaching