Although the year of 2020 was quite unusual, with the arrival of COVID-19 and its resultant limitations, buildings and grounds nevertheless needed tending. The following items were accomplished:

A light switch was installed in the Rectory (aka Redlands.)

A new refrigerator was purchased for the Family Center.

Tree limbs were removed from the Parish Hall roof.

With Jim and Dale Cirillo retiring in May, a review of the Rectory was necessary to see what would need to be repaired in preparation for a new minister. On August 9, with a detailed list of items received from Dale and Jim upon their departure, a walk-through was completed by the Junior Warden, Dee Garrett and a local contractor, John Green, to assess any required repairs or renovations. Dee was accompanied by Mary Neal, Judy Ball, and Barbara Jacobs. Mr. Green addressed many items that he believed could be repaired/replaced/painted, etc. to save the church from incurring unnecessary, exorbitant expense.

Dee provided a quote from John Green at the August Vestry meeting, based on his assessment of items called out in the walk-through. A motion was made and carried to table the quote until one more bid could be obtained. Four contractors were contacted in request of a walk-through and resultant quote of the Rectory’s needs. In October, only one of the four contractors had responded and offered a quote. After the Vestry reviewed the additional quote and revisited Mr. Green’s quote, a motion to engage the services of John Green was accepted and carried.

By the November Vestry meeting, John Green had started working on the Rectory refurbishment. Bishop Ted and Bryan Jacobs had already removed the carpet and arranged for another contractor to remove the staples. Work continues to progress into 2021 with many improvements being realized.

We are thankful to have been able to continue caring for the buildings and grounds of Grace Church, even though the buildings remained empty.