

ONGOING ORGAN PROJECT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Will we have an organist to play the new organ? Can only certain kinds of organists play the new organ?
 - The SPRC, with support from the music department, will be searching for a new organist. Any candidate will be expected to have a skill level to use our console and to be able to demonstrate their skill. Our console will remain in use for a new pipe organ.
2. Have we explored grants from Ariel or Knox County Foundation?
 - Yes, and this project does not fit parameters for grant monies.
3. Could we do more rummage sales to raise money?
 - Our current rummage sales, organized by the United Methodist Women, raise money for mission and outreach. The level of organization and building use needed for a rummage sale works occasionally, but more would not be an effective way to use resources or even raise the kind of money this project needs.
4. Can we have updates as things come along?
 - Yes. Listen for regular announcements in church, articles in the newsletter and visit the church website and go to the Organ Project page. You can also talk to members of the Organ Steering Committee, and hear news in other committee meetings and church gatherings.
5. Is an electronic (the word we use is digital) organ a possibility?
 - This is also being explored
6. Is there a less expensive way of getting a pipe organ?
 - The Steering Committee will get specific information on the cost of other new or used organs, plus additional information on the cost of refurbishing the current pipe organ. This information will be part of the ongoing discussions and final decision making.