



**FRANKLIN  
PRESERVATION**  
*Protecting What Matters*



## Restoration Begins at The Old Lutheran Church

Work is set to begin on the Tower portion of the structure during the month of July. All architectural details will be replaced as necessary using upgraded building materials. A new entry stoop will be constructed from brick and mortar with railings included. Mike Teft Construction will be doing the work. Angelo Gatto will be completing the masonry. The building has been owned by Franklin Preservation since 2015. Many interior projects have been accomplished to date. The Church has been the site of Saved! a Sale of Cast-Offs and Collectables and a Tiki BBQ Party. The success of these events and other fundraisers have allowed Franklin Preservation to begin the long process of returning the building to its former glory.

We invite you to keep an eye on the project and to consider a donation or attendance at one of our functions.

Franklin Preservation received a \$27,000 Pennsylvania Keystone Grant in June. This money will be matched by funds from all of our generous donors and will go toward the replacement of the roof. Flashing, gutters and shingles will be replaced with appropriate materials.

### Picnic and Comedy Night

Franklin Preservation held a Family Picnic at the Church on Saturday, July 6 from 4 pm - 9 pm. The Log Cabin Family Food Truck provided food at the site.

Dexter Entertainment created balloon creatures and enthralled with magic tricks and The Porch Music Store held a Children's Recital. Comedian Lon Wilson tickled attendees funny bones in the sanctuary with Adult-themed humor.

The event was sponsored by Edward D. Jones offices of Christopher Rackow, Merralee Obenrader and Brian Mong and the WineConcepts.net blog.

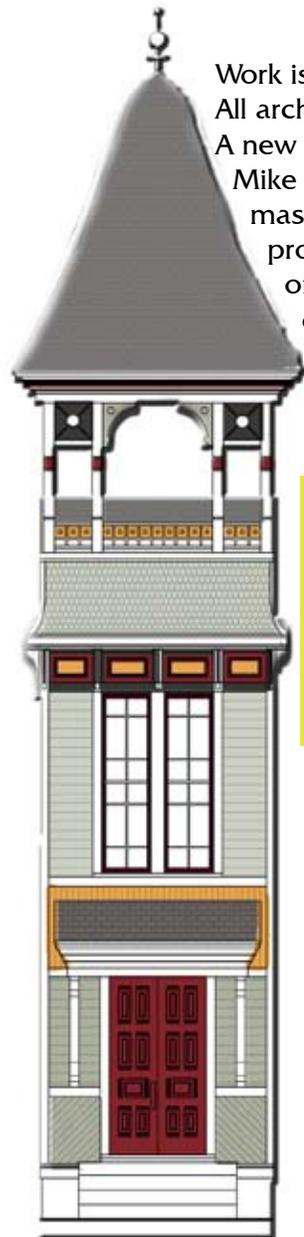


### 2nd Annual Tiki BBQ Party

Saturday, August 31 is the date. The event was successful last year so we are planning another

with a new band, Billy and the Neptunes. This local group plays 50s car culture, Rockabilly music. Entrance into the Church is by donation. The band will play from 7 - 9 pm.

Ed's Smokin' BBQ will offer food for sale at the event from 5 - 7pm. We encourage you to dress in tropical clothing and to bring your own beer or wine and a chair. This event is sponsored by Specialty Fabrication & Powder Coating, Prime Fitness, Rachel & Jim Ashbaugh and Benjamin's Roadhouse.



Raffle tickets are \$5 for one ticket or 3 tickets for \$10. They can be purchased from any Franklin Preservation Board Member, at the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and at any of our events. Proceeds benefit the restoration of the Old Lutheran Church.



**1st Prize \$ 1000 2nd Prize \$ 300 3rd prize \$ 200**

## School Tours

Member Tammy Bell coordinated the annual School Tour throughout the City of Franklin on May 3. Participants were the 9th grade accelerated students of Tara Anderson, a history teacher from Rocky Grove High School.

Accompanying her was Hannah Daily, English teacher. Approximately 22 students learned of the significant architecture and history of sites including Anderson Furniture, Civil War Monument, Parkview Apartments, Old Lutheran Church, Liberty Building, DeBence, and Venango County Historical Society.



They were treated to lunch in the third floor ballroom of DeBence Music Museum.

The School Tours have been running for over 15 years as an extension of the Barbara Wohlstein Essay Contest.

Interestingly, Tara Anderson was a winner of the essay contest and has since become a teacher at Rocky Grove High School.

## On the Horizon

Stop by the Franklin Preservation tent at Taste of Franklin on August 4 or Applefest on October 4-6. Our friendly staff will be selling raffle tickets and our famous pewter ornaments. The Old Lutheran Church on 1101 Buffalo Street will be the site of **SAVED!** A Sale of Cast-Offs and Collectables during Applefest.



An Heirloom Valuation Event will be held on Thursday, September 19 at the Old Lutheran Church. Auctioneer Jeff Pennington and others will be on site to identify your possessions and let you know what they may be worth.

So bring your interesting items to find out how valuable they are. More details coming soon.



Franklin Preservation is coordinating the Christmas House Tours with the City of Franklin.

On December

21 and 22. Tours of private homes will run from 1 - 8 pm on Saturday and 1 - 5 pm on Sunday. Over 10 houses will be available for touring. A Shuttle Bus will be running between the venues. Plans are still being finalized for this event.

## Members

Franklin Preservation is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year. It is a small but mighty group of people who recognize the significance of Franklin's architectural and historic history and strive to promote and protect it. If you live in or love older homes and would like to join the group as a Board Member or regular member, please consider joining Franklin Preservation.