

## **Lots of Changes Around Here: What Can You Expect to See?**

In the next few months no fewer than 19 property improvements will be occurring around here. A sampling:

1. A glass wall, recycled from the sanctuary at Holy Cross, will soon appear where those accordion doors are now, quieting the sanctuary from the parish hall and the kitchen. The new doors to the sanctuary will be substantial as well, with stained glass inserts.
2. In the parish hall, an all-new tile ceiling with twice the number of fluorescent light fixtures.
3. A newly-scrubbed and polished terrazzo floor in the church hall.
4. New, improved fluorescent lighting in the kitchen and in its hallway.
5. New, sturdier front entry doors, with cross-themed glass inserts. Yes, the doors will be painted traditional, Episcopal red!
6. Similar doors at the sanctuary's front emergency exits, left and right.
7. And lots of fresh paint!

## **Vestry Meets Again ... and Again**

At the August vestry meeting last Monday a possible low-interest loan from the diocese was a major topic of discussion. Parish Treasurer **Greg Duckett** reported that those funds would enable us to complete some long-sought improvements: connect to the city's sewer system; replace the roof on Ford Hall plus 3 smaller roof areas on the church building; pay balance due through 2005 to the national church Pension Fund; pay off remaining amount owed rector's health insurance; and erect an attractive, new church sign out front on 26th Avenue.

The loan application and cost estimates were gathered by an ad hoc finance committee of **Greg, Inez Ford, Mary Jones, Joyce Corn, Mary Clowers** and **Judy Krug**. \$50,000 is the amount requested, to be repaid in \$400 installments. A decision from the Diocesan Finance Committee is expected in two weeks.

Unanimous approval: Inez Ford's motion to donate \$2000 to *Your Place* from the \$4500 gift St. Augustine's received from St. George Parish in Bradenton.

Financial report: we are now paying all bills on time.

Jr. Warden's Report: installing the items extracted from Holy Cross: improvements can already be seen.

Two more meeting dates this summer: Tuesdays, August 16 and 23, to lay plans for church's next 24 months. Completed plans will be circulated to the parish and then sent to Bishop Lipscomb as evidence of the parish commitment to our mission in South St. Pete.

## **Sabbatical(s) Ending** *Continued from Page 1.*

a place where people can grow." That's our church's statement to the public, intended for those people who are "shopping for a church." Now St. Augustine's must decide how that self-definition can continue.

Those sabbaticals are nearly complete.. Do we know any better who we are becoming?

Here's a start for an answer, again from our web site: "We are an Episcopal congregation, loyal to Scripture, rich in worship, committed to outreach and ministry, and responding to the service to which Jesus calls us." So, is this St. Augustine's?

## **... So Now Who Do I Contact?**

Sr. Warden: **Mary Clowers** 864-3568. Talk to Mary about needs for pastoral care.

Jr. Warden: **Joyce Corn** 540-0655. Talk to Joyce about church buildings, maintenance, cleaning, etc.

Parish Treasurer: **Greg Duckett** 866-1508. Talk with Greg about parish budget, your giving, etc.

Deacon: **Mack Bauknight** 328-7686. Talk with Mack about spiritual needs.

### **Vestry Members, your representatives:**

**Sandra Anderson** 328-1827

**Inez Ford** 327-9693

**Hazel Hudson** 343-4157

**Mary Jones** 867-7702

**Judy Krug** 525-5044

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Our parish web site address: [www.staugstpete.org](http://www.staugstpete.org)

*"... more\* from St. Augustine's," is intended for members and friends of a courageous Episcopal Church in south St. Petersburg. This publication aims to be more than a weekly newsletter: it is all about recognition, spiritual attitude, the nixing of hearsay and, yes, unashamed cheerleading. Members Judy and Tom Krug are co-editors; Mordecai Walker is co-founder. Some 65 parishioners are essential to the project.*

