

The Magnetic Church Draws 'Em In

For 12 hours in May, Andy Weeks, packed St. Peter's Parish Hall to advocate a "practical evangelism." Mordecai Walker, Joyce Corn and Judy Krug came away with proven systems and techniques to attract and retain new members. Church sign, greetings, vocabulary, bulletins - almost everything that makes an impression on a first time visitor was explored and critiqued.

Greeting someone at the church entrance is a lot more than saying "Welcome." Joyce explained, "There are some things we do in the name of friendliness that, believe it or not, actually scare people away."

Now those kinds of insights will be shared with the rest of us. Times are being arranged for all of St. Augustine's to learn and practice better ways of growing our church. Details and a calendar will be announced soon. In the meantime, check out the excellent Magnetic Church website at www.magnetic-church.com.

From the New Junior Warden, Joyce Corn . . .

"I'm so full of ideas that I'm mostly trying to put together lists and work with the Vestry to set priorities. . . . I love improving things and I'm sure we can brighten up our surroundings so we all feel better and so visitors will sense that we're on the move. . . . Already I'm getting so much assistance that this looks like it's mostly a scheduling job. . . ."

They Said They Felt Like Grave-robbers

When they went scrounging through the leftovers at a recently closed Episcopal Church, they thought the sanctuary looked like a flea market. Except at Holy Cross in north St. Petersburg there were hymnals, sanctuary lamps, pews and stained glass windows for Claude Reynolds, Joyce Corn and Tom Krug to examine. Then they discovered a new cross for our roof and front entry doors which really looked like they belonged to a church. There are even some nature landscaping items to claim for St. Augustine's.

You'll immediately see 23 copies of the "Lift Every Voice and Sing" hymnal. Some other items, like stained glass, will take a few weeks to install.

Not a Leave of Absence. Not a Vacation. It's a Sabbatical!

Our priest is away for three months this summer. After 8+ years here, Fr. Hayden Crawford will be on retreat, at an international conference in Toronto, Canada, enrolled in an intensive Spanish language study program in Central America and in prayer and reflection.

During that time three other Episcopal priests will serve St. Augustine's.

Fr. Lee Jaster will be with us on June 5, 12 and 19.

Fr. Jack Hyde, who visited with us on May 29, will be here on June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Fr. Alton J. Chapman will be our celebrant on August 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Fr. Crawford will return to St. Augustine's September 1.

Questions? Concerns? Here's Who You Contact . . .

Senior Warden: Mary Clowers 864-3568. Talk to Mary about pastoral care needs, crises, administrative matters.

Junior Warden: Joyce Corn 510-0655. Talk to Joyce about issues concerning church buildings and use property.

Parish Treasurer: Greg Duckett 866-1508. Talk with Greg about your pledge, monetary gifts, and parish budget.

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

Vestry Members: Sandra Anderson 328-1827

Inez Ford 327-9693

Hazel Hudson 343-4157

Mary Jones 867-7702

Judy Krug 525-5044

Theresa Martin 866-6649

Claude Reynolds 422-2395

Mordecai Walker 898-6543