

## Obsessing About Sewage

"I can't help myself," he was saying to no one in particular. "I think stewardship means a real conscience about using the bucks the church is given."

When **Tom Krug** was asked to get some additional estimates for sewer system work, he spent a lot of hours calling plumbing specialists who would even tackle the job of connecting our property to the city's sewer system. He got recommendations, called 13 companies, dismissed some immediately, chose four to come out and do their measuring and submit real bids.

"We are talking trenching here, interfacing two septic systems (one from the church building, one from Ford Hall), designing a lift pump mechanism to move sewage slightly uphill." They'll be laying almost 300 feet of PVC sewer pipe, evacuating the old tanks, crushing their bottoms and filling them with sand.

"This job needs permits and inspections, system specs, excavations, electrical installations, and grunt work." It's a contractor's task, not for guys who just fix faucets. Some of the bids are still being written. Estimates have varied by almost 60%.

"This project's important, sure, but it's not money we want to use casually," Tom says. The vestry, concerned about the frequent unpleasantness of our septic tanks, is looking at modernizing the church's systems.

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Each account shows the amount received, amount spent and for what, and that account's balance. "This way," Greg said, "no one will wonder if the funds given for improvements went to pay the water bill."

**Mordecai Walker** resigned as chair of the Stewardship and Public Relations committees. "My term expires in January, 2006," he said. "I think someone who will remain on the vestry for a longer time should take over these responsibilities." Mordecai explained that greater continuity would increase the committee's effectiveness.

Mary Clowers thanked Mordecai for creating the Stewardship Circles and for publishing two years of the monthly newsletter, *Stewardship Sentinel*.

To answer questions effectively from the bishop, and in lieu of presenting a more formal report, vestry members decided they would individually review the work each had done. As always, the meeting closed with a prayer of thanksgiving, led by Greg Duckett.

### **Readings for Next Sunday**

**Old Testament: I Kings 3: 5-12.** God promises King Solomon a heart to govern God's great people.

**Psalms 119: 121-136.** The Psalmist pleads, "Treat your servant kindly; teach me your statutes."

**Epistle: Romans 8: 26-34.** Paul declares that God cooperates with all those who love him.

**Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-49.** Jesus uses parables to teach about the Kingdom of Heaven.

## **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

**Theresa Martin** 866-6649

**Claude Reynolds** 422-2395

**Mordecai Walker** 898-6543

**Rudy Gabbidon** 866-1077

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