

What Is That Thing Out There?

That big storage container out front contains the many items we have been able to salvage from the buildings that once were Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

There have been St. Aug's people there every day this week, assessing, sorting, measuring, disassembling. "We'll be able to replace every door in our church and office buildings" **Tom Krug** says. And with ceiling tiles and light fixtures, the men of this parish expect to dramatically transform our own church hall. There are 16 better doors, a new divider for the wall between the sanctuary and the hall, lots of new kitchen items and many new fluorescent lights.

"Holy Cross was a superbly-well-maintained facility," Tom says, "so many items are like brand-new." But much more has been reclaimed than building supplies. In a full day of rummaging through sacristy items, kitchen supplies and a storage attic, **Inez Ford** and **Mary Clowers** discovered everything from altar linens to candlesticks.

Michael Griffen and **Nat Caines** removed over 550 deluxe ceiling tiles and ceiling speakers. **Rudy Gabbidon**, **Claude Reynolds** and **Bobby Allen** disassembled an entire 37 foot wall, marked each piece and will reassemble it for St. Augustine's. **Greg Duckett** and Tom Krug uninstalled numerous light fixtures. And now there is a likelihood that several air conditioning compressors might be transplanted to our church's system.

On Saturday some parishioners convinced a son, a grandchild and a friend with experience to help with the moving. Then **Nat and Mary Jones** catered a freshly-netted mullet fish-fry dinner for all the volunteers.

A half-dozen other parishes claimed everything from church pews to a commercial dishwasher and office equipment. On Tuesday of this week everything that remains will be turned to rubble by demolition crews.

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Maybe we'd do alternative worship experiences there, in another kind of neighborhood ministry. "We could do that!" she says.

Sometimes ideas for a parish future occur to several people at the same moment (the airplane was conceived simultaneously in France and the U.S.). Both **Mordecai Walker** and **Louise Stroude** have been talking up St. Augustine hosting parties, outdoors, inviting our neighborhood. There must be many more such visions.

Readings for Next Sunday

Old Testament: Jonah 2: 1-9. Tale of the whale. God hears and delivers.

Psalms: Psalm 29. The voice of the Lord is powerful.

Epistle: Romans 9: 1-5. Being a child of God isn't inherited; it means being born through God's promise.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33. Jesus walks on water and teaches the disciples about faith.

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