

MINISTRY FOR TOMORROW



MINISTRY FOR TOMORROW UPDATE — The renovations of our Nave, Chapel and Narthex are nearing completion, and we hope to return to worship in the Nave sometime in the next few weeks. A special liturgy will celebrate the return of our worship into the welcoming and adaptable Nave when the renovations are finished. Those of you who saw the presentation during the Annual Congregational Meeting know how exciting it was to see recent pictures of the Renovation progress. Soon we will actually get to start enjoying the fruits of all the work over the past year that made it possible. Many thanks to all who have shepherded this work along. It's an inspiring enhancement to our worship and evangelism potential in so many new and exciting ways.

The completion of the Nave renovation is great news, but we still have work to do! Various components of the pipe organ are still being worked on by the finest craftsmen around the country, and it is hoped that installation of our fine new instrument will begin sometime after Easter. Progress is gradually being made toward the acquisition of the additional property; we keep the present owners in our prayers as they consider their options for their future.

We still have significant bills to pay, and thus commitments to the MFT campaign need to be honored in a timely fashion. Those who have not yet committed to this effort will have an opportunity to do so when our 2009 MFT canvass resumes in the spring. Our goal is for every membership unit to make a financial commitment to the \$2.1M campaign goal. Although we have already achieved 2/3 of our goal, we still need to hear from every family as we expand the commitment to the full amount necessary to pay for the renovations and to obtain the additional property that will make possible an expanded physical plant in the future. Canvass teams under the leadership of Dale & Dodie Hruby will begin contacting all not-yet-committed families next month.

Stay tuned for announcements about additional MFT activities that are now being planned for later in the spring. The legacy we leave through MFT will enable significantly enhanced Christian education for our parish, and expanded witness and ministry to the Burke community for many years. Many thanks to all who have already risen to the MFT occasion, and to all whose prayerful consideration will ensure the complete success of the campaign this year!