



MINISTRY FOR TOMORROW UPDATE

Have you been wondering what has transpired since the Parish Meeting in June?

- The **parish meeting** confirmed the congregation's commitment to embark on a campaign to secure the funds necessary to replace the current organ, renovate the nave and acquire the additional property necessary to expand our future ministry opportunities. Parish response was enthusiastic for moving out this fall to secure the foundations for our future worship and ministry.
- **Many parishioners are now involved** in various aspects of the *Ministry for Tomorrow* Program.
 - The Nave Renovation Committee has held several meetings with the architect, the contractor, and lighting, acoustical and heating consultants.
 - The Organ Committee will monitor the ongoing process of getting our new instrument refurbished for our space.
 - The Capital Campaign Committee, headed by Doug Connell, Chris Conrad and Bob Edmonds, is busy preparing to raise the needed funds
 - There's plenty of work to be done, and **you are welcome to become a part** of the effort. Come help make the dream a reality!

Significant progress is evident on multiple fronts:

- The **pipe organ** was removed from St. John's Church, Chevy Chase, MD, in June by our builder, DiGenarro-Hart, who placed some components in storage pending later work, and shipped other components for restoration by specialists scattered around the country. These restoration activities are still underway. Coordination has begun between our architect, Greg Uekman, and DiGenarro-Hart regarding plans for installation of the organ in the nave as part of the renovation.
- The **Nave Renovation** Committee held several meetings to discuss overall renovation design objectives, select the general contractor, provide guidance on nave lighting, and discuss engineering results on acoustics and HVAC. The architect has prepared an initial drawings and specifications package for the general contractor to use for the development of an initial cost estimate for the renovation. We expect to have this initial cost estimate by the end of October. Based on this information, the Committee and Vestry will decide whether to proceed to more detailed plans and specifications or, if necessary, modify the plans to be consistent with expected resources.
- The Rector has had several discussions with the owners of the adjacent **property**. As they consider options for their future relocation, they are willing to have preliminary discussions about price and terms. The parish is involved in the early stages of due diligence in regard to appraisal of the property value in order to make a fair and equitable offer.

- The line of credit with Sun Trust Bank to assure cash flow during this project has been negotiated and is expected to go to closing the last week in October.

The *Ministry for Tomorrow* campaign is spiritually grounded in our commitment to stewardship. Here's how it fits in:

- *The Ministry for Tomorrow* capital campaign is not a substitute for the annual pledge drive. Think of it this way: Our household finances can typically be divided into short-term, medium-term and longer term parts. In the short term, we have our current expenses. In the medium term, we might be saving for specific goals such as a house, college or retirement. And in the long term are life insurance, wills, and estate planning.
- Similarly, in the church, we have short term current expenses, funded by the annual pledges. In the long term, the Endowment Fund reflects our commitment to end of life stewardship, and includes bequests and planned gifts that generate investment income for the parish. And in the medium term, we now have a specific congregational focus: the *Ministry for Tomorrow* Program that will take advantage of the current opportunities regarding organ replacement, nave renovation and property acquisition that will provide the foundation for our expanded future ministry.

What's next with the *Ministry for Tomorrow* Program?

- Well, it's a **Jazz Brunch!** Come celebrate the Kickoff of the *Ministry for Tomorrow* Program at a Parish Reception.
 - *When:* After the 10 am service on Sunday, Nov. 18
 - *Where:* In the Parish Hall
 - *What:* Learn the latest information about the Nave renovation, the refurbishing of the new organ, the property acquisition . . . and all that jazz!