

Faith, Vision, Legacy - It's About Time

Capital Campaign News from St. Augustine's In-the-Woods

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The Mission of
St. Augustine's In-the-Woods
Episcopal Church is to
*"worship God, witnessing to
Jesus Christ by serving the
community and the world in
which we live, all through
the power of the Holy
Spirit."*

Building Fund
Pledges to Date

\$1,033,000.00

Thanks be
to God!

*"... as you sing
psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs
among yourselves,
singing and making,
melody to the Lord
in your hearts,
giving thanks to God
the Father at all
times and for
everything in the
name of our Lord
Jesus Christ."
(Ephesians 5:7)*

An Appreciation and Recognition

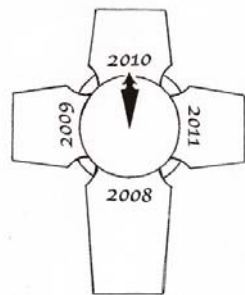
By Judy Yeakel

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who helped with the major part of our *Faith, Vision, Legacy - It's About Time* capital campaign during the past three months. "Everyone" includes all members of the Capital Campaign Team who helped do all the big and little chores and jobs needed to get the work done. "Everyone" also includes all of you who made a monetary commitment to the campaign. You will see in this newsletter what the results are . . . and where we go from here.

There are still people we have not heard from, so I want to let each of you know that *no gift or financial commitment is too small*. Part of your involvement includes your support of the building program itself. Your pledge is a way of expressing that.

There is still work that we need to do to make this campaign the success that it can be. The pledging portion of this campaign has begun and continues for the coming three years. Pledges can be made at anytime to the building fund. Official closure of this campaign will not officially occur until the end of 2011.

I have been honored to be co-chair, partnering with Bill Carruthers. Our job was certainly made easier with the leadership and guidance given to us by Marc Rieke of The Enrichment Group. His regular visits and his own faith commitment have been a valuable lesson for all of us. But also important has been the participation of so many (more than 35) members of St. Augustine who participated as a member of the Team. It is never the work of just one person, but the cooperative labor of many. So thank you all!



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An Encouragement to Give

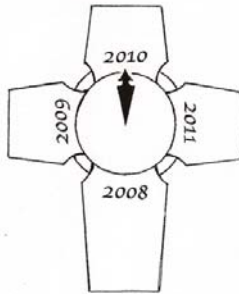
Some of the congregation has yet to notify the campaign committee about their commitment to the building campaign. These are hard times for many financially. Suffering and adversity sometimes drive us inward, causing us to focus our concerns on ourselves. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians he tells them of the Macedonians who had "a severe ordeal of affliction" and "extreme poverty" yet "voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints." (2 Corinthians: 8, 2-4). Their hardship instead of driving them inward drove them outward, as a basis for action to give generously.

Their gifts were probably fairly small monetarily, but were a huge contribution. The focus in giving is not the amount, but rather the proportion. Paul did not expect the Corinthians to do what the Macedonians given. The Macedonians had given beyond proportion. He was not suggesting they go out and borrow money so that they could give. Rather Paul was reasoning that they had "disposable income" they could use to provide the contribution needed for the Jerusalem church. He was not asking them to "max out their credit cards" to help the church.

Your gifts to St. Augustine's can be made in many forms. Most will be given over the three-year period of the capital campaign. People may use IRAs or appreciated stock. Checks can be made out on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis. There is a possibility being explored of using a credit card. Finally as a buttress to your pledge, St. Augustine's can be named as a beneficiary on your IRA or Insurance policy for a percent or specific amount as well as on "pay on death" instruments such as Certificates of deposit or savings bonds.

The Scriptures make it clear that God measures our gifts not in relationship to others, but rather in relationship to the degree of individual sacrifice based on how each of us has been uniquely blessed. This means to dedicate that which is precious to us for that which we value deeply, the future of our congregation and its ministries. We should, though, be willing to give up anything God asks of us. This attitude allows nothing to come between God and us. All gifts are good gifts, and everyone's participation is valued and needed.

"He also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow had put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." "
(Luke 21:2-4)



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*According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.
(1 Corinthians 3:10)*

What's next in our building process?

BUILDING COMMITTEE Chair- Susan Campbell Sandri

Pre-application Conference Process.

Documents are prepared for Island County. Vestry approval to enter the process was granted last month. The fee will be \$275, which will be applied to the formal building permit request if it is made within 6 months of the pre-application process. The process will yield a memo from each involved county department, such as planning, health, and public works outlining the requirements we must meet regarding such things as water, septic, drainage, access, parking, transportation, et cetera. It will probably take 4-6 weeks to get the conference scheduled following our application.

St. Augustine's will complete an Agent Authorization form naming Stig as our agent with the county. This means correspondence related to the building application processes will go to him. He will then be able to interpret what is needed and convey concerns to us. Stig is willing to prepare whatever we need to send to the Diocesan Building Committee.

The Robinson Company, which did our building costs estimate, reports that the projects it has estimated in recent months are coming in about 15% below their estimate.

Design Development Phase.

This phase will cost about \$24,000. This phase adds detail to our rough plans, such as exact placement of windows and built-in features, plus details things like the heating system and sound engineer's recommendations. Our original time-line called for Stig to start this process last month. Even if our building date is delayed, we must undergo this phase at some point. Delays now could impact our desire to be ready for occupancy for summer 2010.

Construction Documents Phase.

This phase is estimated to cost \$42,000. If we complete this phase next, we will be able to apply for permits and build whenever we are ready. We do not need to decide this now, but start thinking about this.

The current timeline projected by Stig allows for a January final decision about the results of the campaign.

Remembrance and Celebration

"The total teamwork of the committee involved so many people. I was very concerned going in that we would forget about the annual stewardship giving and focus only on the capital campaign or vice versa. As it turned out both campaigns were enhanced by the process."

Lynda Anderson
Stewardship Co-Director

"It was so much fun coming up with the campaign name. It ended up saying it all. It summarized what our church is all about."

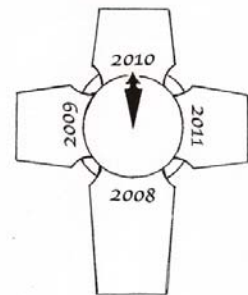
Ken Anderson
Stewardship Co-Director

"Because so many of us were involved in the Capital Campaign, it was hard not to think about what part St. Augustine's plays in our lives. What would I do and where would I go if there were no St. Augustine's? What would substitute for St. Augustine's in my life? "

Isabel Neddow
Continuation Director

"For me I realized that we have an extended family at St. Augustine's. Parishioners responded cheerfully to my putting together a promotion team for the Capital Campaign. I left confident in those individuals who carried out the process without interruption during my illness. And the Capital Campaign brochure and bookmark were well received which was gratifying."

Stephen Schwarzmann
Promotion Co-Director



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*"rather, we are workers
with you for your joy,
because you stand firm
in the faith."
(2 Corinthians 1:24b)*

Approaching Our Challenge Goal!

We have surpassed our Cornerstone Goal, and very close to our Challenge Goal of \$1,100,000. Just \$67,000 to go! Thanks be to God!

When we hear from more of the congregation, the campaign can start climbing to our Celebration Goal of \$1,700,000 and truly celebrate God's house with our vision.