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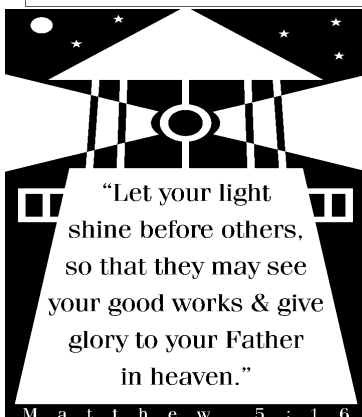
Every home owner or person who manages property will not only relate to the content of this article, but will probably be sympathetic to it as well. It is a summary and explanation of the capital projects work performed so far. Let me start with some basic items I assume everyone knows already. The 2003 Vestry authorized the establishment of a "Capital Projects Team" to oversee the work outlined in the capital campaign. Of the four areas of proposed work (grounds that beautify, worship space, infrastructure, and tower) the Team decided to start with the off street parking and grounds.

So far, we have gained approval for the outdoor plan from the City of Poughkeepsie, completed and survey, paid our landscape architect, installed the fortified turf lots and a handicapped accessible asphalt lot, improved outdoor lighting for safety and security purposes, poured a new sidewalk to the office entrance (glass doors) and contracted for signs. Yet to be done are the flagstone walkways, planting of shrubs and trees, installation of a sprinkler system, and correcting the fortified turf lots.

The Capital Projects Team has done a great job to get us this far, with special thanks to Hal Gregorius, who has not only met with countless contractors to explain the work to be done and solicit bids, he has also been a bold and courageous advocate for the Capital Campaign Fund. He has saved us thousands of dollars by asking the contractors to consider they are doing work for a church, not a commercial business, and could they keep that in mind when they "do the figures." Hal has been an excellent steward of the campaign dollars you have donated to Christ Church.

Now here's the part homeowners understand. We started the work on the grounds and parking lots thinking that we knew what we were getting ourselves into, and a reasonably good sense of what needed to be done. Once we started however, we discovered aspects of the work that needed doing but could not have been foreseen. (This happened to me once at home when I was wrestling with a stubborn kitchen sink and before it was all over, I needed the help of three plumbers at the cost of \$680.) Here are a couple of examples. Initially repairing the cement walkway from Carroll Street to the office entrance was not included in the capital projects literature. However, when the asphalt was laid for the handicapped spaces, we realized that new cement would need to be poured between the asphalt and the existing ramp. Wet concrete would be here and paid for, and who knows when that would happen again. We looked at the existing walkway which was cracked and parts of it sunken (collecting water which freezes to an ice rink style surface in the winter months) and decided to have the contractor pour a new, level walkway for us. It is lovely and useful. It needed to be done. The cement truck was here. But, it wasn't advertised as part of the Capital Campaign. To wait three years, for example, and install a new walkway would be poor stewardship of funds. It was cheaper to do it now so we did it. The walkway is helping fulfill our mandate to create "grounds that beautify."

Another example is the front steps facing Academy Street. The repair and resetting of these steps was also not part of the campaign literature. However, a crew of stone workers was here from Connecticut to give us a bid on exterior work being contemplated by



the Property Team. On the spot, we negotiated a contract for the front steps that was very reasonable. They removed a cracked stone and replaced it with a stone that was just lying on the north lawn (no cost to us) and voila, the steps were done! Again, this was unexpected work, but badly needed, and the results are phenomenal. At one of the last conversations I had with Walt Wagner, he said to me, "You really ought to do something about those steps." Walt, this one's for you.

In the same vein, we are installing sprinklers so that the new plantings will not die on us inside of a year, but will grow and thrive for years to come. The investment in the sprinklers will protect our investment in plants. No one thought of that before or during the Campaign. Our exterior lights are beautiful and go perfectly with our Victorian architecture. They are of the highest quality, and solid cast iron. They are more expensive than cheaper fixtures, but will outlast them by decades. One last example, originally we planned to install crushed stone for our parking surfaces. The fortified turf option allows us to keep the visual of lawn, while providing parking spaces for church events. The turf cost us about \$30,000 more than crushed stone, but we feel it was worth every penny. I think our neighbors agree.

And so it goes. The Capital Projects Team is working on quality products that not only beautify our property, but will last for years and years to come. We have spent much more than we had thought we would, but the end result is worth it. The image we project to the public (our exterior) makes a significant statement about how much we care about Poughkeepsie and environs. It is possible that some of the other work will not be as expensive as we thought, which will help balance things out in the end. Please continue to make payments on your campaign pledge. We are moving forward together.

Michael

A NOTE FROM GOD

Aug. 1	Psalm 49:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Ecclesiastes 1:12-14 2:(1-7,11) 18-23	Colossians 3:(5-11)12-17
Aug. 8	Psalm 33:12-15,18-22 Luke 12:32-40	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3(4-7) 8-16
Aug. 15	Psalm 82 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Hebrews 12:1-7 (8-10) 11-14
Aug. 22	Psalm 46 Luke 13:22-30	Isaiah 28:14-22	Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29
Aug. 29	Psalm 112 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Ecclesiasticus 10:(7-11) 12-18	Hebrews 13:1-8

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WINE & CHEESE
TASTING PARTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2004

TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED



Another successful Summer Camp will come to a close on Friday, August 6. Please join the campers at their Annual Talent Show and Barbecue this week. The talent show will be held on Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30pm in the chapel. The Barbecue will be held on Friday, August 6 at 12 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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AUGUST 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR Bach Fest Reh./7pm/Church	3 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR Bach Fest Reh./7pm/Church	4	5 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR Bach Fest Reh./7pm/Church	6 Noon AA/CR	7 Bach Fest-All Day/Evening AA/7PM/CR
8 Rector Away Deacon Away 9AM/MP & Bach Fest Service	9 Noon AA CR 7PM/AA/CR	10 Noon AA/CR 7:30pm-Center of the Square 7:30pm - GALA CR	11 Lindy Hoop	12 Noon AA/CR	13 Noon AA/CR	14 Yoga 3-4pm AA 7PM/CR
15 9AM/HE 1PM Santa Misa 7PM AA	16 Noon AA CR 7PM-AA/CR	17 10am HE <i>Noon AA/CR</i> 7:30pm - GALA/ CR	18 Lindy Hoop	19 Noon AA/CR	20 Noon AA/CR 1p0m/CR Wed- ding Reception	21 Flad Wedding CR/ALL DAY AA 7PM/CR
22 Rector Away Deacon Away 9AM HE/ "The Courier" 1pm Santa Misa AA7PM/CR	23 Noon AA CR 7PM-AA/CR	24 10am HE Noon AA CR 7:30PM/GALA CR	25 Lindy Hoop	26 Noon AA/CR	27 Noon AA/CR 7:30pm Dignity & Integrity/CR 7:30-9:30PM/CR SCA Dance	28 AA 7PM/CR
29 Rector Away Deacon Away 9AM/HE 1PM Santa Misa AA -7PM/CR	30 Noon AA CR 7PM-AA/CR	31 10am HE Noon/AA GALA 7:30/CR				

HE-Holy Eucharist
MP-Morning Prayer
LMR- Lay Ministry Room
PLE-Parish Life Episkopos
CME-Community Life Episkopos
ESL - English as a Second Lang.
CR - Community Room

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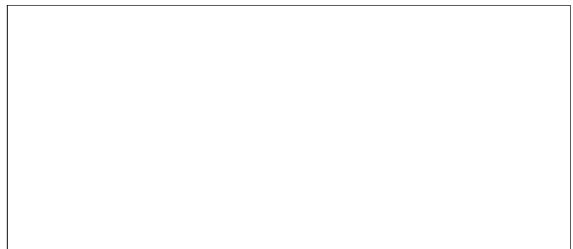
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*Stop and consider
 God's wonders.*

Job 37:14



August Prayer Cycle

In order to give emphasis to our ministry to one another, we have a Parish Prayer Cycle. Each parishioner or family is prayed for on a particular day. Here is the list of names to be kept in our prayers for each day during the month of August.

1. Susan Russell
2. Ella Schoonmaker
3. Suzanne Schultz
4. Peggy Seifts
5. Fred Sentongo
6. John & Nancy Shackleton
7. David & Paula Sherwood
8. Richard Shore
9. Engrid Smith
10. Ralph & Margaret Smith
11. Hubert Smith, Jr.
12. Anne Strain
13. Richard Strain
14. Al Stridsberg
15. John Sullivan
16. Dennis Swetz

17. Sally Taylor
18. Matt & Alicia Tether and Zoe
19. George & Lillian Garrett-Thomas
20. Jim & Martha Thoruley
21. Susan Tobin
22. Linda Unger
23. Patricia Upham
24. William & Sally Vasse
25. Frank & Judy Vasta
26. Bob & Ellie Vermillion
27. Jackie Vierno
28. Teresa Vilardi
29. Judith Weiner-Davis
30. Olga Whittaker
31. Gaye Whyte

Almighty God, look with favor on our brothers and sisters of this parish, especially (names). Strengthen them in their journey of faith, fill them with compassion for one another, and give them an awareness of your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.