

January 11, 2009 marked the dedication of the renovation projects completed under the watch of the Property Ministry. While these projects span the period into the fall of 2007, this is the summary of projects completed and the contractors who did the work:

**Sidewalk improvement:** Gaetano Colomba of Lighthouse Property Maintenance leveled the badly buckled sidewalks at both narthex entrances. The rear sidewalk is located a few inches above a concrete pad which extends about 5 feet out from the doors, and to each edge of the bricked area. The bushes planted next to that area have roots that had grown between the concrete pad and the bricks. This will be a recurring problem unless roots are cut at the edge of the bricks a couple of times a year. The decorative brick squares in the concrete areas outside each entrance had sunk or risen, causing trip hazards. All brick were reset in fine grade crush and run.

**Lighting improvement:** David Whitney of Atlantec Engineers worked with the committee and congregation to evaluate our lighting situation and to make recommendations to bring the light to the level desired by the congregation. Existing light footcandles were measured throughout the sanctuary and diagrammed to show that the light levels ranged from 2.1 foot candles at the entrance to 30+ footcandles under the existing center fixtures. All of the central lights and rear fluorescent lights were replaced with energy efficient compact fluorescents of matching light color. The track lights were replaced with more efficient but smaller bulbs. Wall sconces of the same design as the central pendant lights were installed. The resulting lighting provides a very small range of footcandle difference wherever one is in the sanctuary. Dimmer switches allow for a standard sanctuary lighting setting with the ability to increase or decrease lighting as the circumstances require. The wiring and installation were completed by Brothers Electric.

**Walls:** Mildew and moisture resistant wallboard was installed over 1 x 2 furring on an 18" center. Accommodation was made for the wall light fixtures by installing an additional layer of wallboard which covered the electrical boxes. The walls were primed and painted with low odor emitting paint, Pale Jade. The front wall behind the cross and back closet/overhang area and window frames were also painted. Some of this painting was completed by committee members and other members of the congregation during a workday. Michael Evans of Barker Property Maintenance subcontracted with Cardinal Property Maintenance for completion of the wallboard project. Coordination between the wallboard and electrical installation was critical due to the installation of conduit to accommodate the wiring for the wall fixtures.

**Doors:** Martin Architectural worked with us to order full glass, low-e fiberglass doors from ThermaTru. Scott Strickland took over management of the project when their first representative failed to follow through. The doors finally arrived, were sized and stained and were installed the day before Christmas Eve. The staining of the fiberglass doors involved matching the color to the existing door frames and wood/glass area around the doors. Alkat Furniture Restoration completed the staining and did a beautiful job. In addition, the badly weathered wood on the outside of the Wade Avenue entrance was sanded, stained and protected with a UV blocker prior to installation.

The Property Ministry also sponsored three workdays during the year. In April and again in December, volunteers spruced up the grounds by pruning, weeding, and removed shrubs from the walled garden at the front of the sanctuary. We also removed items from the church that had served their useful life or had broken. During the summer, a group of about 15 people took part in a workday put the finishing touches, such as painting, cleaning, dusting, and vacuuming, needed to return to the sanctuary after the construction project to renovate the sanctuary was completed. The congregation as a whole contributed to the sanctuary renovation by holding Sunday church services in the Vaughn Wing for several weeks during the construction.

Many thanks as well to all the members who help make repairs to doors, lights, bathrooms, and kitchen as they as needed, because there is always something that needs to be done!