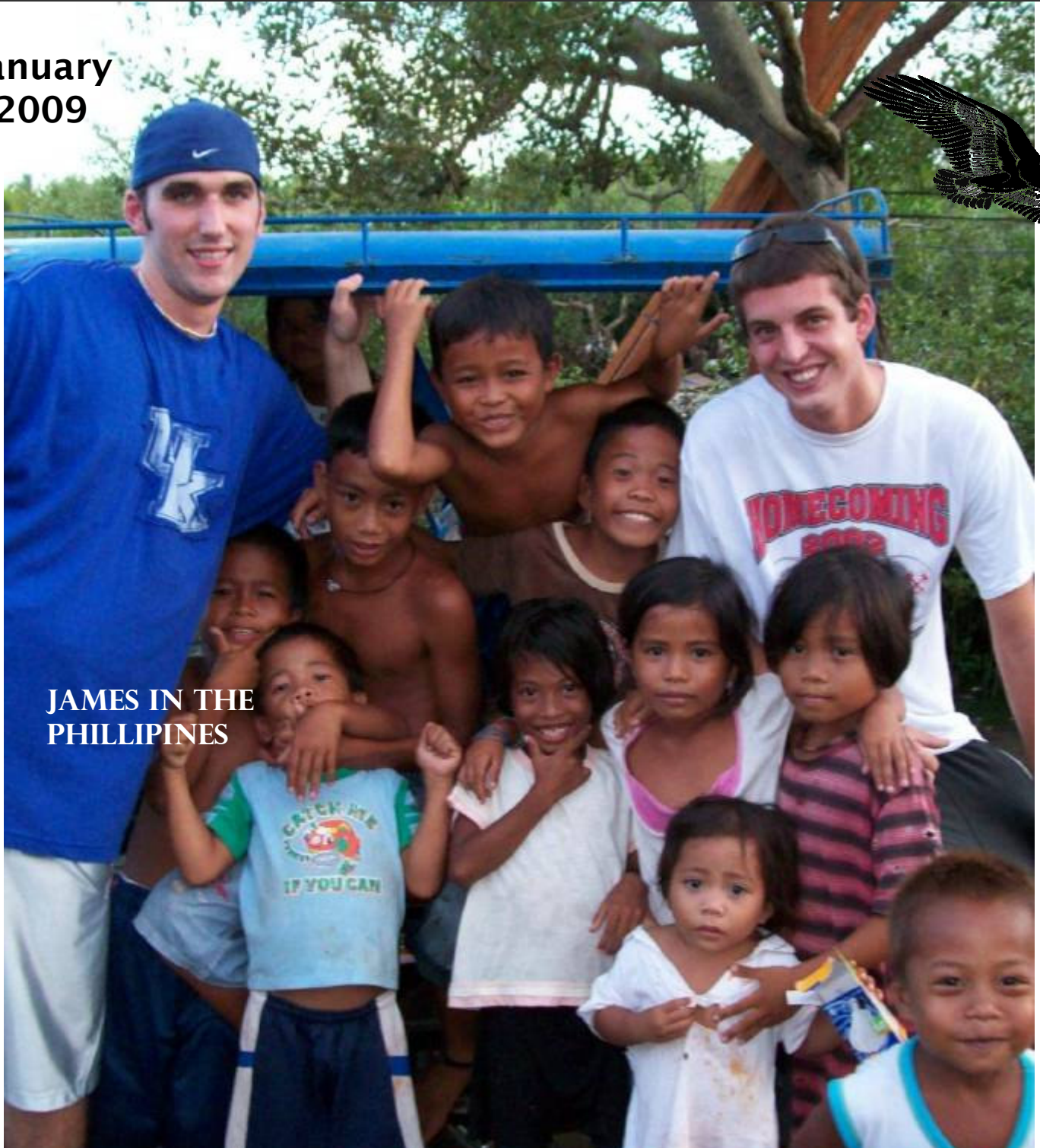


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**SUNDAY WORSHIP  
 SCHEDULE**

The Sunday schedule at  
 St. John's will be:

- 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel**
- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Chapel**
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church**
- 10 a.m. Breakfast Hosea Hall**
- 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Church**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Frances Werner-Wilson | 11 James Hawkins   | 20 Emily Lewis     | 27 Willa Cardwell  |
| 2 Lee Jackson           | 12 Read Miller     | 21 Rex Pankratz    | 29 David Clark     |
| 4 William Slover        | 13 Shannon Jackson | 21 Susan Carey     | 29 Alexandra Hanke |
| 5 Laura Steen           | 18 Maret Galbraith | 23 Ruby Snider     | 30 John Range      |
| 7 Ethan Howard          | 19 Franklin Watts  | 23 Karen Koontz    | 30 Donna Barr      |
| 9 Darrell Miracle       | 19 David Gess      | 25 Ann Otenburger  | 31 Micaela Rowland |
| 10 Martie Mayer         | 19 Luke Crawford   | 25 Conner Jackson  |                    |
| 10 Jeffrey Kuebler      | 20 Robert Johnson  | 26 Richard Winkler |                    |
| 11 Mary Bolin-Reece     | 20 Melissa Miracle | 27 Diana Donovan   |                    |

# RECTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

I was listening to a radio show the other morning, and the host referred to being in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the twelve days of Christmas. He said, "Enjoy the 12 days of Christmas because December 26 will soon be here." I just smiled.

For most of society Christmas will be over on December 26, but for those who are followers of the way of Christ, Dec 26 will only be the second day of Christmas. The twelfth day is Epiphany, and it is always on January 6<sup>th</sup>. During those twelve days we celebrate the lives of many important saints and events. St. Stephen, St. John, the Holy Innocents, and the naming of Jesus. The Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi and tells us of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

In 12 days we celebrate birth, martyrdom, evangelism, cost of discipleship, and God's inclusive love. The 12 days of Christmas, when followed liturgically can be a very powerful time for our spiritual journey, as we enter into not only the joy of the birth of Jesus, but the challenges we

face as we endeavor to live the life we have been called to.

In many countries the 12 days are celebrated by various traditions. Gifts are given on Epiphany. Christmas trees are taken down on epiphany and burned. A gift is opened each day of the 12 days of Christmas. On St.

Stephen's day, gifts are distributed to the poor. Homes are blessed during the time of Epiphany. Our culture does not lend itself to the idea of the 12 days of Christmas, but we are not bound by our culture. I wish you a most joyful and peaceful 12 days. New Years day falls right

in the middle and I hope that as you celebrate the gifts of Christ, the gift of a New Year will take on a New spiritual meaning for you. I wish you a happy, peaceful and spirit filled New Year.



Peace,

***Alan***

# DEACON'S PAGE

## **The Gift of Receiving**

Bass Mitchell is a writer and publisher of sermon resources. He told this story. "I can never think of the story of the wise men without remembering something two little children said concerning it. One was asked by his Sunday school teacher, 'What gifts did the wise men bring the Christ Child?' He replied, "Uh, gold, frankenstein and mermaids." Another little boy said, "Gold, frankincense and myrrh but I bet he really wanted a puppy!

So what does the Christ Child really want from us? What gifts can we bring? At Christmas much of our time and effort goes into us giving gifts, and this is good. The older I get the more joy I have in giving gifts than getting them. But the heart of Christmas is not about US giving, but GOD giving, and US receiving. The gift Christ wants from each of us this new year is to accept him, receive his love, his grace, his forgiveness into our hearts and lives.

### **Truly, Christmas is about receiving!**

How might we give Christ the gift of receiving this New Year?

How might we accept what he has to offer?

One of my favorite hymns at Christmas, points me right to the answer.



**"If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet  
what I can I give him - Give my heart."**

(Verse 3 in the hymn "In the Bleak Mid-winter" by Christina Rossetti.)

**Merry Christmas  
Love, Donna**

# THE VIEW FROM THE BENCH

*By Stephen Leist*

As close as we are to the end of the year, it is hard to think about January 2009 when I have only just passed the third Advent Sunday. The same questions arise as with every previous year: what will the new year bring? What can I plan for? What goals should I have? These are difficult questions that take a lot of time and thought, and at the moment these seem to be in short supply. Shortages have been a buzzword for 2008, and I have every expectation that this will carry over into 2009. We know that oil will be in short supply with its impact on gas prices, in spite of temporary drops in cost. The current situation with the economy is not expected to improve quickly, and all this tells me that money will be tight. Rather than bemoaning these conditions, it is important to look past them and ask myself what I CAN do rather than what I cannot do. It is the old adage, is the glass half empty or half full? In order to continue moving forward, I have to see the glass as half full. I know that in January, I will have a smaller choir, as some of our retired members decamp for warmer places. What I can look forward to in the meantime is seeing them again at Easter and welcoming them home. A small choir can still do great things as long as we believe that we can do it. In dealing with other shortages, a church near where I live has graciously provided me with practice time so that I do not have to use up gas on more frequent trips to Versailles, and this saves me money as well. My point is that these are the sort of things that challenge us to continue our work with the same effectiveness with less. Necessity is the mother of invention and it pushes us to use our creativity to be proactive.

What I can look forward to in the new year is the opportunity to continue learning some new pieces to be performed at some date. We have a promising second season of the Friends of Music series, which had to be postponed because of the work in the parish house, but stay tuned for details. The guitar duo from Nashville that was scheduled for November is tentatively scheduled for the last Friday in February, and there will be an additional offering in April. Some people in the choir have already asked me where we will go sing this coming summer. That is another thing to work on, it is a wonderful thing to take our choir and share what we do beyond our walls. So, whatever the new year brings, it can only be what we choose to make of it. I am looking forward to a great time!



## Stewardship Update

St. John's is blessed with many generous, caring parishioners who are supportive in the work of the church in so many ways. As we approach year-end, here is a progress report on the financial part of the 2008 stewardship program that supports the general mission of St. John's.

2008 -pledges total of \$241,696

2009 -pledges total of \$204,000

In the next few days, the Vestry will prayerfully consider finalizing a budget for operating our parish in 2009. At this time, there are several budget line items that have been reduced to reflect the current financial projection. If you haven't made your 2009 pledge, there is still time to do so. Please pick up a pledge card on the table in Hosea Hall and drop it in the plate or leave it in the office. No pledge is unimportant and all are gratefully received.

Ron Mobley

Ann Richmond

Senior Warden

Stewardship Chair

## **FLOWER GUILD NEWS**

Calling all parishioners!!!! New for 2009, there will be a weekly sign up sheet placed on the Hosea Hall bulletin board for altar flower contributions. Contributions can be made for thanksgiving or for remembrance of people or times of significance in our individual lives. The event or person will be printed in the corresponding Sunday bulletin. The contribution will go for the wholesale purchase of the altar flowers. As a donation guideline, the average cost of flowers is about \$40.00 per week.

Additionally new for 2009, there will be a candle sign-up sheet for the candles used during St. John's services. The thanksgiving or remembrance will be printed in the corresponding Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation is just \$10.00!

Please prayerfully consider either one or both of these requests for the coming year.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you that helped to decorate the church for the beginning of the Christmas season. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

## *Lutes and Lyres*

A fellowship of anyone who wants to get together to have fun with guitars will have its inaugural meeting on January 6 (first Tuesday of the month) following the men's club meeting. We are calling it the "Lutes and Lyres" club, because the lute is a predecessor of the guitar, and because the degree to which we describe our ability to play is sometimes called into question. All seriousness aside, we see this as a chance to get together, ask questions we think are too elementary or simple to ask sometimes, maybe break out into small groups, work on aspects of the guitar, and share some music together. If you have any questions, ask Ron Mobley or Ben Harper. Don't forget to bring your guitar or you will have to demonstrate your very best air-guitar technique to, at best, the other *Lutes and Lyres*, and, at worst, the lingering men's club members. See you soon.



# #the READING CLUB

Reading Club is going great!



Wednesday, December 10 was our last meeting of the year and our Christmas party. The children baked cookies to take home (18 dozen!), painted small wooden boxes for storing treasures and made greeting cards to go in goody bags for soldiers serving in the Middle East. To round out the event, the children read *The Night Before Christmas* as a script with each one reading their own part as well as parts for all girls, all boys and everyone. For an encore, each child was given a sealed gift bag and as they listened to the adults read the story again, they passed their bags to the right whenever the word 'the' was used and to the left whenever the word 'and' was used (that amounts to about 40 shifts of the bags). 'Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night' was the signal to open up the bags to find books, pencils, a fabulous puppet and of course, some sweet treats.

Our first Club of 2009 is January 14 and will continue every-other Wednesday to the first of May. February 11 is a very special day when we ask to have some of the men of the church come and let the children read to you! You would need to be at the church from about 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. Interested? See Julie Ross or Katherine Harper to sign up!

Recruiting for our 2009 summer camp begins in January/February. If you have or know of a student currently in third or fourth grade who is behind in their reading, please let their teacher know of our program.



Thank you for all of your support throughout the year!

## ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE, JANUARY, 2009

	01/04/09	01/11/09	01/18/09	01/25/09
	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Linda Reeves	Ann Richmond
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Susan & Betty	Vickie Duff
	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Cruetier	Anne Claire Gibson	Sydney Gardner	Ashleigh Woods	Jessica Woods
Torch Bearers	Ashley/Emily Lawrence	Leah Cardwell Keelin Watkins	William/Frances Warner- Wilson	Emma/Sophie Berger
Acolyte	David Richmond	Linda Wardle	Linda Reeves	Ann Richmond
Chalice Bearer	Gary Menges	Garland Barr	Connie Spencer	Laura Gibson
Leetor	Garland Barr	Corbin Crichter	Suzanne Thompson	David Richmond
GHJ Bearers	Lawrences	Bruens	Ranges	Menges
Ushers	Judi Sutherland/Ed Ruggles	Sniders	Garland Bam/Gary Menges	Gardons
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Susan & Betty	Vickie Duff
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Jo White	Vickie Duff	Judi Sutherland	Baine Menges
Breakfast	No Breakfast	No Breakfast	Edalens/Sullivan	Berge n/Wade
	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30am
Cruetier	James Hawkins	Mark Herbert	Linda Wardle	Geoff Boemann
Torch Bearers	Ethan/Elaina Howard	Eric Sandknop Bloane Evan	Leah/Emily Mager	
Acolyte	Cindy Kinkoad	Judi Sutherland	Leo Rowland	Carol Filson
Chalice Bearer	Christy Leaver	Cindy Sullivan	Geoff Boemann	Susan White
Leetor	Lisa Hawkins	Virginia Ballard	Laura Steen	Katherine Harper
GHJ Bearers	Todd/Angel Cooper	Leaver/Howard family	Sandknop family	Mobleys
Ushers	Christy Leaver Judi Sutherland	Chitticks	Kinkoads	Pick Keeling Thayne Hawkins
Altar Guild	Virginia Ballard	Christy Leaver	Ann Miller	Judi Sutherland

Wednesday	01/07/09	01/14/09	01/21/09	01/28/09
Acolyte	David Richmond	Ben Harper	Linda Reeves	Vickie Duff
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

# JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	2 Office Closed	3 7 Game Night
4 7 Eucharist 8 Eucharist 9 Eucharist 10 <b>Breakfast</b> 11 Eucharist	5 8.30 Hospice 7 AA Women 7 Alanon 7.30 AA Men  KITCHEN & SACRISTY WORK	6	7 10 Morning Prayer 10.30 Bible Study 5.30 Eucharist 6 Potluck	8 7 Choir Practice 7 Martial Arts	9 Office Closed	10
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# JAMES IN THE PHILLIPINES:

FROM THE PHILLIPINES

JAMES SUTHERLAND went with his friend TIM OLIVER to the Philippines. It is Tim's Aunt and Uncle that started this mission 22 years ago. Last month James wrote his first impressions of their missionary work, and this month Tim shares his story. If you would like to help financially with this mission in Leyte Philippines, please see Fr. Alan.

So far over \$500 has been donated. It has fed a lot of people. Thank you

From Tim:

I'll start by saying that I love it here and feel that every day we are doing something good for less fortunate people. We get to go to these feeding programs and not only physically feed these young children but also spiritually feed them as well. When I see the smiles on their faces as they sing songs of worship it is very inspiring, and then being able to feed a hungry belly for me is so rewarding. The jail ministry is also an awesome thing, and the guys are so attentive and active in hearing and learning the word.

We have a new friend Paul who likes to surf, and through surfing he is able to connect with other Filipino surfers and tell them the word of God. James and I have been with him a couple of times to the beach, and it is awesome to see how much those guys flock to us. They are very open to hear what we have to say, not that we are beating the Bible into them or anything just the fact that they will listen when we speak.



We met a Filipino guy whose name is Bensor. He asked what we were doing here, and we told him. He then told us that he is somewhat of a Filipino missionary, but he is our age. He is very on fire for the Lord and wanted to come back with us to the compound right then and there, and start to set something up to work with him. Well, believe it or not we ran into that same exact guy the very next day at a completely different part of the city. Five days after that he was at our compound asking us to speak to his youth the very next day. James and I went, and I delivered a message on having hope in the Lord at all times in all situations. James actually did the same message a few days later at the jail which is what it was originally intended for. I just thought it was awesome that we met this guy, and how on fire he is and eager to tell the youth of this country

about the Lord. We plan to meet up with him again and deliver some more messages.

All in all it so far has been a great experience, and I am loving every minute of it. Every day is so rewarding to me to know that maybe we are doing a little something to try and make a difference. I'm more than happy and feel so blessed that James was able to come with me and we will continue to do God's work.

Tim



### **Let it snow let it snow let it snow**

If there is snow, ice, threat of snow or ice, please do not try any heroics in coming to church. I would much rather have you safe and warm than risking life or limb on the roads. If you are stuck at home and need something, please do not hesitate to call. We have a few volunteers with 4 wheel drive that can get around in the snow and are willing to do what they can. Be safe and take care.

**Due to the remodelling of the kitchen there will be no Wednesday night Christian formation until late January.**

# WHO DOES WHAT AT ST. JOHN'S

Rector	Fr. Alan Sutherland	873-3481
Deacon	Rev. Donna Barr	873-3481
Associate Clergy	Fr. Jay Pierce	873-3481
	Fr. Colley Bell	873-3481
Administrative Secretary	Kathy Sparrow	873-3481
Sr. Warden	Ron Mobley	873-4758
Jr. Warden	Ben Harper	254-3083
Clerk of the Vestry	Julie Ross	873-6833
Asst Clerk of the Vestry	Laura Steen	475-3356
Vestry-Outreach	John Range	873-8600
Vestry-Finance	Geoff Bosmann	475-3356
Vestry-Parish Life	Carol Filson	879-9526
Vestry-Stewardship	Ann Richmond	492-4389
Vestry-Music & Worship	Linda Wardle	396-9225
Vestry-Long Range Planning	Laura Gibson	276-0024
Vestry-Christian Formation	Julie Ross	873-6833
Treasurer	Ann Miller	873-3866
Episcopal Youth	Diana Vetter	333-4176
Organist/Choirmaster	Stephen Leist	873-3481
Assistant Musician	Allison Asay	873-3481
Men's Club	Tim Downey	873-1554
Reading Club	Julie Ross, Katherine Harper	254-3083
Kitchen/Breakfast	Ann Richmond	492-4389
Sunday School	Julie Ross	873-6833
Episcopal Church Women	Nikki Berger	230-3164
Daughters Of the King	Lisa Hawkins	858-0041
Solo Flight	Linda Wardle	396-9225
Clothing Bank	Carol Filson	879-9526
Food Bank	Norma Downey	873-1554
Garden	Jo Hughes, Karen Koontz	873-4066
Weddings	Judi Sutherland	879-5038
Funerals	Karen Koontz	873-4066
Bazaar	Karen Koontz	873-4066
Flowers	Cindy Kinkead	873-9744
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	879-8402
Lay Eucharistic Ministry	Elaine Menges	873-8997
Needlepoint	Maribell White	873-4321
Eagle Wings	Ann Richmond	492-4389
Compost/Recycling	Ned Meekins	873-3991
Capital Campaign	Ned Meekins, Garland Barr	873-3991
Nursery	Aiede and Ibvone	873-3481
Sexton	Cheri Donovan	873-3481

# RESTORATION

## Church Update

December 19

**Tile** in the downstairs hall is done. Quarter round should be down by Christmas. The dark **woodwork** downstairs is being restrained and will be finished by Christmas. The **Nursery** is getting a new carpet and pad which will be installed the week after Christmas.

The **carpeting** in the youth room is done and the rest of the upstairs carpeting will be done by Christmas.

We are donating the used carpet and padding to the mission at Barnes Mountain. Fr. Kibler will pick it up the week after Christmas.

The **upstairs bathrooms** are almost finished. The girls' has had the tile repaired, a new sink, new mirror, and the walls painted. The boys' has a new tile floor, a new mirror, and the walls painted.

All the **walls upstairs** except the youth room (whose paint is in good condition) have been painted as have the walls in the stairwells up and down. All the plaster repairs have been done as well.

The work on the **exterior masonry** is waiting on weather to continue. The temperature must be above freezing for mortar work to be done. The garden wall of the church and about half the columbarium wall of the church have been completed. The back, the front, and the foundation remain to do this spring.

The Monday after New Year's work will begin on the **sacristy** and the **kitchen**. Both areas will be getting new tile floors, refinished cabinets, new countertops, new lighting, and new paint on walls and woodwork. The sacristy will also have the vestment storage closets reworked. The kitchen will get new appliances, a disposer, tile backsplash, and a new sprayer faucet.

In the course of moving the offices out and back in, we have gone **wireless!** The offices are done, and when the upstairs gets put back together we will have all the computers including the Reading Club office, the youth minister's office, the youth computer, and the volunteer desk connecting on the wireless network with printer access as well as dsl internet access.



We continue to be patient with all the disruption of our customary spaces and routines knowing the result of the mess and bother will be well worth it!

# RESTORATION

## Update on Hughes House

Phase IV is making great progress on the work we have authorized them to do. The whole community has noticed that we are doing major work to the house and intend it to once again be a major asset to Main Street. We have received many compliments and much encouragement about this work.

The brick is in much better condition than we thought. We will be able to leave it unpainted so that, with white woodwork, it will match the church.

Our General contractor reports the following progress as of December 17:

### Work in Progress:

- Rear Porch:
    - Millwork is completed on the beaded ceiling, two new rafters, two new rafter ends, lattice strips, two new columns and lattice stop.
    - Painting and priming of several of the items above has taken place in our shop.
    - Remaining millwork 2x for the sides of the columns and bottom of the lattice panels should be completed by 12/29/08.
    - Two pieces of 2x4 tube steel (27'x40') have been fabricated, primed and painted. They were shipped out to the site today 12/17/09. They will serve as the top member of the lattice and columns and take place of the wood 2x4s which were not adequate to carry the roof load (and had resulted in sagging of the porch roof between the columns.) Jim Thomas was consulted for this solution to the problem.
    - Three additional columns are being added to reduce the distance between the supports and one for facing the church at the outside corner. We found evidence of a past column that had been removed, probably for the enclosure of the porch.
- Pending the weather being decent for the next few weeks the reconstruction should be complete by mid January.

- Dormers- They are close to completion except finish painting and installation of the wood shingle. The shingles are at our shop with over half of them primed on all sides and edges. They will be installed after the roof and flashing and painted in the spring.
- Rear Left Cornice- It is 90% rebuilt.
- Interior Demolition- The majority of the interior drywall removal has been done and should be complete by the first of the year.
- North wall masonry in crawlspace- This has not been started but will start before the end of the year.
- Masonry paint removal- Unfortunately we are stuck till spring and the weather improves.
- Chimney masonry- This is about 95% complete with a little work still needed on the bases.

To conclude, things are progressing well considering the weather. The majority of the approved work should complete in January. Finish painting and dormer shingle are the exceptions.

The roof has been made weathertight and will be completed by Harper and Sons as soon as the porch reconstruction permits.



**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS**

Deaths

Harry Ruggles, brother of Ed Ruggles

We extend our deepest sympathies to Harry's family. May light perpetual shine upon him.

**PERSONNEL**

WE THANK ANN MILLER, who has served as our treasurer for the last couple of years. You did a great job and we really appreciate everything you do for us.

WE WELCOME JEFF CARDWELL as our new treasurer. We are looking forward to Jeff working with us keeping our finances straight and appreciate you volunteering your time.



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