

BUILDING COMMITTEE (VISION 21)

Our committee spent most of 2009 in a fairly inactive mode as Architect Fred Kuntz worked with the engineers to get our Building Permit approved by Fairfax County. We received our Special Use Permit in September of 2006, and Site Plan approval came in November, 2008. In early 2009, we embarked on the third phase of the county process – the Building Permit. It is largely, but not completely, approved at this time.

The county approval process proceeded to the point where we could develop and circulate bid proposals. The Committee met with six local bidders on September 28 and 29, to ascertain their interest and experience in jobs of this type. All six were determined to be qualified and interested. The Committee worked with Fred to get details for the contract documents, which were circulated to bidders in mid-December. There was a pre-bid conference with bidders held on January 12, 2010, and the bids were due on January 27, 2010. We should have the results to report by the Annual Meeting.

We have a sub-group working on a financing plan; and when we have the bid numbers, we will share that effort with the congregation as we seek the necessary Session, Congregational, and Presbytery approvals for the plan. In early 2010, we anticipate the results of an outside audit of the church's books, which both Presbytery and the bank will require for the financing approval.

The Building Fund has continued to grow throughout the year as members fulfill their pledges. As of December 31, 2009, preliminary reports indicate a total of \$1,062,000 in cash, memorials, and securities in the building fund accounts. The second phase of the building fund drive was a great success, and we deeply appreciate the continued support of the congregation for this project.

Our upcoming months are going to be very active, as we seek to develop a financing plan that can meet with the approval of the congregation. We look forward to many new opportunities to communicate this year!

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Sampson, Chair, Building Committee