



## **Update from the Building Task Force - Summer Planning 2013**

Summer vacations and reverie are on everyone's schedule. Yet amid the back and forth, our Building Task Force (BTF), architect, and other professionals have been at work on plans for the proposed renovation/addition to replace the existing Religious Education wing with an expanded office and programming space.

Work began immediately following our Special Meeting vote on the project in June. As we finalized contracts with the architect and engineers, we renegotiated (thanks to input from our attorney, John Smolak) a substantial savings for civil engineering services. In early July BTF members Peter Calkins, Debb Putnam, and Don Schemack met with our architect, David Torrey, to review progress on the building design. We hope to have revised designs ready for review by the Advisory Group (representatives from different program and interest groups within our church community) and congregation-at-large in early fall.

As that work continues we will meet with our contractor, Windover Construction, and a heating/cooling system manufacturer to review options for the new HVAC system. Soon the civil engineering firm will dig (and re-fill) test pits for drainage and foundation work on the playground and back wall of the chapel. Meanwhile our attorney has begun discussions with the local building inspectors, zoning and historical commissions on the various reviews needed for the project.

As anyone who has done a renovation/construction project knows, there are many details to manage – particularly so on a building and site with the age and constraints of ours. However, this work will enable us to prepare a final design and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for review and approval by our congregation in early 2014 with construction to occur late spring-summer 2014.

Is this new news to you?

For more information, contact any member of the Building Task Force – Debb Putnam, Peter Calkins, Don Schemack, Michele Sherry; Ron Zelle and Dan Gobeil (advisors); or check previous updates posted on our church website (under the tab Support Us: Capital Campaign).