



## Building Project Update - November 2013

*“All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy.” ~ Anatole France*

The Building Task Force continues working away to advance our *Together Under One Roof* new building project, but we're at that stage where much of the effort is happening behind-the-scenes. Filings with the Old Center Historic Commission and Town Conservation Commission have happened with approvals underway, and design development progress drawings have been sent to our contractor for the next round of pricing. Meanwhile, visible activity can be seen around the outside of our church, as we prepare our gardens for anticipated site work.

Winter is a quiet time when the garden sits dormant and when many perennials disappear from view. Since site work for the proposed project would begin before most plants will send up new growth, garden friends have been busy relocating them while we know where and what they are. Some have found new, permanent homes. Many have been relocated to a holding area along the side of the playground.

During winter we are also planning to have trees removed on the rear slope by the back garden – dead and dying ash trees as well as others that are leaning and hazardous, posing a danger even to our existing buildings (two trees had significant limb fall in the past year). We have relocated shrubs that would be in harm's way during that work – again, some permanently and some into the holding area. Other shrubs along the labyrinth and lower patio will be relocated early next spring, hopefully to the newly cleared back slope.

Want to test your observation skills? Where did we relocate our peace pole?

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: New Building Project/Capital Campaign).



Above: Gerry Anson and Pat Grimm relocate hostas. Right: Gary Adams, Dana Hirst, and Suzanne Adams were among those who helped with the recent garden site work.