

THE VISITOR

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On April 29, **Austin Interfaith** held a **Delegates Assembly** in which it presented its vision for justice and the common good, identified a number of issues and goals it's committed to pursuing in the upcoming year, and sought the support of candidates running for city, county, and federal office. Austin Interfaith asked me to write and deliver a "vision statement" to the assembly. I thought I'd share the statement with you because it highlights the continued presence of economic hardship and poverty in Austin, despite some favorable economic indicators, and it identifies several of the key areas in which Austin Interfaith will work in the upcoming year.

You should also know that **Whit Bodman** and **Bill Beardall** played prominent roles in planning the event, and both provided leadership during in the event. Please thank them when you get the chance. Finally, I thank everyone from our church who attended the Delegates Assembly, and our entire church for continuing to support Austin Interfaith through our church's outreach budget. Here's the statement:

It seems nearly every week we hear some upbeat news about the Austin area's economy. Economist **Jon Hockenyo**s recently reported to Austin City Council that Austin's economy could add 34,000 new jobs by the end of next year. Sounding like a weather forecaster, Mr. Hockenyo predicted "a partly to mostly sunny economy, with a 20% chance of rain; 'a couple of clouds on the horizon...but nothing serious. A good day for a picnic.'" (Austin American Statesman, 4-19-12). This is good news. We're thankful that a warm sun is smiling on folks in Austin fortunate enough to have well-paying jobs. Their picnic baskets are full, and for the foreseeable future, they have no serious economic worries.

But Austin Interfaith knows not everyone in Austin is enjoying sunny economic weather. For some, the sky's dark and gloomy, and their economic worries are serious and unrelenting. Many in our city barely stretch their minimum wage dollars to make ends meet. They wring their hands over how to pay rent that keeps going up plus an electric bill that'll soon increase, or care for a husband without insurance who's been injured on his construction job. Homeless folks worry about finding safe shelter in the alley behind the church, or a toilet they can use.

It's harsh weather for those in Austin not enjoying the picnic. **Austin has higher rates of poverty than both Texas and the United States.** Twenty-one percent of Austin's residents live below the poverty level, including nearly one-third of all children under five, nearly one-tenth of all residents over sixty-five, and several thousand homeless people. Insufficient education, low-wages, and high housing costs contribute to creating this poverty. Fourteen percent of Austin's residents aged twenty-five and older don't hold a high school diploma. Without one, they suffer a much higher level of unemployment, nearly fourteen percent. If they do work, they're likely paid wages far below the amount a household needs to pay its expenses. Most renter households pay at least thirty percent of their incomes for rent, with nearly thirty percent paying half or more.

Climate change aside, we have no control over the weather. But we do have control over the conditions that create economic hardship and poverty, and we can change those conditions. That's our vision for the upcoming year. Austin Interfaith is committed to creating a broad-based organization with enough power, talent, and imagination to bring about changes in our community that'll ensure everyone who lives here shares in our region's prosperity.

In our commitment to promote justice, shared prosperity, and the common good, Austin Interfaith will organize and advocate for more educational opportunities, including early childhood education, after school and ESL programs, parental and community involvement in the local schools, and effective job training programs that enable people to earn a liv-

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and community involvement in the local schools, and effective job training programs that enable people to earn a living wage. We'll work with business and political leaders to strengthen the private business sector in ways that'll create more jobs that pay living wages, provide more training programs that enable low-wage workers to move into higher paying skilled positions, and ensure safer and more humane work conditions for construction workers. We'll work with law enforcement officials to help facilitate better relationships between communities and local police forces, and seek greater public safety in all our neighborhoods. We'll work with the public and private sectors to promote the creation of more affordable housing and the provision of more services to the chronically homeless.

Justice and shared prosperity are realities our **Creator** has empowered us to create. We can hope for nice weather. But Austin Interfaith, let's work our hearts out for justice and shared prosperity, and for the common good of all God's people in Austin and Central Texas.

Tom

From Our Hill Country Ride for Aids Riders: Thank You!!

It was a hot and windy day, but that didn't deter our church's three valiant cyclists from completing this year's Hill Country Ride for AIDS. **George Hetrick, Robin Chapman, and Tom VandeStadt** rode with grit and grace through 90 degree heat and 20 mph winds. And raised **\$4,767.60** in the process! Now it's time for them to send you a gigantic THANK YOU!! for all your support.

You helped tremendously by giving generously from your pocketbooks and offering words of encouragement. All in all, the Care Communities Team raised **\$15,262.60**, and the total amount all participants raised was **\$567,638.31**. This represents fantastic support for a number of organizations that provide services to people living with AIDS. Again, THANK YOU!!

Micah 6 Benefit Concert

You are all invited to a house benefit concert for the Micah 6 Food Pantry on **Saturday, May 5**, at 7 pm at the home of Les and Winnie Gage, 705 Windsong Trail 78746 (off of Redbud Trail in Westlake). Music will be provided by **A Gracious Plenty**, with special guest chanteuse **The Marvelous Mary Ann**.

This concert, hosted by members of University Presbyterian Church, has been held for a few years now and is always very helpful in raising money to support the expenses of the food pantry, which has about 350 customers each week.

From Violence to Restorative Justice

The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP) and Trinity United Methodist Church are sponsoring a community-wide event to be held **Tuesday, May 8** from 7 – 8:30p at **Trinity UMC, 4001 Speedway**. The program will be a screening of the documentary entitled "Meeting with a Killer: One Family's Journey". It tells the story of how one Texas family moved to forgiveness and reconciliation following the murder of their loved one. After the screening, a discussion will be led by Ellen Halbert, the professional mediator who helped make this real-life mediation possible. Ms. Halbert has been involved in the criminal justice system for over 25 years. In 1991, she was appointed to a six-year term on the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. She was the first victim of crime - and first female - to serve on the nine-member Board that oversees the massive criminal justice system in Texas. Ms. Halbert is presently the Director of the Victim Witness Division at the District Attorney's Office in Travis County, Texas. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Free parking is available in the lot across the street from the church. Please join us for this powerful witness **AGAINST** vengeance and hate and **FOR** restorative justice.

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Personals by Pat Oakes

Matt Blackstock has a message for everyone at the church. He says, "I want to express my gratitude for the many expressions of love & support from so many friends at church, making an otherwise unpleasant condition (melanoma) a lot more tolerable, something I'll always treasure." A great joy for all of us this past month has been seeing Matt at church. Matt was worried about being too tired to do the whole Sunday morning, so at Tom's suggestion, he came just for coffee hour on **Palm Sunday**, was at the Good Friday service, and at the Easter service and at church on the 15th. The week of April 16-20 he underwent five days of a cyber-knife procedure (which Matt pronounced to be "tedious but not painful") in the upper right lobe of his lung (a 2 inch sized rapidly growing tumor) where he had to recline supine for 1 1/2 hours each day while concentrating on even breathing as a cumulative dose of radiation killed tumor cells while minimizing exposure to the surrounding healthy tissue. His energy level is lower than he likes, but he and Mary are still walking their dog 30-40 minutes a day. Matt still very much enjoys calls and cards and letters, so give him a call at 512-459-6595 or drop him a line at 2607 LaRonde Circle, Austin, 78731.

Our prayers go out to **Lois Drachenberg** as she mourns the death of her husband, John. **John and Lois Drachenberg** were members of our church for a number of years before moving to Florida several years ago. John was a retired UCC clergy person who served for a while as the Brazos Association's Interim Minister. John loved writing his own commentaries on scripture, and reading from poetry and the classics with Lois. He was a kind and gentle man with a quick wit and a healthy sense of humor. We remember him fondly, and we're grateful for the years we shared with him.

We were delighted to welcome **Ranae Beeker** as a new member on **Sunday, April 15**. Ranae has been worshipping with us for more than a year--making the trip from San Marcos for Sundays, book club, and other church activities. She has been an RN for 30 years and has worked in all areas of hospital, education, administration, QI, and case management. She currently is the Admissions Coordinator Case Manager at CTMC in San Marcos. a lovely Adventist Hospital, where they are able to work through very difficult discharge needs with the help of God, she feel certain! She has two grown kids, daughter-Alethea, 27, and son Gavin. Alethea and husband Will are artists and teachers. Will is a musician, artist, and teacher with many wonderful talents. He works at Collings guitars as a luthier. Alethea teaches art history online at the Pittsburgh Art Institute. Son Gavin will graduate from U Mass Amherst in May with a degree in History and a minor in

Philosophy. He is 24, and her Buddhist. Ranae has learned so much from him and his calm, thoughtful presence. Of course, she is very, very proud of both of them. She is single and divorced for about 10 years now. She moved



Matt Blackstock and Joe McMillan were among the many folks at church who welcomed new member Ranae Beeker as a new member on Sunday, April 15, 2012.

here from Keene, NH and her home church was in Nelson, NH.(600 population and a wonderful New England village community). Our church was the seventh church she checked out on her journey to find a new church home in the San Marcos area. She says, "When I walked in, I immediately felt at home. I could see the love of Christ in all the eyes I encountered. The welcome was wonderful. I appreciate the doctrine, and the ability to explore the multitude of questions that faith has to offer. Tom is a wonderful pastor as well." We are so glad you found us, Ranae!!

Jaime Hadley was busy in April growing, grooming and showing his irises. On April 8, between the sunrise service and the regular Easter service, Jaime was able to take a few minutes to stop by **Zilker Gardens** and drop off two flower stalks cut from his garden to be judged in the **Iris Society of Austin's** annual Iris Show. Both stalks won a top grade in the horticulture category, and his yellow Louisiana Iris named 'Dossier' was moved to the head table, winning Best Louisiana Iris of the show over about 20 other entries. The following Saturday Jaime took four more stalks to the **Belton Iris Society's** show and received two more A's and two B's for those flowers, but did not make it to their head table. Then on April 21, he took four stalks to the **Fort Worth Iris Society's** show and again received two A's and two B's, but these two A's were award winners. 'Fall Rerun' won best **Violet Colored Iris** of the show, and "Autumn Circus" won **Best Plicata Iris** of the show. **Plicata** is a term that refers to a color pattern of spotting and veining in contrasting colors. The struggle is always getting the flowers to bloom on the right day,

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Jaime says. Because of our warm winter, the majority of his irises bloomed a week or two before the Austin show. Some days he had as many as 13 different varieties blooming simultaneously. Jaime is a member of the **Iris Society of Austin** and the **American Iris Society**. Be sure to ask him in September about the sale hosted by the local club where the public is welcome to stop in and buy irises that have proven to be great growers in this area. Jaime would also like to thank the congregation for their love, prayers and support during his 16 months of unemployment. There were definitely periods of frustration and stress, but he is grateful and thrilled to be starting a new job on **May 7** with **Accruent**, an Austin-based software company.

Mary Towery Masters, youngest daughter of our pastor emeritus **John Towery** and his wife Eleanor, reports on the Towery family news. **Mary and Danny's** granddaughter **A.J.** (daughter of **Ricky and Monica Masters**) is now 15 months old and is walking, talking, and running-and is a wonderful joy to everyone. On February 1, Ricky and Monica and A.J. moved to a home near Thrall-out in the country. Ricky and Monica moved just before the opening of the rodeo. Both of them are very involved with the rodeo which is where they met several years ago. They have been really swamped this past several months with the move and the rodeo. Their new address will be in the next **Visitor**. John celebrated his **86th** birthday in March and Eleanor just celebrated her **84th** birthday in April. They are enjoying their new home at an assisted living center, **The Cottages** 2351 North A. W. Grimes Blvd., Round Rock, Texas 78665. Danny and Mary and her brother **Ches** and his wife **Maggie Towery** arranged small parties for them both on their special days. John's brother **Bill**, who lives in Georgetown, was able to come. Maggie and Ches are doing well. Their daughter **Krystal** is working her on master's in education through Texas State at Round Rock. Ches and Maggie's son **K.C.** and his wife **Kendra** just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. John and Eleanor's daughter **Sally** hopes to come to Austin from Massachusetts this summer for a visit. Sally and Tommy's daughter **Tanya** and her husband John (also in Massachusetts) are having a wonderful time with their daughter **Haley** who is now 8 months old.

Jo Jensen, a chaplain at **Dell Children's Hospital** and a relatively new member, brought the idea of a prayer net to the church some months ago. She showed us the one she and others had created at **Dell**. During **Lent** we started our own. During prayer time congregants who wished to do so went forward and tied on a purple strip of cloth as they silently prayed. Now that we are in the season of **Easter**, the colors of the fabric strips are more colorful.

Bill Beardall had an excellent reason for not being in church on Easter Sunday. After the sunrise service at 7 am



Gail Christeson with her kids, Megan and Cameron Goff and the prayer net containing our Lenten prayers.

Bill flew to Boston to receive the **Harvard Law School's 2012 Gary Bellow Public Service Award** which is presented to an alumnus/a "in recognition of the recipient's work to achieve social justice through public interest law." The student body makes the selection. Bill founded the **Equal Justice Center in Austin in 2001** and has pioneered giving legal assistance to poor and exploited working men and women regardless of immigration status. He has mentored hundreds of like-minded lawyers and law students. The award is in honor of the late **Harvard Law Professor Gary Bellow**, well-known and respected social justice lawyer. Bill was a student of his at Harvard. Congratulations, Bill!



Jaana Rehbein took this photo at the Easter sunrise service. Tom VandeStadt (right) with Joe McMillan and Bill Beardall.

Jaana Rehbein and daughter **Ella** were visiting from Germany for a month in **April** and were able to attend Holy Week services. Ella had a great time at the Easter egg hunt after church on Easter Sunday. Jaana took some pictures at the sunrise service that morning.



18 hardy souls gathered for the Easter sunrise service on the shore of Lady Bird Lake on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012.

Vic and Betty Appel were delighted to have **Debbie** and her husband **Bob Knowlton** and their children **Emily** and **Sam** here to visit at Easter time from **North Salem, NY**.

Carol and Fred Scott are getting more settled at their home in **Kansas**. They have reunited with several old friends who knew they were coming back and have been very welcoming. It has been fun for them to observe the activities of Carol's almost three-year-old great-nephew - the first one - as he focuses intently on coloring Easter eggs, etc. He is not yet aware that a little sister will be joining the household later in the summer. As of this writing Carol and Fred have avoided being caught up in the tornadoes that have been rampaging across the Midwest.

A hardworking committee worked on restoring the tapestry which has hung over the altar for more than 30 years.



The brown velvet in the tapestry had deteriorated over the years and had developed tears.

Filled with just a bit of trepidation, the group worked all during Lent to get it ready by **Easter**. Inspired by **Nodie Murphy** to make this a Lenten project, headed by **Christie Kuhner** and assisted by **Jaime Hadley**, **Lynne Lemley**, **Nancy Edison**, **Pat Oakes**, **Fran Briggs**, **Barbara Burnham**, **Dave Ross**, and others, the project was completed just in time. (See back page for more photos of the entire tapestry saga.)

Eliot, Felicia, Skye and Sterling Scott will be moving in June to Providence, Rhode Island. Eliot has accepted a job offer at **Brown University** as a **Web Developer for Humanities in the Brown Library**. They will be trying to find housing in May and doing a quick move out of Austin at the end of the month. They are excited about new adventures and cooler summers. Felicia included this link for anyone who wants to see her work blog interview, to find out about her church-related trip to **El Salvador**, and to learn about great organizations in Austin to volunteer with that she mentions: <http://blog.post.edu/2012/03/what-its-really-like-to-work-in-human.html> Felicia is pleased that she will be able to continue her teaching of on-line college courses when they move.

Cathy Hubbs' son John was here in mid-April to help her with her taxes--an added benefit of tax season. They had a great time visiting around the dining room table while John went through the process. John is now back home planting spring vegetables on his Tennessee farm.

Lucy Hanouille will be performing with the **Tapestry Singers** on **Saturday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.** at **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive**. The singers will present "Sister Singer" for their spring concert. This will be Lucy's second concert with Tapestry. They have about sixty members and welcome any woman who wishes to sing. Lucy is singing with the soprano section. Tickets are available on-line at www.tapestrysingers.org/concerts/buy-tickets/ or at the door.

Congratulations to **Sarah Kirch**, daughter of **Lisa Kirch**, who won a Silver Key and an honorable mention in the *Scholastic* magazine young artists competition. Sarah attends the School for the Arts in Birmingham, Alabama. Lisa has been awarded a **Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society**. This will fund her work in Germany and the UK this summer. Lisa has discovered a "lost Dürer"--which isn't a Dürer at all, but it is very interesting and is part of a larger project she is working on. In mid-April, Lisa gave a paper at a conference at Duke. **Tania String**, also an art historian and a member of our congregation a number of years ago, was in the audience, and they spent time later getting all caught up. Tania taught at the **University of Bristol** in England where she met her husband. He accepted a chair 5 position in Chapel Hill several years ago and they moved

Brazos Association News

April 2012

by Liz Nash

Our **Brazos Association Spring Meeting**, held on a beautiful spring Sunday, April 22, at **Friends Congregational Church in College Station**, was rich in many ways. We had a large attendance and a great spirit.

The meeting began with a welcome by Association moderator **Jerry Carpenter**, pastor of **Weimar UCC**, and worship led by **Dan DeLeon**, pastor of **Friends**. Our worship put the event in the context of the celebration of **Earth Day** and our care of God's creation. Friends had put green water bottles by each place setting and a laurel on each table as gifts appropriate to this day for each person and for our churches. We received a generous offering -- over \$350 -- to add to the Association funds supporting our Association youth and accompanying adults for bus costs to the **UCC National Youth Event** in July.

Worship was followed by the major part of our meeting: the **Ecclesiastical Councils of Beth Gleason, Nikki Stahl, and Scott Spence**. **Anne Wehrly**, chair of the Brazos Association Church and Ministry Committee, gave an overview to the meeting about the extensive process that brings candidates for UCC ministry to this point. She introduced each candidate with sharing from their ordination papers, what the Church and Ministry Committee has learned from them about their faith journeys, and excerpts from their recommendation letters. Anne then called on a person to introduce each candidate. **Beth Gleason**, member of Congregational Church of Austin, was introduced by her in discernment advisor, **Tim Tutt**. **Nikki Stahl**, **Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at United Christian**, was introduced by her colleague from that church, **Ken White**. **Scott Spence**, **Acting Interim Pastor at St. John's UCC in Robinson** and member of **United Christian**, was introduced by one of our honored guests from **St. John's**. Each candidate, during their respective councils, gave a short presentation lifting up aspects of their ordination papers and then Jerry Carpenter moderated a session of questions from the Association. The questions were carefully considered, challenging, and caringly presented. The discussion was illuminating and faithful, giving the candidates an opportunity to present the faith perspectives and practices will be foundational to their ministries. After each candidate left the room, we discussed them and voted to approve them for ordination pending call. It was a great joy to welcome each back in with the group standing and offering warm applause.

Our business meeting followed. We heard an uplifting report from **Charles Stark**, director of **Slumber Falls**

Camp. We also elected Church and Ministry representatives and a new Association Secretary. Those elected to serve on Church and Ministry include new member **Whit Bodman** (clergy), member of **Congregational Church of Austin and Associate Professor of Comparative Religion at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary**; and re-elected members **Anne Wehrly** (lay member and chair), member of **Friends Congregational**, and **John Boydston** (clergy), pastor of **Evangelical UCC in Lyons and Friedens UCC in Gay Hill**. **Linda Coats**, member of **Friends Congregational**, was elected **Association Secretary**. We are grateful for these faithful friends who have agreed to do this work for our Association.

The meeting ended with a tasty meal served by the Friends and United Christian youth groups. The dinner was a fundraiser toward their **National Youth Event** costs.

Many thanks to Friends for their gracious hospitality!

Blessings in Christ,
Liz Nash
Brazos Association Minister

The Southwest Conference Ecclesiastical Council for Beth Gleason said YES!

On **Sunday, April 22**, Beth Gleason was interviewed, voted on and approved by the **UCC's Southwest Conference** to proceed as a candidate worthy of ordination in the United Church of Christ. At this same meeting they also approved two other Austin candidates, **Nikki Stahl and Scott Spence**, from the **United Christian Church**.

Beth is currently seeking part-time employment in a church or UCC-approved ministry which will allow her to be ordained by our church family as well as finish her Masters of Divinity at Austin Seminary for graduation in **May 2013**. She is grateful and honored that church members, **Dave and Sara Ross, Rev. Dr. Whit Bodman, Jaime Hadley, Rev. Dr. Liz Nash** and **Pastor Tom** attended the meeting in support of her candidacy and she also thanks her church family for their support during her faith journey over the past three years.

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there with their daughter who is now 12. After sharing memories of our church, Tania told Lisa that she and her husband had plans to attend the UCC church in Chapel Hill that next Sunday.

We don't see **Julia Deisler** at church very often, but that is because she is working all of the time. She is working on developing more products to go with her **Gypsy Grove Foods** line being marketed at **Wheatsville Co-Op**. She wants to let everyone know that effective 4/27 she will no longer be with Gentiva Home Health. She has accepted a position with a great company and is looking forward to the changes and opportunities ahead. Another big change in her life is that she is working on building her massage therapy practice back up. She is accepting new clients and looks forward to seeing some familiar faces as well. She is renting a lovely room in **The Healing Arts Center** at **1505 North Loop**, just a couple of blocks east of Burnet Road. She will be there on Saturdays and will also available for sessions on Tuesday evenings. Her rate is \$75/hour. She is offering \$10 off your first session in her new space. Even better, if you refer a client and they mention your name she will give you \$5 off your next session! You can call her on her cell phone at 589-1764 or e-mail her at princessjuliayaya@gmail.com.

You are invited to visit the **Harry Ransom Center**, a humanities research library and museum at The University of Texas at Austin, and its exhibition ***The King James Bible: Its History and Influence***. Four hundred years after its first printing, the King James translation of the Bible remains a vital work whose language permeates contemporary music, literature, and everyday speech.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to see this exhibition, on display for a limited time, which tells the little-known story of one of the most widely read and printed books in the history of the English language.

You may book a free private guided tour of the exhibition, or, for groups of 10 or less, join us for a public exhibition tour, offered Tuesdays at noon, Saturdays at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Schedule your tour by emailing hrc_tours@utexas.edu or submit a request online at www.hrc.utexas.edu/tours. Attached are a postcard and flyer with additional details.

Admission is free; donations are welcome. **The Ransom Center galleries** are open Tuesday through Sunday.

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Trustees Launching New Capital Improvements

The Board of Trustees is beginning new capital improvement efforts in a number of areas:

1) **Furniture** — A previous ad hoc committee has identified a number of furniture items in need of replacement, including library and pre-school seating, choir and usher seating, and the usher's table. Because furniture is a question of style as well as function, we want to ensure that we get plenty of input before proposing any sort of major purchase. We therefore are inviting all "furniture fanatics" to get together to talk about what we need and what sort of styling would work best for our church. Budgets are not unlimited, of course, but we should be able to afford something nice and durable. If you have an interest, please contact John Goff (goff@ig.utexas.edu).

2) **Audio-Visual** — A Trustees subcommittee headed by **Liz Nash and Jaime Hadley** will put together a proposal to modernize and upgrade the audio-visual capabilities in our sanctuary. We particularly want to improve sound for those who are hearing impaired, and to upgrade our presentation capabilities for church-related events.

3) **Lighting** — Another subcommittee headed by **Barbara Burnham** will prepare a proposal for improving the lighting in the sanctuary, particularly needed for the choir loft area but also needed for the sanctuary at large.

Eventual proposals for all three of the above efforts will be presented to the congregation for approval. Funds to pay for these projects are available from monies saved in capital accounts from both Lifeworks and Gracepoint rents. We hope to complete all of them by the Fall 2012.

In addition to these efforts, we will begin a longer-term project to remodel our downstairs kitchen. This has been a priority for the church, since, well, pretty much forever. We would dedicate the remaining Centennial Project funds to that effort (~\$11K), and add to that funds raised from a new capital campaign that would likely begin in the fall. Suggestions for names for the funding drive would be appreciated; thus far our best (only) suggestion is the "100 + 10 campaign". A campaign committee headed by John Goff will solicit input from the congregation and remodeling contractors, and eventually present a proposal for the remodeling work and capital campaign for approval by the congregation.

John Goff
Trustees Chair

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Deadline for June Visitor—May 23



2/26/12 Sara Ross, Jaime Hadley, Fran Briggs, and Dave Ross (taking photos to make a color grid) assessing what needed to be done.



4/3/12 Lynne Lemley and Christie Kuhner pinning the lining to the tapestry.



4/5/12 Christie Kuhner, Nodie Murphy, Nancy Edison, and Jaime Hadley working on stitching the lining to the tapestry.

4/5/12 Victor Cardenas steadying the ladder while Jaime Hadley hangs the tapestry and Nodie Murphy looks on.



4/8/12 The cross ready to be flowered, the tapestry rehung, and Nodie rehearsing with the Joyful Noise Orchestra on Easter Sunday. Mission Accomplished!

