

Senior Warden's Report, January 2023

It was my honor to serve as Senior Warden. I thought that I might update the parish on the status of our major capital projects this year.

In the last year, final plaster work was completed inside the church by Tim Finch and his crew of restoration specialists and the final woodwork was reinstalled around the organ. That was followed by painting of the church interior, office area and parish hall / library by two different painting companies; the Vestry were pleased with the results of the work. The next major project was the restoration of the stained glass windows in the chancel and south transept. These windows had some cracked and missing panes and some were even seriously warped. A company from the Atlanta area came down, removed the windows and covered the openings with wood. After several months the windows were reinstalled in early December and they look wonderful.

Another important project was getting some work done on the electrical system. One part was fixing the electrical system so that the lights did not blink and flash when they were turned on or when there was a small power surge. Electricians determined this was a problem with the old dimmer panel system. That system was recently replaced and the lights work well now although there are still a couple of things remaining to be done. A second issue had to do with our old wall sconces. Some of them were not working properly and old wiring within the sconces was the culprit. The Vestry made the decision to remove the fragile, old cloth wire and have them rewired with modern wiring. They were removed in mid-January and taken to a company in Atlanta. The sconces should be reinstalled by early March.

The next steps in the restoration is to remove the remaining green and white stained glass windows and have them restored by the same company that repaired the other windows. That work will begin immediately after Easter and should be completed by the end of the summer. We would also like to hire someone to re-oil the reredos, altarpiece and other woodwork within the church interior. Other ongoing projects include new signage for the church, the fixing of some deteriorating exterior woodwork on the CE building and parish hall, refurbishment of entry doors, and some new landscaping on the west side of the CE building. This would include a retaining wall to prevent sand/mud from coving the sidewalk between the door to the office area and the CE building. We have a landscaping plan provided by Grace Wooten and will soon be hiring a contractor to carry out the landscaping work.

I should also mention our Sunday morning Facebook broadcast has been working well most of the time. I would like to thank Mathew Kuipers for being our main videographer for the past year, and also thank Paige Drinnon for recently agreeing to join the team.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden these past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Peavy