

# Creating the Future Together: **Update - December 2018**

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## Join Us on January 27!

- ❖ The Restoration Committee and our architect, Thomas A. Fenniman, will present a design concept for the transept immediately after the 10:30 service (at approximately 11:45 a.m.).
- ❖ During the 10:30 service on January 27, Music Director Woody Entrekin and the St. Philip's Choir will demonstrate a recommended change to choir seating.
- ❖ Coffee hour will be in church immediately after the service. All are welcome to discuss our design recommendations for the future of the St. Philip's Church interior.

## Your Restoration Committee

The Restoration Committee is responsible for establishing and managing the processes for the repair, restoration, and renewal of our historic church. They are a group of volunteers who have been meeting most Sunday mornings and who share with you a passion for the heritage and mission of St. Philip's.

Recommendations for the design process have recently focused on the church interior, with a special focus on the transept. Woody Entrekin has worked closely with our architect, Thomas A. Fenniman, and our liturgical design consultant, Terry Byrd Eason, to develop a seating configuration that will improve the listening experience, provide better choir sight lines, and offer seating flexibility. Join us after church on Sunday, January 27 to learn more.

The Restoration Committee has also worked with Tom Fenniman and Terry Eason to establish our design priorities for handicapped accessibility through the east door of the vestibule to make St. Philip's welcoming for all parishioners and visitors. This will include a gentle ramp from a regraded driveway circle and modifications to the vestibule floor. The historical elements of Richard Upjohn's church



Shown in the photo: James Bopp, Jan Anderson, Friedrike Merck, Christopher Nowak, and Jamie Copeland.

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## Your Restoration Committee cont.

facade and interior weigh heavily in the Committee's design recommendations.

A special "Narthex Working Group" of the Restoration Committee has focused its efforts on developing design ideas and priorities for a possible addition to the church that will contain an ADA-accessible bathroom and space for choir-robing and an assembly point before and after services. This group--Jamie Copeland, Christopher Nowak, Friedrike Merck, Jan Anderson, and James Bopp--devoted many hours to exploring design concepts. The larger Committee has considered these and sent them on to architect Tom Fenniman, who will create the ultimate designs. The congregation will have the opportunity to review these with the architect at a session in early spring.

Since it began its work, the Committee has been ably chaired by Michael McKee, who will now become a regular Committee member. Long-serving member Terri Akbas has stepped down in light of her other responsibilities. As the more technical construction phase of the **Creating the Future Initiative** begins, the Committee will be co-chaired by Jan Anderson and Jamie Copeland. Jan's expertise in project management and Jamie's accomplishments as an architect will ensure the ongoing success of the Committee. The Committee membership is: Jamie Copeland and Jan Anderson, Co-chairs; Dean Anderson and James Bopp, Advisory Committee; Dan McEvoy, Michael McKee, Durward "Woody" Entrekin, Friedrike Merck, Belle and Blake Newton, Christopher Nowak, and Anita and Nat Prentice. All will be happy to answer any of your questions.

## Celebrating our Progress

The St. Philip's Church **Creating the Future Initiative** continues to look ahead to the role of the church in the lives of future generations. Our purposes: to enhance our church building by making it **more accessible and comfortable, restoring and renewing the interior, replacing our ailing pipe organ, and building a columbarium.** Thanks to the great generosity of many donors, we continue to make progress:

- ❖ The **new organ** will be delivered in November 2019 from Schoenstein & Co. of San Francisco. Later this spring, we will be sharing images of how it will appear when installed.
- ❖ The **church interior** is being planned to be more welcoming and comfortable for all as well as prepared for the new organ.
- ❖ The **repair and renewal of our beautiful bell tower**, and upgrades to our HVAC systems, will begin in **May 2019.**
- ❖ A **ramped walkway** that can be navigated by a wheelchair and meets the criteria of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be added to the existing east-facing side tower entrance of the church.



Shown in the photo: Belle Newton, Blake Newton, Christopher Nowak, James Bopp, and Dean Anderson