

**Church of the Ascension Annual Report**  
**Building and Grounds Committee**  
**January 15, 2012**

**Work Completed during 2011**

1. Replace sewer line from church to MetCom pump.
2. Both the Sunday School air conditioner and the Family Room heat pump broke this past year. Both units had compressors replaced. We also installed a Dual Fuel thermostat on the Family Room unit to better utilize heat pump versus gas furnace during the winter.
3. Not to be ignored the main church unit developed problems. It had to have work done to make it stop freezing up.
4. Following an inspection by the Fire Marshall we installed panic bars on fire doors. We also opened up fire escape routes, made sure the lit Exit signs are working, and created and mounted fire escape diagrams.
5. Thanks to Kae Clarke we replaced the refrigerator in the Kitchen. Just something else this year that didn't want to stay cool.
6. We re-keyed the entire church and had different classes of keys made and distributed, again thanks to Kae Clarke.
7. The Great Mills Road Street Scape was finally completed. Because of an agreement Tom Meiser struck with the State Inspector, we then had our lower parking lot re-paved. Following that we re-surfaced the upper parking lot and had both lots marked for parking spaces. The sprinkler system was repaired and Joe Gough re-planted the flower beds and grass.
8. The electric panel in the front stairs received a new, and easier to use, access cover.
9. A baby changing table was donated and installed in the rest room in the undercroft. Thank you Graehm and Elizabeth Rogerson.
10. Due to the storms we experienced this year we developed some roof leaks. They were patched to stop the leaks, but the roof is in its retirement years.
11. Our beautiful stained glass window also developed a leak this year. Some caulk was applied to try to seal it, but it too needs some attention.

12. Our electric plant is becoming more of a burden. We are resetting breakers more often and even had some wiring burn out. We have worked to repair and replace defects all year. We did find that by disconnecting the Sunday School attic fans we could stop the Acolyte Room lights from going out.

13. So much work was done by the Amen Group that it is impossible to list here. Please read the report from the Amen Group chairman.

## Concerns for the future for the Church Building

1. The Stained Glass window needs to be removed, cleaned and re-installed. This obviously is a job for professional people.

2. The roof needs a close watch for damage. The Vestry is putting aside funds for replacing it in the future.

3. The electric plant will have to have work done to bring it up to code, and to distribute the load evenly.

4. The A/C and heat system needs to be addressed and made more efficient. Some changes are already in the works, but more is required.

## The Essex House

1. In July the A/C unit quit during one of hottest periods we experienced. We had Burch Oil replace the A/C unit with a new heat pump and installed a dual fuel thermostat to utilize the oil furnace during the cold months when a heat pump is not the most effective.

2. In August during the hurricane the basement flooded. After the clean up we re-routed the gutters away from the sump pump. We also dug beside the foundation and resealed the existing plastic to the basement walls.

3. In November it was the hot water tank that quit working. Burch Oil created a way to clean the air vents in the tank and got it working again. It is a oil fired tank, and is hard to work on and expensive to replace.

## Final Thoughts

The job of Building and Grounds Chair would be impossible to do without the help of everyone; the Rector, the secretary, the ECW, the Amen Group and everyone else. If I list names I will forget someone, and I can't afford that, I need help from everyone. Thank you ALL. George Merchant