

Rector's Note

July 10, 2025

If you missed my earlier [explanation of the drawings for our proposed capital project](#), you were understandably confused about my column from last week, [giving an update](#) on where we are.

It's easy to miss St. Martin's news, when we all lead busy lives and there is so much going on!

To make it easier to catch up, I have linked to those two articles in the paragraph above. We are also working on getting the Annual Meeting video uploaded so that you can see (or see for a second time) the presentation on the proposed building project.

While we contemplate significant improvements to our campus, we continue to work on smaller things we can accomplish ourselves or with a little help. Volunteers have weeded and planted and made the grounds and columbarium look beautiful. A volunteer paint crew has refreshed several church doors and railings. Staff met and updated and revised our wedding customaries, the information we hand out to couples and the list of procedures for ourselves. Desk volunteers and staff are going through boxes and closets and doing some cleaning out and organizing.

Oh yes, and while all this has been happening, we are doing some pretty big things as well! Our three pilgrims returned from a very successful trip to Guatemala. The refugee committee found housing for the family we are assisting.

It takes a community to do these things. Often the more mundane work can be almost invisible. Seeing and appreciating all that happens in our common life can help make this holy work visible. This ministry by many hands, volunteer and staff, lay and ordained, this ministry in community is the Body of Christ.

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