

Building Committee Annual Meeting Report for Calendar Year 2025 on the St. James Episcopal Church and School, Campus Renovations and Expansion Project

January 7, 2026

After several iterations and pricing of various design options to reach a \$7 million dollar budget approved by the Vestry in 2024, authorization was given by the Vestry in early May of 2025 to proceed with Construction. The Project consists of construction of site work, including a new entrance drive off of Section Street; a new classroom/admin building with a new choir and music room and a shelled second floor for future classrooms; a completely finished multi-purpose building with a stage and gym floor; an upgraded covered walkway and covered drop off/pick up area for the school; a new church drop off/pickup and covered entrance including special needs provisions, and a new youth work room on the second floor above the existing administration area. Total square footage for the project is approximately 22,160 SF.

Mac Walcott, Rusty Holt, and Gina Walcott (all St. James members) are the design team. John Witherington (also a St. James member) is the General Contractor.

The budget approved by the Vestry for the project is \$6,859,000. This number includes the cost of construction; the Architect and Engineer's cost for design and administration of the project; and other Owner's "Soft Costs". The cost of the project to date is within the approved budget.

Groundbreaking was held in early June of 2025, and construction started on June 18.

The new drive from Section Street was opened in September.

The building concrete slab was poured in mid October.

Steel for the building was delivered in early November, and steel erection started then.

The building has been substantially erected and siding is basically complete in critical areas.

Roofing of the building is underway.

The concrete foundations, the new sidewalk, and the special needs ramp at the new church front entrance is complete, and construction of the new walkway and covered drop has started.

The youth room was completed and occupied in December.

The project is tracking for completion this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Codding