

# **Buildings and Grounds Committee Report**

## **April 2025 Board Meeting**

The primary function of this committee remains to support the core community of Mount Irenaeus in the stewardship of the land and buildings of the mountain. The leadership has set a path toward making the mountain more ecologically sustainable. This is consistent with our values and our history of using the resources of the land in our buildings, our meals, and our ministry.

### **1. The House of Peace-**

- a. A summary of the refitting of the kitchen-
  - a. The countertops are being changed to quartz
  - b. The drawer boxes are being replaced along with new glides
  - c. The drawer fronts and door fronts will be refinished
  - d. We will install tile on the floor in the dishwasher aisle
  - e. We will install new tile backsplashes
- b. Current schedule-
  - a. The tops have been templated and are scheduled for replacement on April 30
  - b. The new drawer boxes are installed
  - c. The faces are being refinished shortly.
  - d. The tiling will occur after the tops are installed.

### **2. The Chapel-**

- a. The Reading Room-
  - a. The ceiling tiles have been removed to expose the area
  - b. New lighting is being selected
  - c. The books are being sorted
- b. The Vestibule Addition-
  - a. Met with architect, Tammy Hilmey, on Tuesday, April 23

### **3. Solar-**

- a. We have contracted Solar Liberty to install two back-up batteries.
- b. We have completed the fire-proof enclosure required to house the batteries in the HOP.
- c. We are awaiting installation permits from the state.
- d. We have not had any further discussions regarding the expansion of the solar field or panels on the Other House.

### **4. Power upgrades to the cabins- We have learned that the cabins only have 100-amp services and if we choose to change our appliances to electric, we would require an upgrade in each to 150 amps. We are getting prices to see the expense to aid the decision making.**