

## Growth News

**Progress** is being made on all fronts (and sides) to finish the new building for occupancy early next year. Volunteers have contributed more than 4,800 hours thus far, with more expected. Many helpers from outside the fellowship have added their efforts: family members, friends, neighbors and other UU congregation members. **People are asked to remain involved** through the next steps, so that we can finish landscaping before fall weather gets too soupy.

The outside trim for the circular windows (see pictures on the web site for installation shots) is being covered with metal mesh to hold stucco. The insulation and sound-proofing has been installed. The dry-wallers have finished the office/foyer part of the building and will next move to the sanctuary.

The **doors** between the old and new parts of the building are being worked on by David Gurnee. The hole in the wall to the right of the present podium is where part of the coffee service will be located. A similar serving area will be located in the foyer.

**Technology** committee members Jim Golden and Ned Schumann have installed low voltage lines for our expanded computer network as well as our new sound and phone systems

Out of sight, yet equally as important, the pipe fitters, John and Rich, have been hard at work in our attic, crawl spaces and all kinds of cramped and challenging places to bring the **sprinkler system** for our entire campus up to current fire codes.

Outside, **landscaping** work will continue with the placing of the trellis and fountain base as well as the slab for the new shed.

**The stucco parties** have been a big success, with many of you slapping mud on the walls—and dropping it on the ground, eating goodies and schmoozing with other mud-daubers. How many UUs does it take to stucco a wall? Some 45 at a time. The second coat of stucco is now finished. There will be a week or two of curing, while the walls get watered down daily so as to allow the mud to dry evenly without too many small cracks. The color coat will go on in September. Sign up for the parties!

Hang onto your pink flamingoes. **Donations** of needed items will be welcome in the coming weeks and months. A brochure is in the making listing those things most needed and their approximate costs. A donations procedure is in place, with forms and instructions available in the church office.

Possible **uses and layout** of the foyer and fellowship hall will be the subject of a discussion in late September or early October when representatives from relevant committees get together to share ideas. No decisions have been made as yet and will not be made for some time.

Marcia Lewton

### **Special message from Al Thompson, Volunteer Lead:**

We are indeed fortunate to be involved with Wally Works in our expansion. The guidance, assistance and cooperation with our volunteers has been remarkable. Malcolm Dorn has a class operation, and John Edwards, Bill Fischer and company have helped us achieve our ambitious goal: an attractive and functional edifice.

A big **THANK YOU** to all, professionals, subcontractors, skilled, unskilled volunteers and laborers. We are capable of accomplishing many things as we put our collective heads, hearts and hands together to add to our facility.