

## **OLV building Committee Updates**

### **July 2009**

In April our design goes to the Windsor Planning Commission to request approval for a height variance. Our church is located in residential zoning where a maximum height of 35 feet is allowed. The peak of the roof on the new church is 45 feet and the proposed bell tower is 65 feet. The Planning Commission recommends that the Town Board approve this variance. In May, by a 3-2 vote, the Town Board denies our height variance request. In June, we resubmit another proposal that eliminates the bell tower and lowers the roof height to 43 feet. In early July, the Planning Commission again recommends approval and it will come before the Town Board on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **August 2009**

In late July the Windsor Town Board unanimously approves our height variance request, minus the bell tower. The Schematic Design prepared by our architects is approved by the committee and we move into the Design Development phase. The architects present a new project schedule which shows the completion of Construction Drawings in early February of 2010 and the bidding process to be complete in early March. We are hoping for a late March or early April groundbreaking. We need approximately \$50,000 in building fund donations per month between now and next spring to meet this schedule.