



Work Continues at a Busy Pace!

It's been another busy week at St. Andrew's, as work continues on the HVAC system, windows and other renovations. The Vestry will soon finalize a list of projects to undertake throughout the summer. Final costs were received this past week, and project work has already begun in areas that have long had solid support. Thanks to the success of the Capital Campaign, we have been able to cost out a few upgrades to the approved projects. Contracts for the following were signed this week: playground, fire alarm system, and fencing for the rectory backyard/playground area.

During this construction phase, we advise everyone to please be careful! Unless you have a meeting or business to conduct in the parish office buildings, it's probably best to avoid these areas. This week, the ceiling in White Hall was taken down; everything in the kitchen was cleared out in preparation for new flooring; and the bulletin boards will soon be removed. If you have items of interest on any of the boards please remove them to a safe place; new bulletin boards will appear later in August. For now, the playground is off limits to families and children, as site construction in this area will begin in the next couple of weeks. Every attempt will be made to keep the hallways clear and safe for children and families going from the sanctuary to the temporary nursery being set up in the classroom next to the Church Mouse. And please stay tuned for updates on the location of Coffee Hour during the summer months.

HVAC Update: Much work continues with our HVAC contractor, Bell-Childress. Most offices have vent holes cut, chases are run everywhere through the walls, and ducting is being run above the auditorium. Equipment installation and ductwork continues in the attic, but only in the mornings as the afternoons have been so devilishly hot. The grill holes were sawed in the sanctuary floor on Thursday. Ducting will soon be run through the chases below the sanctuary from the basement.

Window Replacement: Window replacement was pushed back a week and is scheduled to begin tomorrow (Monday). Workers will start in the playground area on the classroom building and work their way around White Hall to Princess Anne, finishing up at the auditorium and classroom by Choir Alley. In the next couple of weeks all classrooms with window units will lose air-conditioning. To keep everyone safe during this construction phase, the second floor of the classroom building is now off limits. Let's try to maximize use of the Guild Room for any meetings, as this area will continue to be cooled. When office and nursery windows are replaced, we will rent portable AC units so there will always be a cool place for our children, rector and parish administrator.

Renovations: As stated, work is well underway in the kitchen. The back door to White Hall has been removed to make way for the new glass doors to face the playground. The post in the hallway entrance to White Hall was removed, as we prepare to install accessible double doors. The door going into the offices from Sexton's Alley was removed and the doorway widened to create an accessible entrance to what will be up-to-code handicap accessible bathrooms by the parish offices.

Angels for Workers: Dennis and Jon Michael are beginning to make lemonade each morning for the workers in the buildings, as it has been so incredibly hot. It's important to remember that these folks are working in our house of worship, and it would be nice to express our gratitude. If anyone has ideas about treats or a special way to show our gratitude (maybe Friday ice cream sundaes?) please let Dennis know. Thank you all for your patience during this time. And remember, this is just a temporary phase. Renovations are expected to be completed by the end of the summer. So, watch your step, and say a prayer, please!

In peace,
Ted Dey
Junior Warden
Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairman
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