

## Status: Building Renovation – May 2, 2007

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The drainage work is done – with no visible evidence of water during recent downpours! During the last few weeks, construction has taken a more visible form.

### *Recent work includes:*

- New duplex sump pumps installed and piping in place for exterior hookup.
- Doorway framed between Parish Hall and new stairs.
- Salvaged transom window measured for re-work to fit over stair door.
- New windows installed along former office wall and in new ladies bathroom.
- Upstairs RE classroom walls sound-insulated and covered in sheetrock.
- New suite of bathrooms are sheetrocked and taped.
- Old wainscot and radiator removed in hallway outside bathrooms, creating more space.
- Wallboard wainscot and chair rail details added to new chapel/meeting room.
- Newel posts and railings installed for new stairs.
- Front vestibule/lobby restored to its historic level, creating an open, spacious entry.
- Framing in place for new Sanctuary doors.
- Modifications made to pews at the back and front of the Sanctuary to provide accessible seating and improve circulation.
- Ramp built at the front of the Sanctuary to provide access to the front platform.
- Sanctuary filled with scaffolding, providing access for plaster repairs, painting and sprinkler installation in the ceiling.

### *Cost impact:*

We are, at this date, still under the contingency allotment included in our original budget.

### *Components behind the scenes:*

- Millwork in Canada continues on our custom-built new entry door.
- Toilets and sinks are onsite, ready for installation in the new bathrooms.
- Sub-contractor consulted about exterior grading for improved drainage.
- Advisor and sub-contractor consulted about appropriate repair methods for Sanctuary walls and ceiling.
- Decision made to add additional base wiring for future voice/data connections.
- Finish selections for paint, flooring, and window coverings are fine-tuned.

### *Related conversations and considerations:*

- Conversations and meetings held to discuss space needs for staff, People's Pantry, and others with current rental arrangement of Old Center Hall.
- Volunteers readied for interior painting of the RE wing this summer.

### *Continuing conversations:*

- The draft preservation restriction for the Community Preservation grant (\$140,000) awaits approval from the Mass. Historic Commission.
- Negotiations continue with the Town of North Andover over the scope and cost of our portion of the Mass. Highway Dept. project.

