

Status: Building Renovation – February 11, 2007

Tasks completed or underway

- Relocated staff and moved/stored contents of our building
- Crated/covered piano, organ pipes and organ console
- Removed:
 - asbestos covering from pipes in Parish Hall
 - asbestos tile flooring
 - stage, office walls, and stairwell in Parish Hall
 - bathrooms and janitor's closets
 - doors and folding partition in former nursery
 - between upstairs RE classrooms
 - entry doors to Sanctuary
 - stairway between Parish Hall and Sanctuary and opened floor for new stairwell
- Cut into boiler room wall and hand dug floor of old janitor's closet to create new entry for boiler room
- Created template for new Meetinghouse entry doors at offsite workshop in Malden
- Began:
 - framing new sub-floor for former stage area
 - plumbing work for bathrooms
 - installing sprinkler system in Sanctuary attic
- Made color and material selections for entry carpet, Parish Hall and bathroom walls, bathroom flooring
- Continued conversations with:
 - Town of North Andover over restrictions in the Community Preservation grant; to date, no funds received
 - Mass. Highway Dept. regarding cost of exterior grading changes to accommodate the new entryway

Discoveries and Issues

- Early demolition provided a better visual of the space.
We opted to remove the old ceiling in the Minister's office, allowing exterior light through the transom window; also removed the folding partition in the former nursery/new chapel, opening visual space beneath the header beam.
- Holes cut for the new bathroom toilets exposed a metal support embedded in the concrete floor.
Floor support will be added below in the boiler room.
- Three zones of our former fire alarm were not working; half of the remaining sensors were inoperable.
A temporary system has been installed.
- There used to be a toilet in the Minister's office.
The old pipe will be cut and capped.
- Demolition exposed damage from insects (?) under the stage floor and upstairs in RE wing.
Inspection found no current insect activity; damage is old – from carpenter ants and water.
- Drainage and water damage in the Parish Hall.
Not unexpected, but more extensive than we had hoped. Solution will probably include installing an interior perimeter drain, re-pointing masonry, expanding to a duplex sump system, and replacing rotted wall studs and board. Exterior grading also to be determined.
- Damage in bathroom ceiling from roof leak, possibly around pipes through roof.
Still under investigation...

