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There is much happening as we continue to move towards the start of a major renovation of our sanctuary and existing Ashantilly Wing later this summer. The Building Committee, Renovation Transition Team, and Capital Campaign Team continue to work diligently behind the scenes to lay the groundwork for a smooth and successful project. This month's Renovation Update focuses on the preliminary project now beginning in the Music Attic space as well as a look ahead to what is coming. You can read past Renovation Updates by visiting the sanctuary renovation page on the church Web site, sspres.org/sanctuary-renovation. We continue to solicit your prayers for this work and for our church as together we embark on this new adventure.

- Renovation Transition Team

Music Attic Connector Project

Beginning on Monday, June 17, construction will begin on a small hallway between the "Music Attic" space (located directly above the Britt Room) and the youth suite. This month-long project should create only minor disruptions in the regular day-to-day activities of the church. Details below.

Purpose: Construction of a connector hallway will enhance the short and long-term functionality of the Music Attic by allowing it to be accessed using the existing elevators that service the youth suite. Having additional accessible space will also be critical during the sanctuary renovation when several key ministries of the church (music, Sunday school, Hunger Action Team) will be displaced from Ashantilly Wing.

Construction Site: The primary entry/egress point during the project will be the outdoor stairwell to the music attic. At the point of punching through to youth suite the contractors will use double doors to youth suite stairwell adjacent the Britt Room. Contractors are going to use the lower lot during the week. On Fridays, they will clean everything up and if they have anything that needs to be there over the weekend they will move it as close to the bridge as they can. Most of the materials will be stored on the grass areas behind the building on other side of creek.

Contractor: RH Tyson Construction

Estimated Cost: \$72,000. Cost included in the budget for the capital campaign.

What Has Already Happened?

Organ Removed: During the week of May 20, the A.E. Schleuter Pipe Organ Company removed the organ pipes from our sanctuary. The company will spend the next year refurbishing the pipes, which will be installed at the end of the renovation. The church’s electronic organ has been installed in the sanctuary for worship leadership in the interim.

Closet Cleaning: Staff and ministry teams under the coordination of the Renovation Transition team have begun the process of inventorying closets and spaces that will need to be moved during the renovation. The process of relocating or getting rid of the contents of closets, cabinets, and other spaces will continue in the coming weeks.

Hunger Action Team Space: Leaders of the Hunger Action Team (HAT) and Renovation Transition Team have identified an ideal off-site space that will allow HAT to continue their important mission to our community during the renovation.

Building Committee: The Building Committee continues to meet regularly with the project architects, Ussery-Rule, as well as various consultants, engineers, etc. They hope to have building documents completed by the end of the month.

Looking Ahead...

<p>House Cleaning July/August</p>	<p>Throughout the month of July, you will continue to notice closets and cabinets that are bare. “Mission critical” contents are being shifted to different spaces on-site at church. Items that do not need to be accessed during the renovation will be moved to off-site storage that is being arranged. Old or unneeded items will be donated or discarded. Furniture will be the last things to be moved out – ideally happening right before construction begins. This process is being coordinated by the Renovation Transition Team along with staff and ministry teams.</p>
<p>Construction Zone August+</p>	<p>Once the full sanctuary renovation begins, the current sanctuary will be closed to the public. Nevertheless, it is anticipated the front of the church will not be blocked off so our church will not appear to be “closed.” We are always ready to welcome guests and visitors to our church. The construction site will include the area outside the Ashantilly Wing and the kitchen parking lot. Once construction begins, expect to see a construction trailer in the kitchen parking lot. With the exception of the kitchen parking lot, all other parking areas around the church will be open and available.</p>
<p>Temporary Worship Space Planning Ongoing</p>	<p>The Renovation Transition Team continues to plan for a temporary worship space in the social hall for the duration of the renovation. The goal is to make the space feel as “worshipful” as possible. In addition to liturgical furniture and space setup, they are also planning for Sunday morning traffic flow inside the building, handicap accessibility, setup/teardown procedures, storage, and other considerations.</p>