

Construction Update (2015-11-08)

With all of the closures in and around the church, please pay attention to the signs that warn us not to enter the affected areas. These signs have been installed to maintain our safety, so do not go into any of these areas.

The exterior demolition of Phase I of the renovation is complete and "the rock" in front of the Chapel is fully exposed. With the removal of the barricade, traffic is flowing in both lanes on State Street. Over the next few weeks State Street should only have temporary closures of one lane as concrete is poured and structural steel is set in place. Most of the work beyond the exterior entrances will be behind blocked doors and barricades, so we will have to use our imaginations to envision the installation of new mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades, and renovation of spaces for the nursery, the youth area, adult Sunday school classes, Community School of the Arts, flower room, library and parlor. Please continue to look at the videos that are posted on the Church's website www.fpcknox.org to see the latest pictures of the progress being made.

Brad Rule of B. Rule and Company, who is refurbishing and re-voicing our organ, reports, "... the 10 stop Great chest, [is] all re-leathered, checked and re-checked to make sure it works faultlessly on the higher wind pressure. Almost 2,000 moving parts inside, and they are all working correctly. I am currently working on re-voicing many of these ranks right now... It already sounds more gentle and singing than it used to, but final regulating and voicing at the church should make it even better."

Reminder:

Currently, there are two ways to enter the sanctuary, either through the front doors or through the north door (the door near the lectern). The door near the lectern is also the way to exit the sanctuary to the nearest restrooms located on the balcony above Fellowship Hall. Please remember that all children elementary age and younger must be accompanied by an adult when leaving the sanctuary. This is a safety issue, and it is very important that we keep our children safe.

We appreciate how cooperative everyone has been during this phase of the renovation, and we realize that there will be more changes to come that will require everyone's gracious flexibility.