

Construction Update (2015-12-20)

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.

We can easily see the digging and pouring of foundations for the elevator shaft and the connector between the sanctuary and the chapel, but what is not easily seen is the great amount of work that is going on "behind the door." The contractors are continuing their work on the mechanical and electrical systems that are being upgraded in Phase 1.

We also cannot see the great amount of work that is going into the refurbishing and re-voicing of our organ. Since the removal of the organ from the sanctuary to the workshop of B. Rule & Company, all offset chests have been rebuilt, re-leathered, and tested; both Swell chests have been rewired; all manual chest primaries (240) have been re-leathered; both Great pitman chests have been rebuilt and tested with pipes; both Swell pitman chests have been rebuilt; the Great ranks have been repaired, cleaned, revoiced and tested on their chests; two Swell Schwimmers have been rebuilt; a new surround rack for the Great Trumpet bass pipes has been constructed; and new toe regulating plates for the Great Gedeckt 16 have been built. And, there is still more work to be done. We look forward to the installation of the organ at the end of all of the construction.

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.