



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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Turning for Home

We are “rounding the final pole and turning for home,” as they say in thoroughbred horse racing. Most of the course is behind us. We know we’ve been running hard. There’s still a distance to go, but we can see the finish line and the excitement is growing.

David Strauss of Dajon says, “All structural shoring has been disengaged. The building is once again standing on its own.” Chuck Lysaght, Dajon’s North Carolina-based structural engineer, has inspected the completed steel truss system he designed. Chuck has certified to the Glen Rock Building Department that the Sanctuary installation is in accordance with his design.

As of Friday afternoon, the Sanctuary ceiling, windows, trim, and most of the walls had been painted. The remainder of the shoring system that had been used as staging for ceiling repairs and painting had just been removed from both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

The apse has been returned to its original “Swiss blue” that many members will recall. Donna DeVinko, our secretary, described it as “heavenly.”

The Last Quarter Mile

In the week ahead, painters will be working on the pulpit, lectern, altar and baptismal font, insulation will be blown into the ceiling cavity, the refurbished chandeliers and sconces will be delivered, and the electrician will install the new lighting control system as well as the infrastructure to support a new sound system.

A good deal of ground still must be covered, including removing the temporary construction flooring and all the protective sheeting, professional cleaning of the Sanctuary and Narthex, inspecting the organ and returning it to good voice, waxing and repairing the parquet floor underneath the pews, reinstalling the pews, and so on.

While much of the work left to be done will be accomplished by contractors, we also expect that our own staff and volunteers will have lots to do to prepare for our return. If you are able to help, the outdoor cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 AM to noon. Indoor cleanup will be the following week, primarily October 18 and 19. Please contact Claudia Gentner (201.445.9229) if you can volunteer to help in any capacity. If you’ve been a spectator for this race, here’s an opportunity to get out of the paddock and come on to the track.

The finish line is in view! **Sunday, October 23rd is our service of celebration and rededication!**

God is with us, all the time. All the time, God is with us.

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