



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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Pews are Removed as Work Begins

The pews were removed from the Sanctuary on Friday to protect them from damage and make room for the truss repairs to begin. Each pew was numbered and wrapped and then loaded onto four big trucks to be transported to warehouses in Fair Lawn and Bergenfield. The altar, pulpit, and lectern were also wrapped in heavy-gauge plastic, but they will remain in the Narthex for the duration of the construction.



By Friday afternoon, workers had also installed plastic from floor-to-ceiling around the interior perimeter of the Sanctuary.

Earlier in the week, Jim Konzelman, our organ curator, conferred with Peter Calabro and members of the Recovery Task Force, and decided to shroud the organ pipes to avoid getting debris in them. Jim even crawled inside the swell box where the louvered shutters are – no mean feat – to protect some of the most sensitive pipes. Meanwhile, Anthony Guglielmo, owner of MetalMan Restoration, scampered up one of the shoring towers to confirm the lamp and socket configuration in the chandeliers before we signed the contract for their refurbishment.

Church Council Approves Capital Needs Visioning

Not surprisingly, the roof failure has sharpened the focus on our physical building and it has caused us to think about our financial viability and the future of our church in new terms. In that spirit, Jon Osborn has formed a Capital Campaign Steering Committee. It proposed on Monday evening that Council undertake a process of asking the congregation to identify improvements that need to be made to our building. Council agreed, voting unanimously to convene Visioning Clusters that will report their priorities and opinions by July 31st. These “clusters” are affinity groups within the congregation such as “empty nesters” or “Sunday School parents.” Council hopes to engage as many members as possible in this planning activity, to be sure all good ideas are heard and discussed before we undertake any capital projects.

Without a doubt, God is with us, all the time. All the time, God is with us.

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