

Spirit and Space Construction Update – 07/20/20

Pre- Construction Services Update:

- Cardinal Group completed the required asbestos abatement work inside the church.
- Necessary borings were completed for the church exterior work to be accomplished.
- New church coolers were ordered for the pantry and kitchen, with plans to install them the first week in August upon completion of the new pantry. Tiqvah will order a cooler for their use.
- Securing city approval for use of the AEP parking lot during the work week and weekends is in the final stages.
- The chancel pendant lights were removed, and they will undergo repair with Studio Arts and Glass prior to re-installation.

Chancel and Design Review Subcommittee Update:

- All chancel paint, flooring, stain and preliminary fabric selections were finalized.
- A congregational demo chair is being built for review. The new chairs will replicate our existing pews in sizing, finish, and wood type, and will aid those who have difficulty getting in and out of our traditional pew.
- The Chancel Chair Sub-Committee is currently reviewing different choir chair designs. A final choir chair design will soon be selected and presented to the larger Chancel Sub-Committee for approval so that the chairs can be ordered in early fall.
- The Rev. Erich Thompson, our chancel furnishings artist and craftsman, is working with the Chancel Sub-Committee to design and fabricate new chancel sacred furniture.

Construction Update:

- The following building permits have been submitted and received: building, electrical, plumbing/mechanical; we are awaiting the fire permitting. Gable Elevator will submit requests for their permits when the elevator work is ready to commence.
- Structural steel engineer shop drawings were completed for the installation of our new chancel cross with input from the Rev. Erich Thompson.
- Lighting, finishing, and plumbing schedules have all been reviewed and finalized.
- An estimate for updating the organ blower is being requested for review.
- The DBOT Committee will soon be discussing exterior landscaping designs so that plans for this work can be submitted to the city. Driveway and parking lot work will commence in early September.
- Installation of solar tubes for the purpose of directing natural light into the chancel space behind the stone arch was addressed.
- Construction is proceeding on schedule, with expected return to the sanctuary to coincide with the start of Advent.

