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Dear Members and Friends of the Hills Church,

It has been just about two weeks since Consigli Construction obtained our building permit and we 'broke ground' so to speak on our HVAC Plus project. It has also been two weeks since we updated you on the progress of this renovation. Note that all of these construction updates from the moderators are also appearing on the church's website in case you should miss one: <https://www.hillschurch.org/news/>

Since our last update, the staff has been settling into their temporary spaces and the life of the church goes on, in 'revised normal' mode. Most people have managed to find the temporary church office (in the Ushers' Room) and the temporary Reception Room (in the Board Room). In June, we successfully hosted 300 guests for a service of Episcopal Ordination for a Roman Catholic woman priest becoming a bishop. The service took place in the Sanctuary and the reception was held in the Assembly Room. Just as a reminder, some of the details about how, when and where staff and clergy will be operating during construction can be found in Matt's messages in the June 6 and June 13 church newsletters which have also been posted on the church website.

You've probably seen the accumulation and turnover of construction materials on campus which gives you some idea of the level of activity. But here are some notes and pictures to give you a better idea of what has been going on behind the scenes.

In the first week of the project, our contractor Consigli completed the protection of flooring and other key items in the Nursery School that need to be preserved, such as bulletin boards and tree houses (!) prior to beginning demolition. Demolition began with the removal of the ceilings and lights on the first floor of the Parish House ...





... while Fraser (the HVAC subcontractor) began removing the steam radiators and installing hangers for the new hot water pipes to service the new radiators.

On the second floor of the Parish House, demolition proceeded with removal of the carpet and the ceilings.



Following behind the demolition work, the crews have been isolating and removing exposed asbestos as it is encountered. At this point, they have abated a substantial portion of the first and second floors.



Demolition and asbestos abatement will continue in the current week, and Fraser will also begin installing new hot water pipes. We will be sharing further updates with you in the coming weeks.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Moderators individually or by email: [officeofthemoderator@hillschuch.org](mailto:officeofthemoderator@hillschuch.org).

In service and faith,

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