

## **A Month of Maintenance Work for Our Home at Grove & Meadow**

It's been an exciting month of activity around our buildings for the month of May and into early June. You may not notice unless you look hard or unless you are spending time in the choir area or Blue Room! The members of the Building & Grounds Committee thought you would like to see just how hard folks have been working for needed repairs and renovations, thanks to our partnerships with local experts. Old World Masonry Restoration, Vassars Services and Jeter Flooring all did an excellent job for us!

### **EXTERIOR MASONRY RESTORATION**

Clint Hobbs and his team started their set up of the scaffolding on May 9<sup>th</sup> between the row houses and the main church building. Mortar restoration on three sides of the church was scheduled to take until mid-June and was completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Sidewalk and road closures went smoothly. Clint thoroughly evaluated as they worked to be sure that we were getting all that needed to be done to prevent any further interior moisture damage. We will be adding an inspection of the mortar around the church to our Facilities Management Plan, to be completed every 2 or 3 years, with Clint doing that work for us in the future.





## **HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS INSTALLED FOR THE CHOIR SUITE/YOUTH ROOM & BLUE ROOM AREA**

Early last fall the 16-year old HVAC system that services the choir suite developed a major coil problem, followed in December by a similarly aged system that services the Blue Room area failing. We priced the units and decided to wait until 2022 to install replacement systems. The wait was worth it! Our vendor, Vassars Services, was able to find systems at a little lower price locally, and the time allowed us to feel confident that we were making good choices in how the system will be set up. The Youth Room will (in the near future) have its own zoning separate from the choir area for heat and air conditioning controls. The thermostats for both systems can be managed remotely.

Cliff Dennis and his team started installation on May 16<sup>th</sup> with the arrival of the equipment and placing the condensers on the Williams Building roof. The job was completed on June 2<sup>nd</sup> after a lot of heavy lifting, checking duct work, and getting the new systems ready for operation. We will continue to monitor the systems

to be sure that they are operating as expected, meaning that only Vincent has control of the thermostats for now!



Vincent is in the yellow vest, helping secure the new equipment on the Williams Building roof.





### **NEW FLOORING BETWEEN THE WILLIAMS BUILDING AND THE BLUE ROOM**

A couple of years ago the church leadership agreed to put new flooring outside of the choir suite as a way to recognize and celebrate July Fiske's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at TBC. The pandemic and other needs meant that the new flooring project was delayed until this year. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> James Jeter and his team prepared the existing floor and then completed installation of new LPV flooring in one day. The old carpet is gone, and the new flooring looks wonderful!!

Before (after removal of the old carpet)



After



We all owe a big thank you to Vincent Sallie for all of his help with and supervision of these project teams. Vincent did a terrific job of giving a helping hand every day that the teams were on site, as well as asking questions when needed to keep the work going smoothly. He kept us informed about progress, taking and sharing pictures daily. As Clint Hobbs said, "Vincent is a great guy to work with."

If you have any questions about the maintenance accomplishments over the past month, please contact Donna Soyars, Chair, Building & Grounds Committee.