

Building Humanism from the Inside Out Issue #10: On Schedule and Close to Budget

Welcome to the newsletter of **Building Humanism from the Inside Out**, the First Unitarian Society Capital Campaign.

Our main story today: we are fully involved now in all areas of the building, from up on the roof to beneath the foundation in the dirt, and we are happy to report that we are still on schedule for a Sept 2017 completion, and we are close to budget.

We have found a lot more asbestos in our ceilings and walls than we had anticipated, and therefore we are spending more for abatement than we had budgeted. We think we have found it all now and are working with Watson-Forsberg to find savings in other areas.

Construction News Highlights

Rooftop: The roofers have started work above the Dietrich room. Look up to the roof from outside the Mount Curve entrance, and you will see big blue tarps covering lots of thick new energy-efficient insulation. Outside the FUS office door, the roofers' have their own dumpster.

Lower Assembly Level (aka 2nd Floor): In the new restroom area, trenches were cut into the concrete floor, and new plumbing has been installed, connected and inspected. The new floor may already have been poured by the time you read this.

(Interesting side note: as the workers were digging out a trench, they found some brick that we think was part of the carriage house to the old Donaldson Mansion that preceded us at 900 Mount Curve.)

The ceiling outside the Lower Assembly Hall was removed, and we worked long hours until midnight to finish the removal and asbestos abatement before Gaia School returned from their spring break.

Conduit for our new electrical service has been installed in the ceiling of the Chalice room.

Miscellaneous: The 3-stop elevator with stainless steel doors has been ordered.

Please remember: our building will be open throughout this project, and be aware that some activities may be moved around to accommodate

construction. We will continue to keep the Groveland doors open on Sundays as long as there is safe passage up the steps.

Coming Up

Things to look forward to soon:

- Windows on the 1st and 3rd floor will be removed and temporarily filled with plywood,
- Restrooms on the third floor will be disconnected,
- We are ready to shut down the boiler, and we are waiting for the warm days of a Minnesota spring to arrive before we do.

Staying Informed

Keep an eye on the floor plans that have been mounted on the walls of the gallery outside the Upper Assembly Hall. They will be updated with the latest news of construction work and room availability.

Your questions and comments are always appreciated, so please send us a message at fustomorrow@gmail.com.

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