

## **Building Humanism from the Inside Out**

### **Issue #11: Emphasis on the Inside**

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

We really look like we are under construction; for example, you may notice that many of our old windows have been removed and temporarily replaced by plywood.

But along with those outward appearances, we have actually been concentrating much of our recent work deep on the inside, upgrading and improving the vital organs of the building that most of us may never see.

### **Construction News Highlights**

The Big News: The giant boiler is gone! It's now headed to the recycler, along with the massive fan room equipment and ductwork, making room for our new high efficiency heating and air conditioning systems. You may also notice that many of the walls in our classrooms and other spaces are sporting holes where old radiators have been removed recently.

Also, the plumbers are installing miles of new copper pipe, servicing our new restrooms and replacing much of the original galvanized plumbing.

Rooftop: Lots of progress here—additional energy-efficient insulation and new roof edging have been installed.

Balcony: Those who venture up to the balcony on Sunday mornings will see that near the top of each stairwell we have cut a large hole in the wall. These will accommodate two new roof-access doors, to be used to service new roof-top HVAC equipment.

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (aka Upper Assembly Level): The accessible restrooms on this floor have been disconnected. For now, portable restrooms are available just outside the Mount Curve entrance.

Lower Assembly Level (aka 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor): In the new restroom area, wall studs are up, plumbing is installed.

### **Coming Up**

Things to look forward to soon:

- Sheetrocking begins in the new all-gender bathrooms
- Masonry work for the new elevator begins in the basement
- A new transformer, required for our upgraded electrical service, will be sited on our grounds, somewhere near the Mount Curve side of the building

**NOTE:** Our elevator will be disconnected in mid-June, and we will be without any elevator for about a month, until the new elevator is up-and-running.

Our summer programming **will be accessible**, because we'll conduct all Sunday morning activities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor—in the Upper Assembly, the Dietrich Room and other spaces on that level.

### **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.

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