

# Building Living Hope

Hope Church - Renovations & Additions

## SITE FUN FACT!

### Service on Call

Every elevator in the State of Michigan is required to have a dedicated phone line hooked up to it. That is because each “car” has an emergency call button that dials the elevator service company.



Rose window viewed from inside the chapel



### Executive Summary Making the Turn and Headed Down the Final Stretch

There has been a big jump in the look of the areas still under construction since the last newsletter. At the time of the last issue, we were surrounded by steel studs, drywall mud, and exposed pipes and wires. Now, you can see painted walls and drywall ceilings, finished acoustical ceilings, and the new handrails. One of the changes that is most drastic at this stage is when the permanent lights are installed and powered up. The flip of a switch transforms the areas from dingy temporary lighting to nearly finished spaces.

Behind (and above) the scenes, the fire protection service is being built in the boiler room. Also, the new HVAC units and attic mechanical room are complete and operational. Fire protection lines are nearly complete in the attic and some of the lines in the narthex have been installed (but not yet painted). The elevator is complete and ready to go once the new fire alarm system is operational and the elevator lobbies are finished.

Best regards,

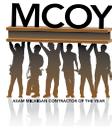
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## Looking Ahead

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New mechanical room in the attic

Over the next month, we will be finishing the final paint, adding sound panels to the chapel, and removing and replacing the carpet throughout the hallway and gathering areas. The construction wall will come down towards the end of the month as well, a very big and fun time for all!



West wall in the Gathering Area

## TEAM SPOTLIGHT: Who's Who On Site



### Meet Randy Sturdavant .....

Randy Sturdavant has been working for Dependable Fire Protection, Inc. for about seven months. He has a very difficult job here at Hope Church crawling through the attic and running hundreds of feet of piping that will eventually serve to protect the church from fire.

Randy is currently engaged to Nichole Voetberg and has two dogs, Toby and Oliver.



# A Living Hope Project Update

## From the Capital Campaign Team

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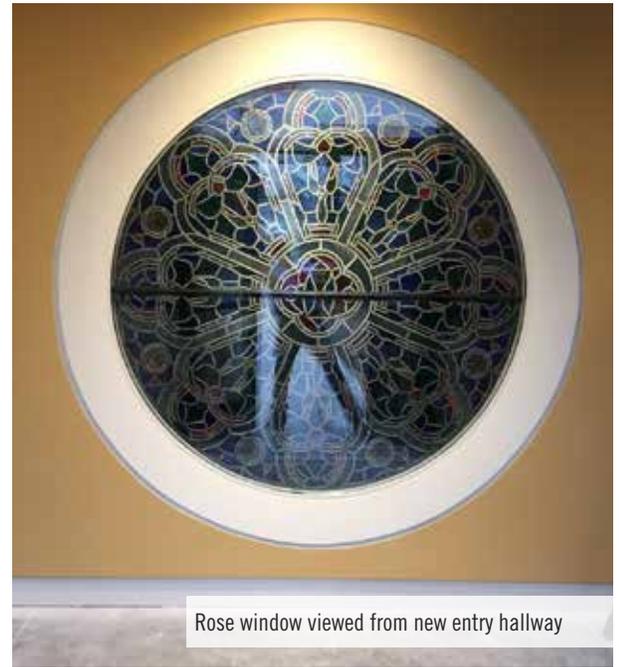
### Increasingly Real!

It's exciting to see the daily progress on our renovation project. Many of us have sneaked through the construction door to peek at what's taking shape. In the next few weeks, the construction wall will come down, and in addition to glimpses of the chapel, we'll also be able clearly to see our new, expanded Gathering Area.

We know there are a few parts of our project—repairing the 11th Street entrance steps, final set-up of air conditioning, landscaping—that can't be completed until spring weather returns, but otherwise we're in the home stretch! We can anticipate some bumps in the road, but know they'll be small in comparison to the disruption of the major construction steps.

We'll be procuring furniture and equipment and coordinating its installation, managing timing with the last of the construction and necessary inspections and occupancy permits, as well as with ongoing programs and operations. We've had the benefit of professional management from Elzinga & Volkers through the construction, and will manage these final parts of the project on our own. And, no doubt, we'll uncover some details we didn't anticipate!

Stay tuned to bulletin and blog announcements for any volunteer opportunities as we enter this final phase, as well as for any updates about facility use or access.



Rose window viewed from new entry hallway

## FEATURE VOLUNTEERS

### »»» Appreciation for Hope Church Volunteers and Staff

#### Dodging Snowflakes

This month's volunteer shout-out goes to **Bob Jerow**, who answered the call to pick up some of our new furniture and deliver it to our facility. Fortunately, he was watching the weather forecast, and was able to time his trip so that a minimum of snow fell on our new chairs.

As Bob's delivery shows, it doesn't always take a lot of planning to make a huge contribution to the Living Hope project! Sometimes it's a providential convergence of availability, goodwill, and energy!



Bob Jerow

**Volunteer opportunities:** Contact the church office (616-392-7947) or Lois Maassen ([lois.maassen@gmail.com](mailto:lois.maassen@gmail.com)) if you're able to pitch in!



“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

—Psalm 46: 1

# SAFETY Matters

## Ear Safety

Ear safety, like all aspects of safety, is aimed at keeping ourselves and our senses safe from danger and/or permanent damage while working under extreme circumstances. On any construction site, you are surrounded by constant loud noises. There are many different styles of ear protection depending on the project, but the most important aspect of ear safety is just being aware of the risk before you start any work. Once the damage is done, it can be long-lasting or even permanent!



## Hope Church Project Progress Photos

