



Parish of St. Timothy

Kitchen Update September 4, 2016

Thanks to the Cat Group

On Saturday August 25 there was a Rock Group at St. Timothy's! Seven strong young parishioners from the Catechism Group joined the Rector to remedy the north lawn and flowerbed. During excavation of the old plumbing lines, stones of all sizes and construction debris were strewn over the property. All the rocks were picked out of the lawn and the soil in the north flowerbed was screened. The stones were lugged to the south side of the parking lot to help with drainage.

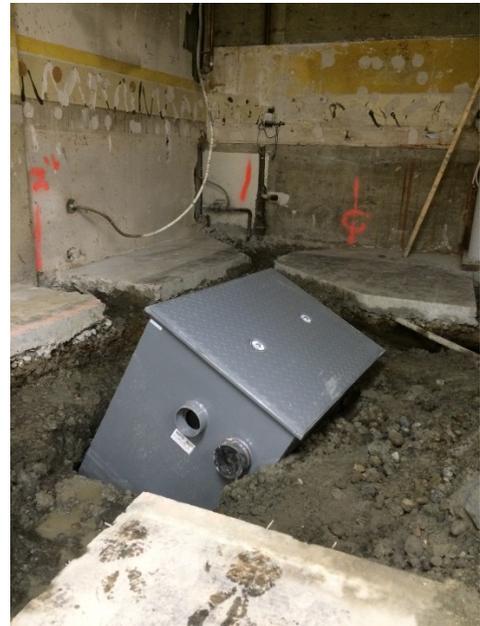


After a couple of hours of sweaty labour, the group adjourned to Glenburn Dairy for a well-earned ice cream.

There will be an opportunity later in the fall to help with replanting the north flowerbed and spreading topsoil prior to re-seeding the north lawn. And there are still more rocks to pick up on an ongoing basis. Please stop after service and collect a few!

In the Thick of It

Anyone who has lived through a renovation knows that things seldom happen on schedule or on budget. Changes in building codes since the permit was issued and uncertainties around venting, electrical needs, and dimensions have slowed down work. Now we are coming to the crunch time when all the trades are depending on each other to move forward.



The grease-trap is finally cemented in, after the high water table tried to make it bob in its hole like a tanker in the harbour.

In the next week, drywall will be going up on the outside of the kitchen. The doors (inside and external) are ordered. Once these are in place, a vapour barrier will close in the workspace and some groups may be allowed back in to use the hall. Meanwhile, the interior framing of the kitchen is happening, along with insulation. The

next step is electrical work, along with interior plumbing for sinks and the dishwasher unit.

The cabinetry is chosen and we are firming up dimensions to order upper and lower storage and the stainless steel counters. All of the appliances are ordered.

Community Groups this Fall

For the first two weeks of September, the hall will continue to be a construction zone. No groups will be meeting downstairs during this period.

During the summer, our **AA group** has successfully adapted to meetings in the centre of the worship area, and will continue to do so on Tuesday evenings.

Our resident before-and-after-school care, **Treasure Island**, will be using the worship area during the week, with the pews pushed to the side to give enough floor space for the children to have play space and tables. The plan is to have the hall clean and safe enough for them to transition downstairs on September 19, even though the kitchen will not be completed.

Beata Vocal Ensemble will be able to practice in the worship area, and **Dream Korean Church** will use the space on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, as they have done so far.

Groups that can be accommodated upstairs are encouraged to make arrangements with the parish office for access. Some community organizations, such as the **Greater Vancouver Food Bank**, will continue to meet offsite until the hall and kitchen are cleared for usage.

Site Rules

Now that the work is in full swing, there are a diverse group of people using the church site nearly every day. Children are to be escorted downstairs to the washrooms while the hall is a construction zone. The following site rules are posted by Sasen Renovations for everyone to follow:

- Absolutely no smoking
- No loud or profane music or language
- Professional conduct expected at all times
- Cover and protect all finishes

- All visitors and deliveries must report to site supervisor
- All trades and crew must park in designated spots
- Site grounds are to be kept clean and organized
- Respect the privacy of homeowners and neighbours at all times

The most important rule, however, is the one our Lord Jesus taught us:

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This means being gentle with each other during the renovation process. Sometimes instructions don't get passed on or get garbled. Mistakes are made. Messes are made. As a Christian community, we are to bear with each other in love.

In spite of all the frustrations and shortcomings we may perceive in ourselves or our neighbours, let us remember to be honest, forgiving, and supportive of all who are involved in this once-in-a-lifetime project. Thank you to all who have helped out when tired or confused, for all the extra hours of preparation and clean-up. Believe that God has a plan, and sometimes a plan B (and C and D...) for this community.

Later this fall, St. Timothy's will be hosting a **Thanks-for-Giving Tea** in gratitude for all donors, helpers, and trades. The date is to be announced.

As we prepare to move deeper into food ministry, you can start collecting now for a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** Sunday October 9. All non-perishable items for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank will be gratefully received at the 10 am Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving.

Put the evening of Saturday November 19 aside now in your calendars for a **Celebration Supper** to inaugurate our new Legacy Kitchen. Details to follow.