

### 3.26.2020 Weekly Update

Ready for a silver lining in all this COVID-19 news? Well, I have some for you: because the Religious School and the Early Childhood Center (formerly known as the Nursery School) are closed for the rest of the year, we are accelerating our accelerated schedule. We are clearing everyone out of their office space and moving them into classrooms as of April 3, and the construction team will be able to work on all the areas at once (provided they can get the needed workers and the needed materials): Clergy/Classroom addition, Small Sanctuary, MPR renovation, School Lobby and School office renovation. As long as the Virginia government allows construction teams to work, our team is forging ahead! (So, keep your fingers crossed that they will be allowed to continue to work.)

As for the progress this week, I thought I'd share two pictures of the Clergy/Classroom addition work. The picture below shows that some of the exterior material has been installed. The light-colored material is EIFS, which stands for "Exterior Insulation and Finish System". It's a multi-layered exterior finish that is quite durable and rarely needs repainting as it is covered with a special coating.



The next picture shows how much work has been done on the inside of the building. A significant portion of the ductwork has been installed, and the layouts for the individual rooms is well underway (which is the vertical metal bars that you see).



We hope that this great work can continue, but we know that this can change at a moment's notice. We can only hope for the best, and we will keep you posted, of course.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions: [bptf@templerodefshalom.org](mailto:bptf@templerodefshalom.org).

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