May 2, 2016:  
The project begins. Our General Contractors, Bulley & Andrews, (B&A) will be on-site on Monday to begin setting up their office and prepare for the demolition crews.

May 3, 2016:  
Bully & Andrews will erect the security/safety walls marking the no-entry zones for the first phase of construction.

May 4, 2016:  
• The demolition crews arrive to begin work in the courtyard, link hallway, and classrooms 4/6/8.  
• Our B & A Construction Site Manager is Chuck Knapp. He's a pro and has supervised projects for B&A and other companies for over 15 years. Chuck specializes in churches and schools and will oversee the day to day operations of our construction project.  
• Every week on Thursdays at 10:00 am Construction Meetings will take place and will include: Ron Kelso, Building Committee Chair and acting “Owner’s Rep”; Jim Valentine, COO; Chuck Knapp, Trey Cunny, and Tom Smith from B & A; and project architect from Wheeler Kearns, Janette Scott.  
• Normal hours for construction work will be from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

May 6, 2016:  
• All barriers are up, demolition of the inner narthex area and classrooms 4-8 has begun.  
• On Sunday mornings, the hallway linking the two narthexes will be open - but at all other times this area will be off limits.

May 7 - 13, 2016:  
• Even with pouring rain on three days, work in the courtyard and classrooms 4/6/8 continued.  
• The crew also totally deconstructed the east link area – walls and roof are gone, the old Property Closet and PADS storage room are gone.

May 14 - 21, 2016:  
• Demolition work in the phase #1 portion of the remodeling was completed this past week.  
• Many meetings and walk-throughs. HVAC, security, plumbing and electrical contractors were on site to get a sense of their impending work.  
• Meetings and phone calls with the Village of Arlington Heights to finish work on our permit and begin the process of getting approval on our Columbarium.  
• The Building Committee met to make final decisions on “finishes” - including carpeting and tile colors, and light fixtures for the worship space

May 22 - June 4, 2016:  
Over the past two weeks our Building committee and Construction crew have dealt with (successfully) several complications:  
• We finally have our building permit in hand and after two weeks of negotiations with the Village. Our project was approved and the permit produced two weeks ago – but they would not release the permit until licensing fees for every subcontractor were received. Since several subcontractors will not be hired until later in the summer, it took some convincing of VAH officials to finally release our permit.  
• During excavation in the courtyard to provide for the footings for walls of the new gathering space three items were discovered that needed immediate attention before work progressed: An underground natural gas leak was repaired; a faulty rainwater sewer pipe needed re-routing; and soil testing needed to be done.  
• Applications for our Columbarium permit (about 40 pages of details) have been completed and submitted to the Village by our architects at Wheeler Kearns.  
• Due to increased energy efficiency, our new roof (to be installed the week of June 20) will be about one foot higher than the current roof. That means alterations in several clerestory windows in the Fellowship Hall need to be modified and adjusted. Several plans have been discussed, and we’re close to a solution for this problem.
June 8 - 11, 2016:
• Concrete footings for the gathering space were poured on Wednesday.
• Foundation walls were poured on Friday, June 10th.
• Lots of clean up and storage of accumulated items took place – getting the new Office Administration area for work next week.

June 13 - 17, 2016:
• Skylights were removed, and new/higher frames were built for the new skylights; to raise the curbs for the new thicker roof
• The knee wall adjacent to the north clerestory windows on the fellowship hall was built (also to accommodate the new roof)
• Abatement of asbestos in old rooms 4-8 (new administrative area) was completed
• Back-fill around the new gathering space foundation walls and footings was complete; the ground was compacted and is ready for the slab to be poured
• Plumbers installed the new rainwater well in the courtyard and began digging the trenches for the pipes that will connect it with the downspouts

June 20 - 24, 2016:
• Concrete floor in the new gathering space and in the expanded link was poured
• The new drainage system in the courtyard was finished
• Asbestos abatement in nursery and room 12 was completed
• All chairs, benches, and pews were removed from worship space (to be stored off-site during the renovations)
• Preparations for the new roof continued
• Protection for the organ and baptismal font was installed

June 27 - July 1, 2016:
• Demolition of all quarry tile and carpeting in south narthex and worship space was completed
• Old light fixtures were removed from worship space
• Demolition of brick walls for two new doorways was completed in worship space
• Plumbing in the new PADS bathroom and laundry room was installed
• Work began on installing the new roof

July 5 - 8, 2016:
• Carpenter work in new office administration and new PADS bathrooms began
• Demolition of old sacristy closets and cabinets took place
• Steel and brick work in the expanded link and new gathering space began
• Work continues on installing the new roof
• Electric work in the worship space, new office area and PADS showers began
• Construction of the contemporary band stage began

July 11 - 15, 2016:
• Plumbing and electrical in the new PADS bathroom and laundry room continued to be installed
• Construction of the new ceiling over the expanded link area was begun – and is almost complete
• Dry wall is up in the new office area
• Work continued on the new roof
• Painting has begun in the nursery and other south-end rooms
• Band stage and AV booth construction has begun in the worship space
• In an effort to repair the rotting architectural features on the east wall, the feature needed to be removed – a remedy is under consideration
• The VAH Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve our columbarium

July 18 - 23, 2016:
• Plumbing, electrical and carpentry work in new office administration and new PADS bathrooms completed
• Painting continues
• Roofers completed all that they can – will be back in a couple weeks once link area and gathering space are complete
• Trenching of worship space floor was done (for laying conduit for sound equipment)
• Tile laid in sacristy
• Rotting east architectural feature removed and rebuilt
• Wiring for new lights in worship space completed
• Support beams for roof of new gathering space installed

July 25 - 30, 2016:
• The new gathering space walls and ceiling were begun
• Conduit was laid in floor of worship space
• Painting and carpet installation in nursery, new offices began
July 25 - 30, continued
• Fire alarm conduit and system were begun
• Tile work in sacristy was completed

August 1 - 6, 2016:
• Work on the fire alarm conduit/system continued
• Electrical and plumbing work in south re-modeled bathrooms continued
• Dry-walling was finished in the link area and office
• Carpet and mill work in office area was completed
• New gathering space development continues
• Roofers finished the flat roof
• Worship space trench concrete was poured
• Moved into the new office area

August 8 - 12, 2016:
• Light installation began in worship space
• Floor was leveled and tile installation began in worship space
• Office and pastoral staff organized and began to use their new office spaces
• Demolition and asbestos abatement – in the north end of the building began
• Spray insulation in the new gathering space began
• Temporary roof on gathering space installed (until skylight is delivered in October)
• Office and other rooms painted

August 15 - 19, 2016:
Light installation – down lighting and theater – continued in worship space
• Tile installation and grouting continued in worship space
• Demolition in the north end of the building finished
• Wall framing in north end begun
• Ceiling in link area dry-walled and taped
• Installation of sound system began
• Dry walling in narthex
• Windows installed in office

August 22 - 26, 2016:
• Asbestos abatement in north end was finished
• Light installation in worship space continued
• Tile installation finished in worship space; and began in narthex/hallways
• Exterior glass walls and doors were installed in gathering space and link area

August 22 - 26, continued
• Light installation – down lighting and theater – continued in worship space
• Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end begins
• Ceiling in link area was dry-walled and taped
• Installation of sound system began
• Dry walling in narthex completed
• Band stage and ADA hand railings completed
• PADS showers installed
• Fire alarm installation continued

August 29 - September 2, 2016:
• Tile installation continued in narthex/hallways
• Bathroom tiling complete
• Light installation – down lighting and theater – continued in worship space
• Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued
• Installation of sound system continued
• Fire alarm installation continued
• Pews re-installed in worship space
• Painting in all areas continued
• Rooftop HVAC units wired and working

September 6 - 9, 2016:
• Tile installation in narthex/hallways – finished
• Light installation – down lighting and theater – finished
• Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued
• Installation of sound system continued
• Fire alarm installation continued
• Painting in all areas continued
• Cabinetry in sacristy installed
• Hardware and doors installed
• All new bathroom fixtures installed
• Carpet installation in worship space almost finished
• Worship space Sound Booth installed
• Security System and handicapped entrance door installed

September 12 - 16, 2016:
• Tile installation continued in gathering space
• Programming of the lights in worship space begun
• Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued
• Installation of sound system continued
• Fire alarm installation continued
• Painting in all areas continued
• Carpet installation in worship space complete
• Speakers installed in Worship Space
• Hardware and security drop-box in offices installed
September 12 - 16, 2016:
- Washers/dryers/ and drinking fountains installed
- Bathroom partitions installed

September 19 - 24, 2016:
- Programming lights in worship space completed
- Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued
- Installation of sound system in worship space complete
- Fire alarm installation continued
- Painting in all areas continued
- Worship Space Clerestory drapery installed
- Tiling, Soffit drywall, electrical, and HVAC work continues in gathering space
- Inspections for Temporary Occupancy at south end complete
- Set up of new nursery, meeting rooms at south end of building complete
- Renewed Worship Space move-in has begun
- Pews reconditioned, sacristy is complete

September 26 - 30, 2016:
- Demolition, asbestos remediation, began in phase # 4 of the project.
- Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued.
- Worship space screen and projector installed.
- Fire alarm installation continued.
- Painting in all areas continued.
- Worship Space Clerestory drapery installed.
- Tiling, Soffit drywall, electrical, and HVAC work continues in gathering space
- Commissioning and training on sound & amplifiers and lights took place

October 2 - 15, 2016:
- Demolition, asbestos remediation, was finished in phase # 4 of the project
- Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued
- Fire alarm installation continued
- Painting in all areas continued
- Tiling, Soffit drywall, electrical, and HVAC work finished in gathering space
- Carpentry and taping in Sunday School wing complete
- Fellowship Hall: lights, drywall, and tiling begun
- Fine-tuning of sound and projection systems in worship space

October 17 - 21, 2016
- Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end continued
- Fire alarm installation continued
- Painting in all areas continued
- Fellowship Hall lights, drywall, and tiling complete
- Woodwork, hanging of barn door, in gathering space-ground cover (chipped granite) in courtyard poured
- Painting, finishing touches in SCS wing continued
- Taping, carpeting, HVAC work in Fellowship Hall complete
- HVAC installation in old rooms 1-3 (new adult ed rooms) complete
- Tiling in all hallways at north end of building continued
- Installation of new ice maker and dishwasher in kitchen complete

October 24 - 28, 2016:
- Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end (phase # 3) is near completion
- Fire alarm installation continued
- Painting in all areas continued
- Tiling in all hallways at north end of building completed
- Painting, finishing touches in SCS wing continued
- Downspouts installed
- Tiling in all hallways at north end of building completed

October 31 - November 4, 2016:
- Dry wall, electrical, HVAC in north end finished
- Fire alarm installation continued
- Installation of new glass ceiling in gathering space complete
- Electrical/lighting installation in north entry complete
- Painting and finishing touches in gathering space, Fellowship Hall, and Sunday School wing
- Punch list begun

November 14, 2016:
Final walk through by Arlington Heights Village Officials for our “Occupancy Permit”

November 7 - 11, 2016:
- Fire alarm installation finished and tested
- Painting and finishing touches in gathering space, Fellowship Hall, and Sunday School wing continued
- Fellowship Hall roof windows built
- Carpet laying and painting in new adult ed rooms
- Installation of new fire suppression range hood in kitchen is complete