



Building Accessibility Project Dedication
Sunday, November 1, 2015



Join us as we
celebrate a milestone
in the history of St.
John's.

Learn about our
journey to make our
home at Fifth and
Chestnut Streets
more accessible to the
congregation and the
community.



Construction began on March 16 with the addition of a gender neutral, ADA compliant accessible restroom and new entrance foyer to the Parish Hall

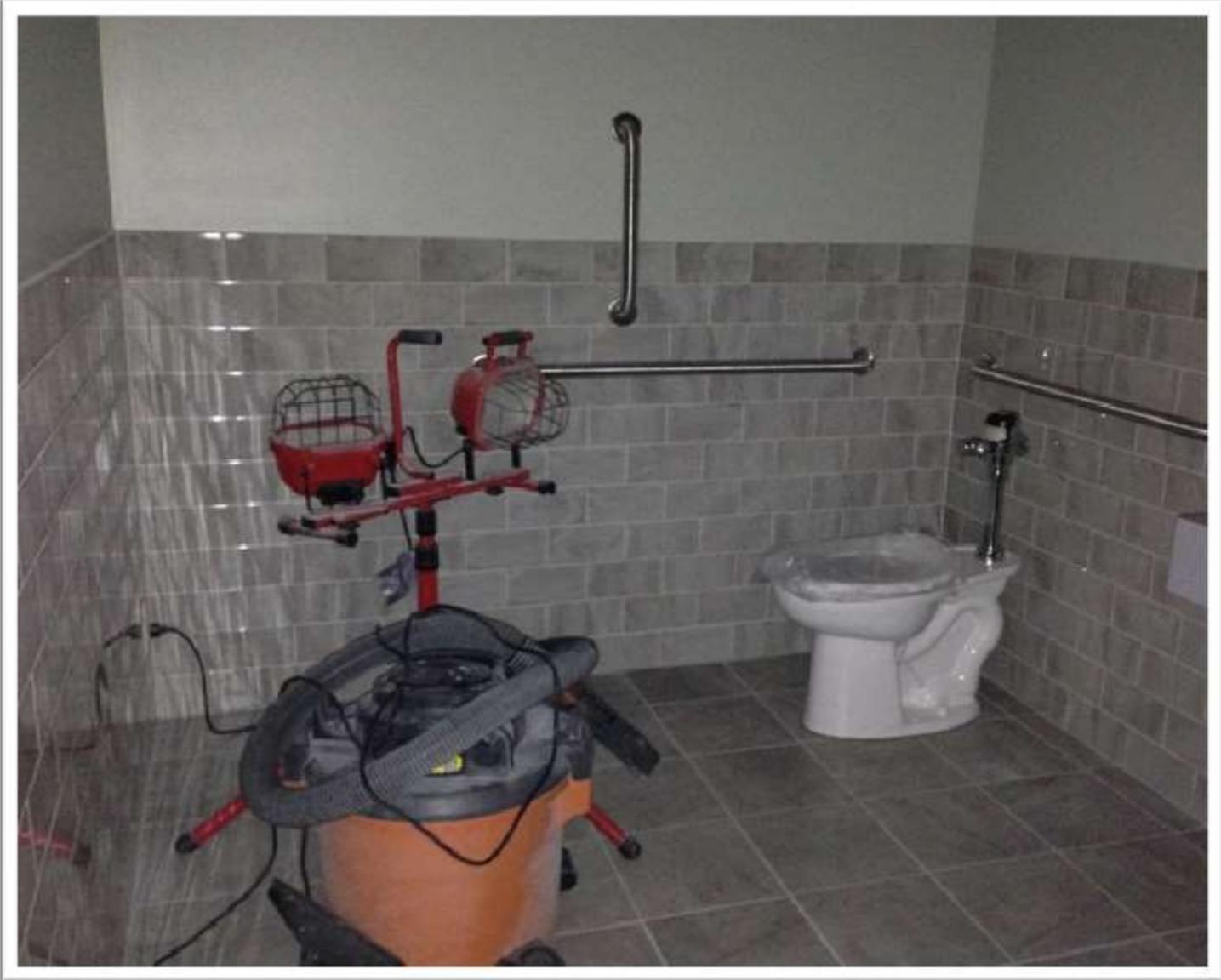
History of the Project: Informational discussion meetings were held in Nov. 2014 to review with members how best to enhance mobility for people with physical challenges throughout the multi-leveled church building. The project/funding plan were approved by Council in Jan. 2015, and by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2015. The \$300,000 construction project began in March and was completed in September.





Work continued through April--and from the outside--it became apparent that St. John's was undergoing a major renovation. And, the Fifth Street doors were closed as of April 13.

April 2015



Installing the gender neutral, ADA compliant accessible restroom

May 2015



The major construction part of the project was well underway. The Fifth Street entrance doors were removed. Stone was cut to raise Fifth Street entrance 27 inches.

May 2015



Since this entrance was under construction, temporary weekday and Sunday entrance to all areas of the building was established through the doors on Perkiomen Street (Alley).

May 2015



Construction began on the exterior wheelchair access ramp. The stone wall to boiler room was removed, and a new retaining wall for stone wall to boiler room was completed.

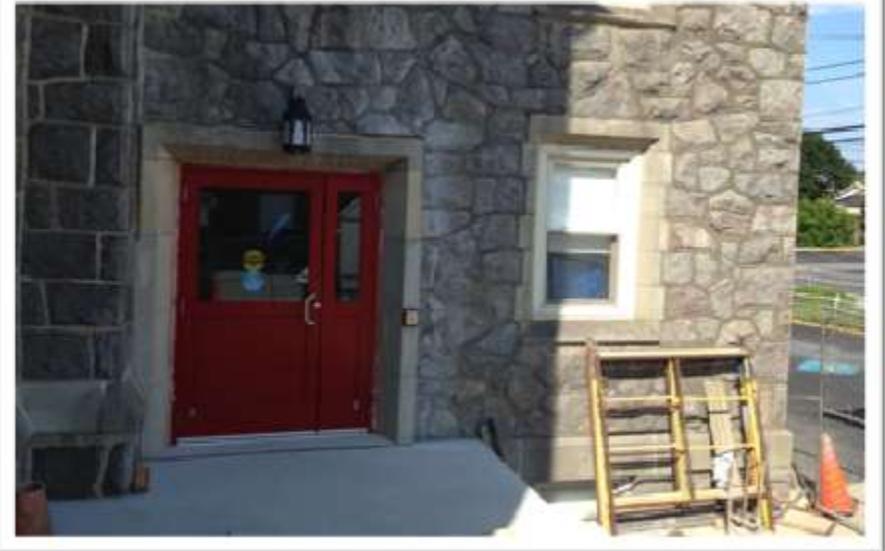
May 2015



The new Fifth Street entrance

New Fifth Street entrance door
was installed.

June 2015



Exterior work included a new stone wall and steps to the boiler room



Construction of the shaft for the lift

July 2015



Construction of the shaft
for the lift and the
installation of the lift

July 2015



The coatroom outside the Parish Hall became an important storage area during the construction

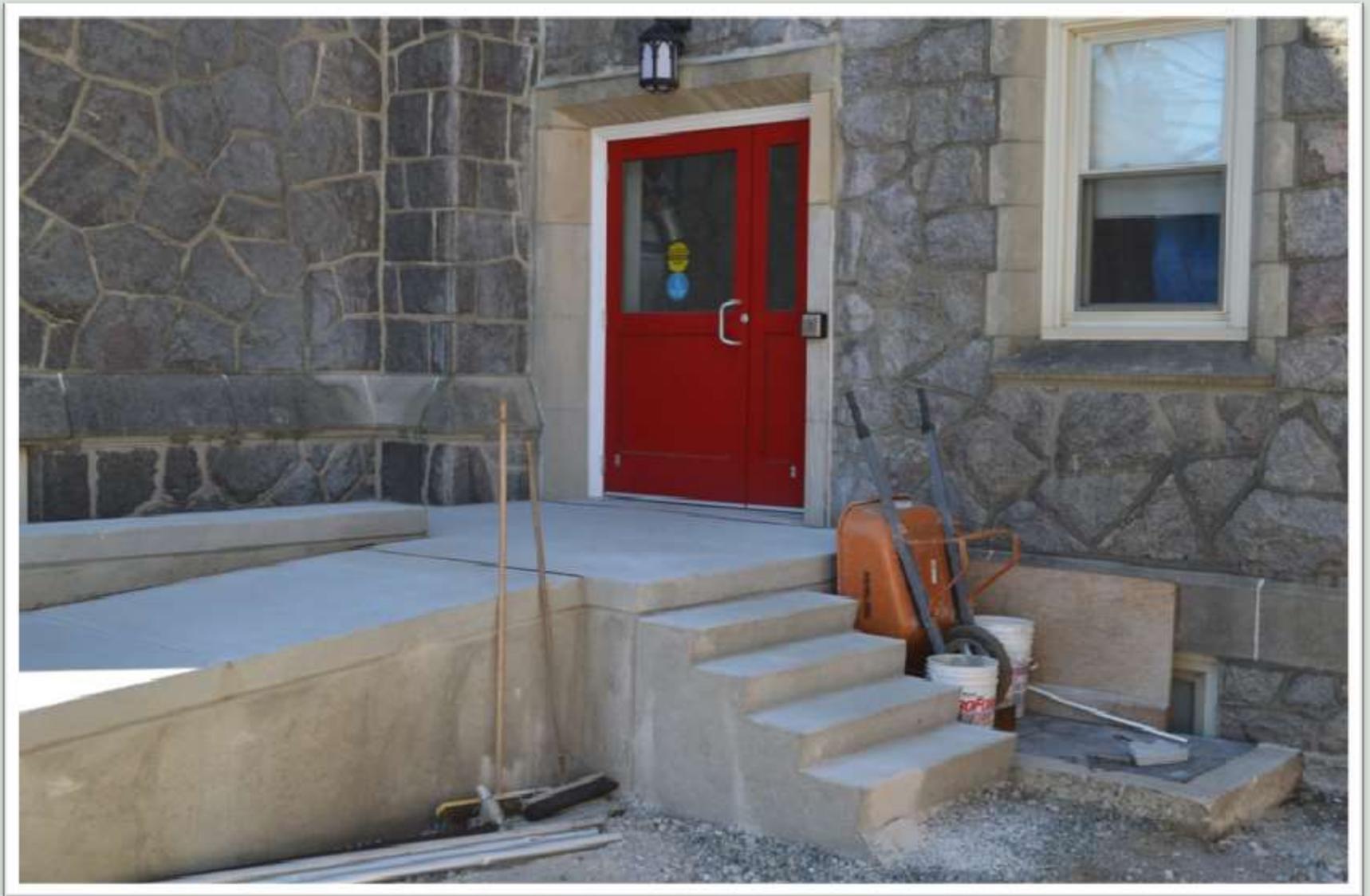
July 2015



Work continued in July on the exterior wheelchair access ramp



July 2015



And work continued on the entrance...

July 2015



Work continued on the interior of the new Fifth Street entrance.



July 2015



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Work also continued in July to complete the installation of the lift

July 2015



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With lift access all the way up to the office, there was also major construction in this area of St. John's.

July 2015



The new door on Parish Hall level for access to lift was installed.



July 2015



The new gender neutral, ADA compliant accessible restroom

July 2015



Completed removal of remaining sidewalks in construction area

July 2015



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Completed building stone wall in exterior stairway to boiler room.

July 2015



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Final touches on the Fifth Street entrance--getting it ready to be opened.

August 2015



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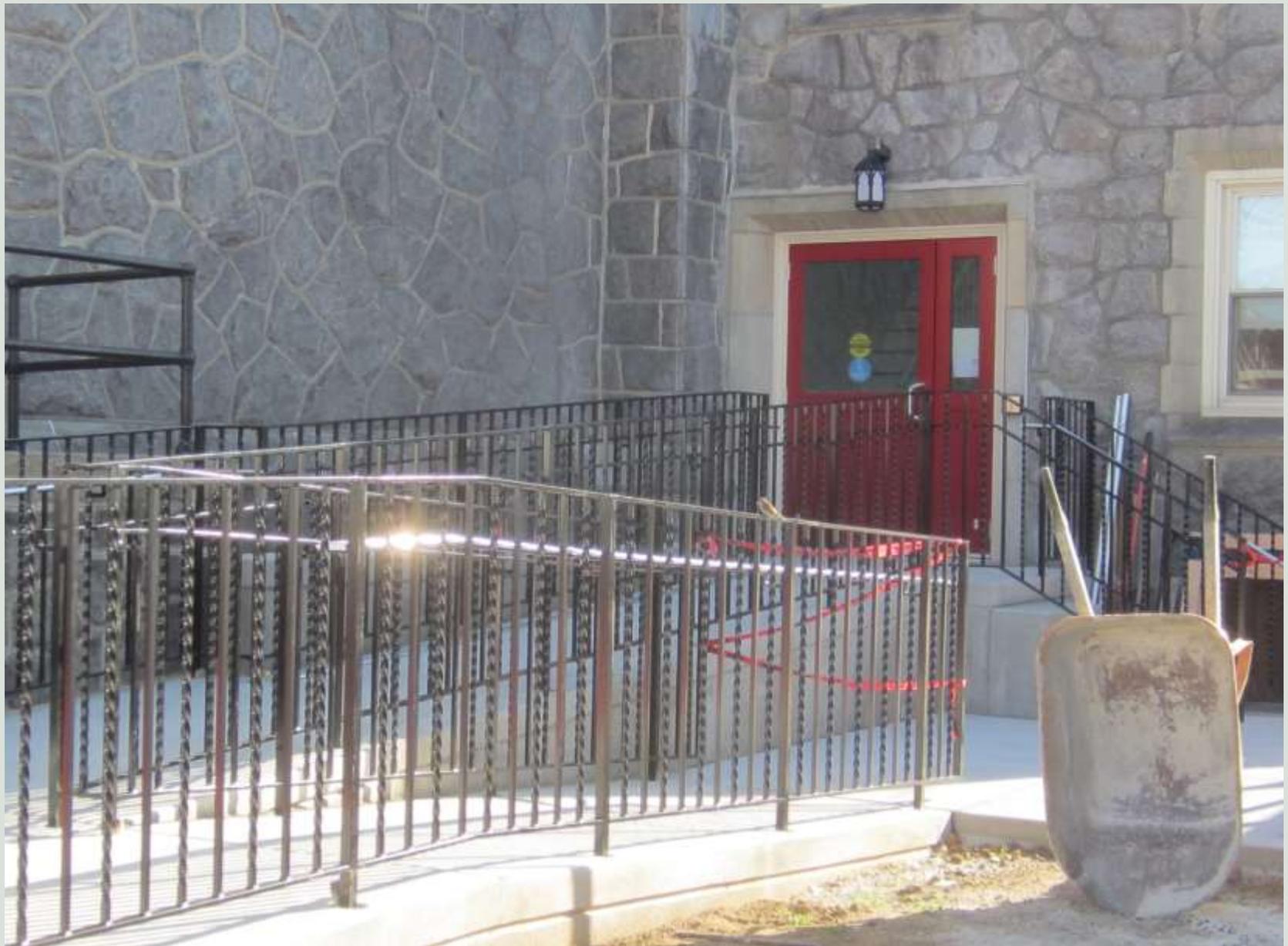
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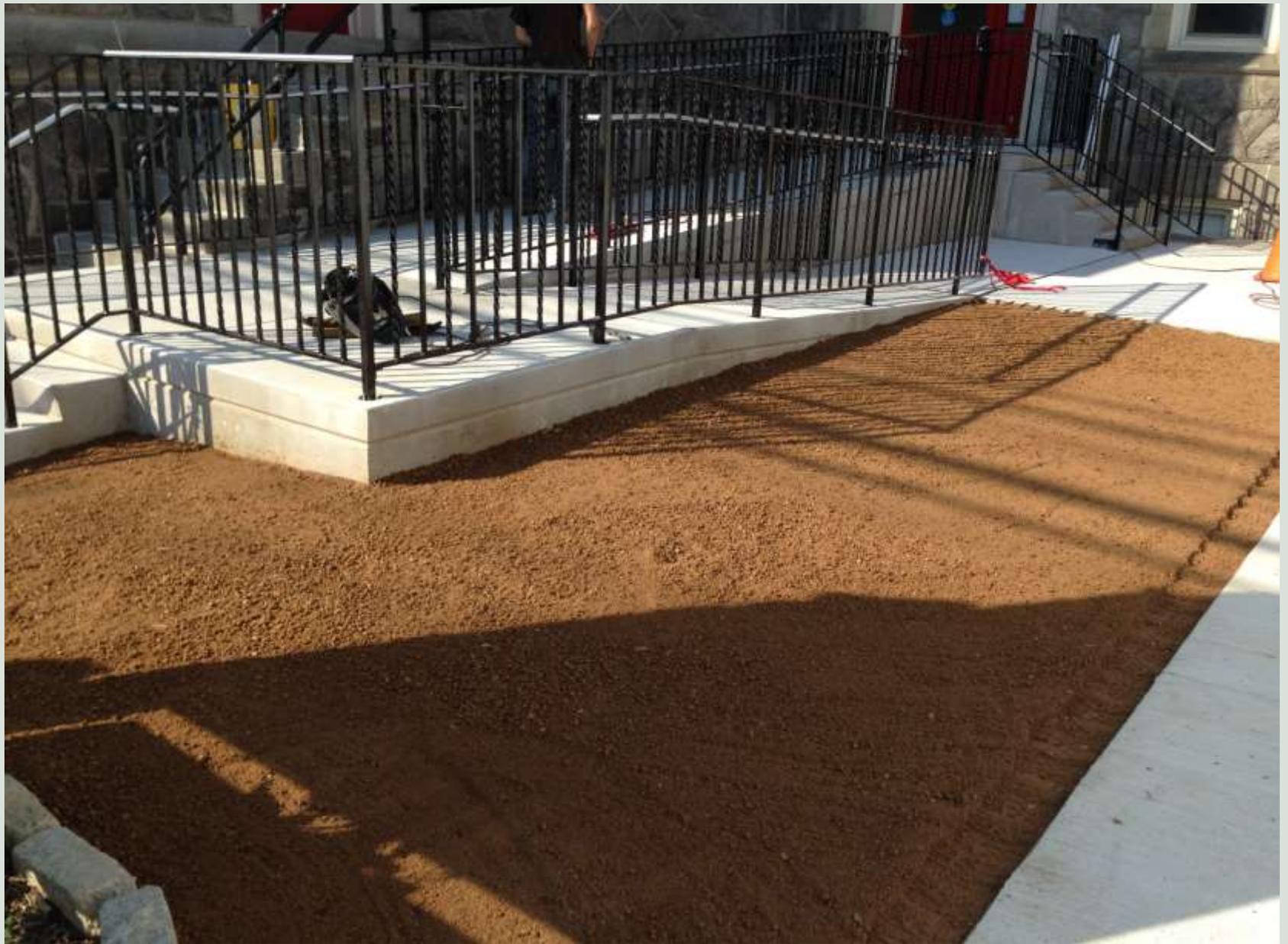


August 2015



Installing the railings on new exterior ramps and stairs

August 2015



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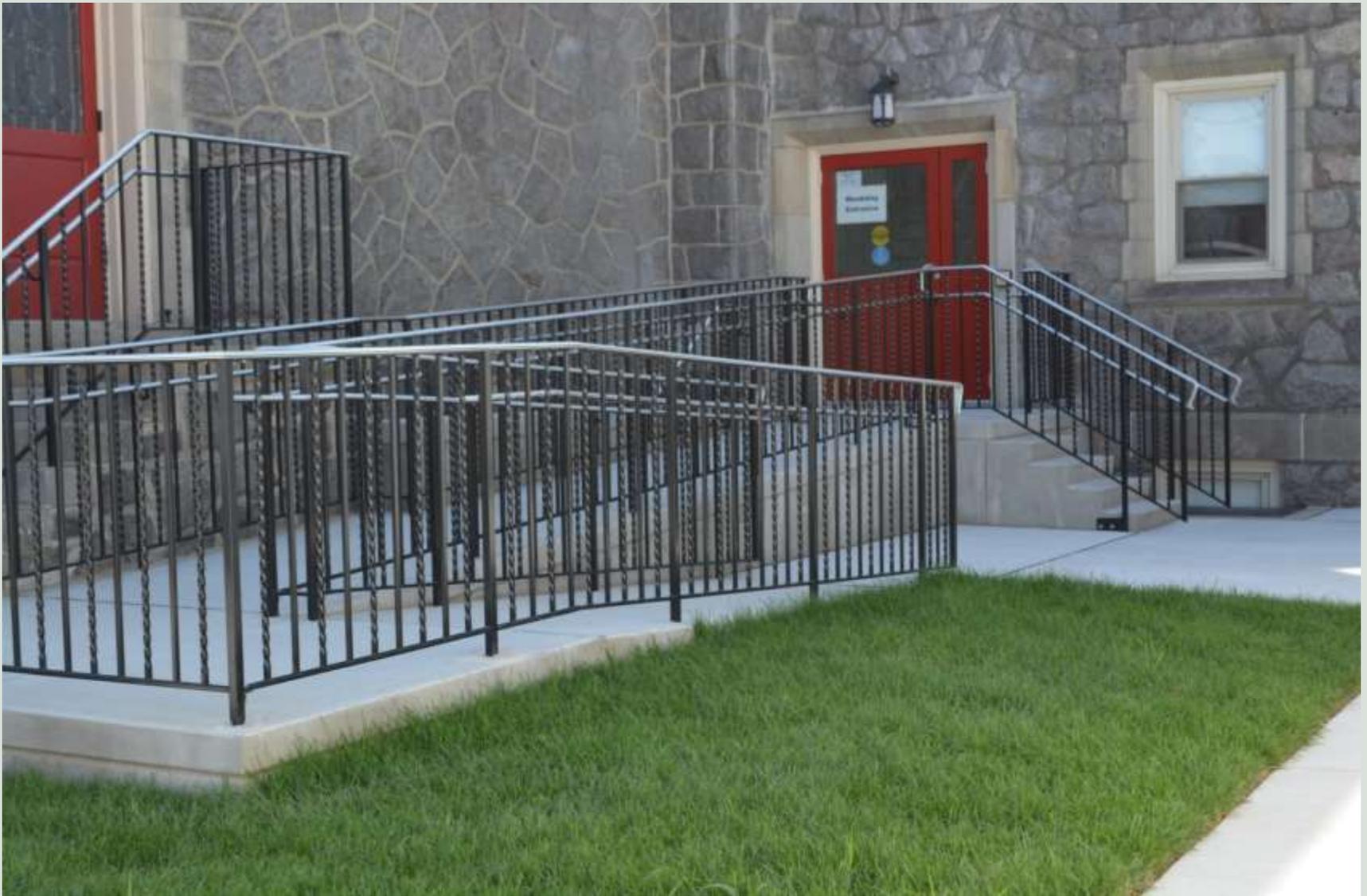


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Construction of the project was completed by Arthur P. Houser General Contractor.



August 2015



The ramp and accessible entrance to the building were completed. The Fifth Street entrance was opened on Sunday, August 16.

September 2015



September 2015



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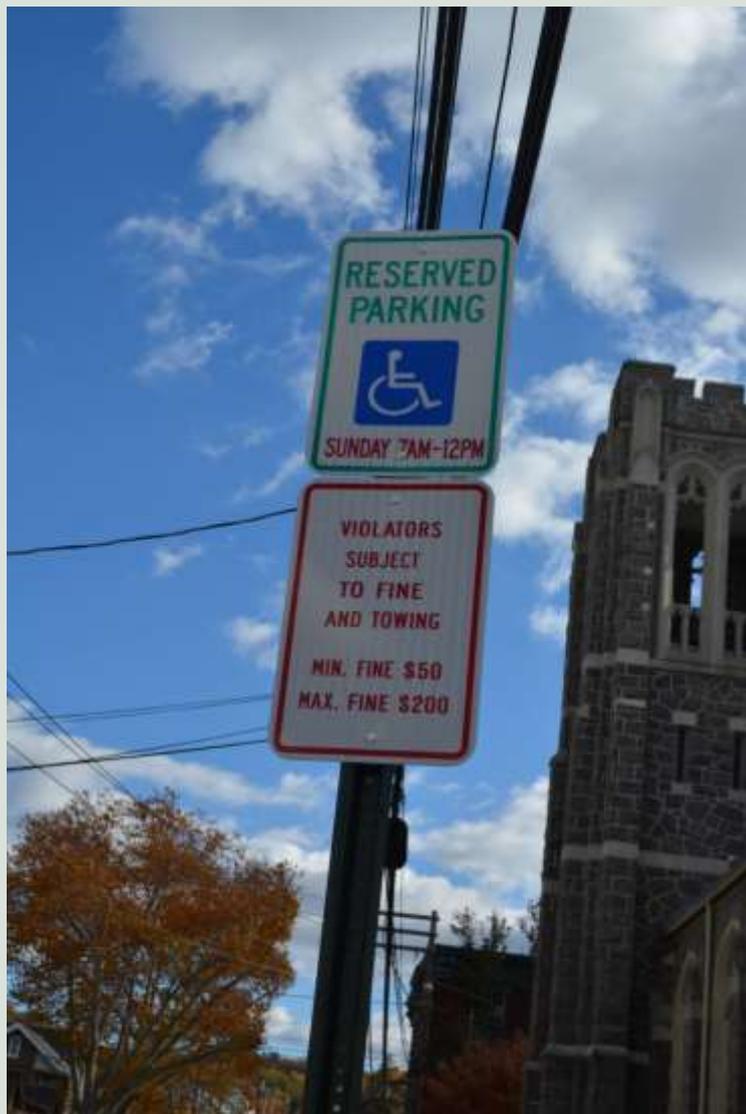
Now fully operational -- the lift takes congregation members and visitors to St. John's into the sanctuary or up to the church office and conference room.

October 2015



A seating area for those in wheelchairs has also been added to the sanctuary.

October 2015



Through Emmaus Borough Council's approval, two handicapped parking spaces have been added on Fifth Street to be used during 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

October 2015

Thank You

Thank you to all who made this project possible.

There are several people at St. John's who have spent many, many hours working to make St. John's accessible.

We thank you and appreciate all that you do!

And, we appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility during this project.