

Project in Brief

Information about Repairs to the Fellowship Hall



First, Thank You!

Our Buildings & Grounds Committee has been working hard on our behalf to make sure we have the best solution.

First, once the problem was identified and assessed, they recommended quick action on precautionary measures. And now, after consulting with four companies, they recommended a course of action that should help us in the long term.

What's the Big Picture?

Going beyond just cleaning.

When you hear “mold”, it’s important to bear in mind that there are many varieties. An analysis of our test data (that happened after the inspector’s analysis that recommended closing the Fellowship Hall) determined that the air

inside our building was safer than outside air after all. That said, we still have problems that need addressing. A couple of the vendors offered to simply clean our building but not



Comprehensive Cleaning

Walls, wood framing, HVAC and ductwork.



Stormwater Management

Redirecting drains, correcting grades.



Repair the Vault

Helping ensure the mold and mildew are addressed at the source.



address any of the moisture and drainage problems that are causing the mold. Thus we are taking a comprehensive approach.

It should also be noted that just applying bleach to the mold won't do the job. Yes, bleach disinfects, but long term all it does with mold is cause more spores to form. At this point, we need professional cleaning.

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Our approach involves stormwater management which includes installing a system that will take rain water from the gutter drains away from the building. In addition, dormers will be installed over the window wells and a correction will be made to the grade at the building's foundation near the vault (or walk in-safe).

On the main floor of the Fellowship Hall, the sheetrock around the chimney areas (as well as any discovered needed repair areas) will be replaced. Air scrubbers will be run for three days and the walls and wood framing will be cleaned, walls and trim painted, exterior of the chimney masonry sealed and the fireplace flues permanently capped.

The Basement will also have all necessary sheetrock and wallboard removed on the two long walls in the main room. Air scrubbers will run here for five days. All walls, wood framing, HVAC and ductwork will be cleaned and disinfected. Walls and trim will be painted and the kitchen thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

The Basement Vault, considered the primary source of the mold, will be cleaned and disinfected, have repairs of walls and ceiling materials, painted with two coats of Aftershock™ paint (mold and mildew resistant).

Pray for the repairs and for the contractors making them for us. We expect them to begin very shortly and to take three to four weeks to complete. The Main Floor of the Fellowship Hall is being given priority so that we can resume using it, even while the rest of the repairs are made.

OKAY, SO WHAT WILL ALL THIS COST?

Under the guidance of the Finance Committee, The Session has authorized a budget **maximum** of \$25,000 for the project, though we expect to come under that.

While we have enough in savings to pay for the cleaning and renovation, using those funds prevents the possibility of even bigger future projects that we know are coming.

It is imperative that any of us who feels they can help fund the renovation should do so. Invite others even outside our church to help. The Fellowship Hall has served our community and our church very well for decades. God-willing, it will continue to do so to the glory of Christ.