



# Saint Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

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Dear Parish,

On Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> repair work began on the exterior of Church Hill Hall. This is the latest and most visible phase of a project that began almost two years ago. The deterioration of the building exterior was obvious, and some action was required before the building's interior was compromised. The Vestry and several commissions evaluated numerous options that included, razing, rebuilding, and repairing. It was determined that Church Hill Hall was an integral part of the campus and the planned repairs to the exterior are the best solution financially and aesthetically.

Funding for this project is being provided by parishioners and friends of St. Thomas'. To date the Church has received 48 written pledges totaling \$418,200. Some of these pledges have already been paid and others will pay out over a three year period. We have collected \$224,659 of the amount pledged and used \$42,683 of this amount for safety-mandated mold remediation, electrical and plumbing work, and consulting fees.

The total cost of the current project is \$350,000 and includes the following work:

- Repair and re-pointing of chimneys and other masonry
- Replacement of main roof, dormer and porch roofs
- New gutters and downspouts
- Removal of old siding and replacement with new
- Repair or replacement of moldings and railings
- Removal of old shutters and replacement with new
- Repairs to porch adjacent to Rittenhouse Room
- Painting of entire exterior

The original plan included replacement of windows and doors with more energy efficient units. That part of the project has been deferred until additional funds are raised.

In order to ensure timely completion of the project this summer, the Vestry voted at the April meeting to permit a portion of the construction costs to be borrowed, on an interest bearing basis, from the Church Endowment. Any loans will carry an interest rate of 7.00% p.a. The expectation is that all borrowings plus interest, will be fully repaid to the Endowment within the next 24 months when the current pledges are fully funded.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Steve Bitterman, Rector's Warden or Tim Russell, Property Warden.

Respectfully,

Steve Bitterman, Rector's Warden  
Phil Anspach, Accounting Warden  
Frank Serra, Finance Committee

Kevin Canavan, Junior Warden  
Tim Russell, Property Warden  
Andy Williams, Endowment Committee

**Come with us on a journey with Christ.**