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St. Andrews Wesley Church Restorations

Week 10

This week was all about the organ pipe facades and the scaffolding. The facades do not look as elegant when on the floor compared to when they are on the wall. It is going to be quite the engineering feat to get the big facades that sit in the chancel down. I will try to be there when they come down and take pictures. The scaffolding is everywhere, apparently there is a Mad Max movie that has a scene with lots of scaffolding so they contractors have named the scaffolding Thunder Dome. The choir pews in the chancel have been removed and will be restored and replaced when we are completed. Did you know that the wood used to build the raisers for the choir pews must be replicated in exact size so it does not interfere with the quality of the sound. Small details are very important in this restoration.



organ pipe facade taken out of the wall and places on floor



organ pipe facade with pipes removed, on floor



organ pipe facade removed and on floor



the construction workers have seen the movie MadMax and the scaffolding reminds them of a scene in the film



the choir pews in the chancel removed and now the platform they sit on being removed



Scaffolding



scaffolding, scaffolding everywhere



almost finished the moulding in the Narthex



Narthex wall, plaster, terra cotta, then a big space until you reach the concrete



left stairwell to balcony, more terra cotta



holes drilled into the exterior stone to determine how to anchor