Date: September 11, 2023

CONSTRUCTION ALERT
University Chapel Interior Finish Restoration

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- **What:** Scaffold removal
- **When:** Monday, September 18th – Wednesday, September 20th
- **Where:** The sidewalk on the East side of McCormick Road between the Chapel and the intersection of Rugby Road will be closed to pedestrian traffic for safety reasons. Pedestrians will be re-routed using the diagonal sidewalk across UVA Grounds.
- **How:** Scaffolding will be loaded onto a trailer parked on McCormick Road with a forklift and staged on the plaza (protected with plywood) in front of the Chapel.

BACKGROUND:

- The University Chapel, constructed ca. 1890, is closed for a project focused on restoring the interior finishes to their original appearance. The woodwork will be stripped and re-finished, along with stone and brick architectural features such as arches and columns. The pews will be removed, repaired, and re-finished, along with the other furniture such as the bishop's chair and lectern. The ca. 1950 cork floor will be removed and the floor beneath it will be re-finished. Other improvements include new lighting, speakers, and a hearing aid loop to improve the visual and acoustic qualities of the space.
- Restoration work will continue into the fall. Work remaining includes the cork floor abatement and re-finishing of the wood floor, as well as final installation of light fixtures and furniture. The project is expected to be complete in time to re-open for the Spring Semester.

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PHOTOS/MAPS OF AREAS AFFECTED:

Please see the attached map showing the impacts to the project area. The sidewalk on the east side of McCormick Road will be closed from the Chapel to Rugby Road.
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Sidewalk Closed

Scaffold Loading Area

Scaffold Staging Area