

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board

Arlington County, Virginia



HALRB Meeting May 21, 2025, CoA 25-02

4102 N. Glebe Rd.: Request to repair the chapel's roof area that is damaged and replace with PVC and to repair a wood side door.

WALKER CHAPEL

United Methodist Church

Exterior Restoration

2025



Paint the Steeple!

Mobilization Apr 7th
Preparation Apr 14th
Restoration Jun 15th
Completion Aug 25th
Finished Sept 6th

The exterior of the Walker Chapel UMC buildings will be prepared and restored between April and September 2025. This is a maintenance project with two exceptions, which are noted below.

Replacement of rotted wood with look-alike PCV

Rotted wood is visible high up on the fascia, portico gable, and steeple. As we scrape off the old loose paint, we suspect more will be found. Once found, the repair must occur quickly so exposed areas are not open to the weather. We also must do the bulk of the exterior work between June 15th and August 25th while the preschool children are away. We cannot expose them to debris and paint fumes.

Much of the trim on the Chapel consists of dense 1960s wood, in contrast to the soft pine currently available. We aim to preserve all wood surfaces unless they are rotted beyond restoration. The trim on the building is a common style with some composites of multiple pieces and appears to be recoverable. The rot seems mostly in the boards under the gutters. We would like to use look-alike PCV trim and boards where replacement is necessary. All surfaces will be primed and painted twice, thus hiding the underlying materials.



Walker Chapel United Methodist Church Exterior Restoration

Replacement Door Slab

The fire exit door from the Sanctuary to the outside office landing is tucked behind the elevator used by elderly and handicapped parishioners on Sunday to get to the Sanctuary level of the church. It is a heavy wooden door in bad shape and hard to open. Due to the angle of the church, the door is not visible to passing motorists on Glebe Road. We want to replace it with a commercial six-panel steel door with a push-bar exit and ball-bearing hinges. The main office entry on the landing is a similar double steel door. This change would thus additionally make the two doors look the same. We will retain the transom window.

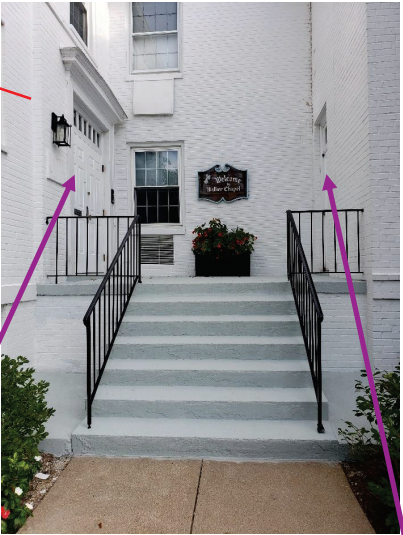


This is a 36 " x 80" door slab, a heavy-duty steel 6-panel security unit.

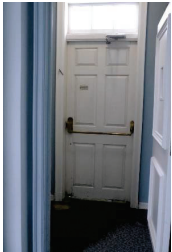
It has a 90-minute fire and smoke label and is manufactured with high-quality Galvanized steel. Even though it looks like raw steel, it is not. The Priming process is done at the Steel Mill when the steel is manufactured.

The door will have a push-bar exit and ball-bearing, spring-loaded hinges for easy exit and self-closing.

It will be painted to match the Chapel exterior.



Inside View



Side Door to be replaced

Office Entry Door

