

On January 16, 2024, a sprinkler head in the Butterfly Center and a sprinkler pipe in the 3's Classroom (located in the Sanctuary Building) broke. Thankfully staff were on site in both buildings to promptly shut down the sprinkler systems and contain the water within the affected areas, thus minimizing damage.

In the Sanctuary Building, we have temporarily moved the Butterfly 3's classroom into the library allowing the preschool to fully reopen. Ministry leaders of groups scheduled to meet in the library will be notified shortly of alternate locations.

We are continuing to assess damage and work to remove damaged drywall and other items. We anticipate the sprinkler repairs can be made within the next few weeks and will know more about a timeline for building repairs when all affected material in the 3's Classroom is removed and inspected.

We have been consulting with the Fire Marshal and have approval to occupy under what is called "fire watch" status. Our other fire protection systems are fully operational.

**All church services, ministry gatherings, AND outside use will continue with those groups scheduled to meet in the library being reassigned to other rooms.**

Please let me know if you have any questions. My email is [bill@shephills.org](mailto:bill@shephills.org).

Thanks to all of the Church and Butterfly staff that responded so efficiently in addressing this situation. Thank you for your understanding, support and patience during this repair period.

Prayerfully yours,

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