



# Turner Street Music Hall

## ~ Newsletter ~

August 18, 2022

It is almost a year since the purchase of the beautiful historic St. John's Church, and much progress has been made.

The roof has been re-shingled.

All of the shingles except those on the towers have been replaced. Some of the work, however, was not done properly and repairs have already been needed. Special thanks to Troy, Dave, and the crew at Roof Medics for the repair work they have done.

The office area has been updated.

Sporting new paint and more efficient thermostats, it has been reconfigured into a waiting room and lesson room.

TSMH acquired the Greens and garage from St. John's Church.

Hopefully the sale of this property will help St. John's as they move forward with the construction of their new building. The garage has been invaluable for all the construction at TSMH, and perhaps the Greens will provide some opportunities for outdoor activities. I look forward to hearing your ideas!

The stage is in place.

This was the biggest job so far, and I send a big shout out to Johnny B Kowalchuk for his many hours of help over the long, cold winter. The new stage is a big part of the cool vibe in the Hall.

The pews have been slightly altered to accommodate more comfortable seating in the Hall and the loft.

For their youthful exuberance and fearlessness in lifting a pew up into the loft I send out crazy thanks to Preston Winkler and friends Logan, Isaac, and Cole. Preston and Logan also helped move a ton of stuff around the building and out to the garage. Great workers!

The loft pews needed some reinforcement.

The pews in the loft are from the original 1911 installation, and needed some repair work. Thanks to Aaron Feldkamp for help with the carpentry work.

Theatre lighting has been installed.

As always, little gets done without help, and Doug Zahorik & Son really came through in a couple of key moments to aid with the lighting project.

Some of the overhead lighting has been updated to LED.

Jeremy and his associates from Black-Haak did a great job on the lights, as well as the electrical for the stage.

Restoring the gutters to full functionality is underway.

The crew at Roof Medics are helping to solve the long standing gutter problem at TSMH. This is the first stage to fixing the seepage problem in the basement.

The website [www.turnerstreetmusic.com](http://www.turnerstreetmusic.com) is up and running.

The site is perpetually under development and changes regularly, so keep a lookout!

Both the MacDowell Male Chorus in late April and the Badger State Girl Choir in early May received rave reviews from all involved.

Thanks to Justin Kasper, Herb Berendsen, Kevin Meidl, and all the performers and attendees for your support and participation.

Music Lessons continue to grow at TSMH.

It was wonderful to see my new students perform in a Spring Recital. A Fall Recital will be scheduled soon! My studio is nearly full, close to my goal of 40 students. Thank you students and parents for your support!

A meeting of people interested in Turner Street Music Hall took place in early July.

Super extra special thanks to Kathryn Lich for organizing and hosting the gathering (thanks David, too!). Thanks also to all the attendees for their time and input: Mark and Marleah Walters, Madelyn Walters Goss, Shawn and Teri Postell, Anna Noll, Dalton Rupiper, Lauren Broman, and Susan Janda. All of your ideas were and are invaluable!

I am grateful for the help and encouragement received from my neighbors.

Thanks go out to Dick and Mary Fritsch for their smiles and encouragement (and the occasional use of their truck!).

Thanks also to LouAnn, Lilly, and Greg Gutzman for some great conversation and Greg's devotion to his tractor and the Greens.

Hello also to our new neighbors Johnathon Pawlowski & family. Friendly and helpful right from the get go, I am grateful to have such good neighbors right next door.

Thanks go out to Dany Zapata at the Lost Key Tap.

Dany has been a real friend helping me not only with business advice but also providing me with a place to hang out and meet new people. He has also taken some professional quality portrait photography for me and given me an opportunity to perform regularly with a Wednesday night Blues gig at the Lost Key Tap.

Most recently I performed for the St John's Summer Bash picnic at Fireman's Park in Greenleaf.

Thanks to the St. John's congregation for including me in their festivities.

I have met so many people who have been supportive and encouraging of my new venture in Wrightstown. If I have neglected to mention your name please forgive me!

There is no way I could have known what was in store for me as I embarked on this adventure, but I feel very fortunate to have landed here in Wrightstown. Thanks to you all for welcoming me into your community, and thanks also to the Village of Wrightstown Staff for all that you have done to help me establish my new business here.

And lastly, none of this venture would have been possible without the love and support of my family and friends back home. For all their encouragement and assistance I am eternally grateful.

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## **~ Moving Forward ~**

There were many great ideas bandied about at the meeting in early July, and I would like to continue to have meetings so that people who are interested in the goings on at TSMH can share ideas and participate in concerts. To that end I am scheduling an open meeting on Saturday August 27th at 4pm. If you would like to attend a meeting but Saturday August 27th is not an option then please get back to me and we can look into creating another time that would work. It might take a few different meeting times to accommodate everyone.

## **~ Meeting Agenda ~**

### **Concerts**

- Concerts  
Concerts are currently being scheduled and can be viewed online at [turnerstreetmusic.com/events](http://turnerstreetmusic.com/events)

If you know some bands or artists you think would be a good fit for the hall please pass their name along to me.

- Concerts are now the biggest challenge for TSMH. In order to create successful events TSMH will need people for the following positions:
  - Ushers
  - Ticket takers
  - Sound
  - Lighting
  - Cleaning
  - Concessions
    - Currently working to get a license for wine, beer, and food sales.
  - Merchandise sales
    - In process of getting TSMH merchandise to sell.
  - If you or someone you know has an interest in volunteering or working on any of the above please contact me at [walter@turnerstreetmusic.com](mailto:walter@turnerstreetmusic.com) or 920-857-4474.
  - Please spread the word with neighbors and friends that concerts are happening at Turner Street Music Hall.
  - I will be posting weekly ads in the Spirit and Villager.
  - Any and all ideas are welcome regarding how to make the concert experience at Turner Street Music Hall good for everybody.

## **Future Projects**

TSMH is in pretty good shape generally speaking. There are, however, some renovations that would enhance the overall concert experience for attendees and performers alike.

## **The Basement**

- The basement is in need of upgrades pretty much everywhere.
  - Bathrooms
  - Ceiling
  - Floors
  - Kitchen
- Given the scope of the projects they will probably be tackled one by one over the next couple of years.

## **The Grounds**

- Landscaping will become a concern in the next year. If you or someone you know are a plant person I would love to get some advice on how to keep the grounds looking nice.
- The parking lot is going to need to be maintained. Again, if you know someone in this line of work please let me know.

## **The Clock Tower**

- The clock tower and the clock are in need of major work if they are to be brought back to full health. However, neither the clock nor the tower are vital to the function of the Hall and its ability to provide quality concerts to the public. The tower may become a problem in the future if the structure starts to fail, so a yearly inspection by a qualified engineering firm should be considered.

## **~ Thank You ~**

If you have made it this far into my ramblings, I sincerely thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to get in touch with any concerns, questions, or ideas you have regarding Turner Street Music Hall. My hope is that the Hall becomes a wonderful community space in Wrightstown where people can enjoy each other's company while listening to great music.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Walter C Croll