

Kentland Project Completed

Renovations have been completed and we have already had our first group stay at the facility the last weekend of January 2024. The next couple of pages are images of the updates to the interior of the lodge.



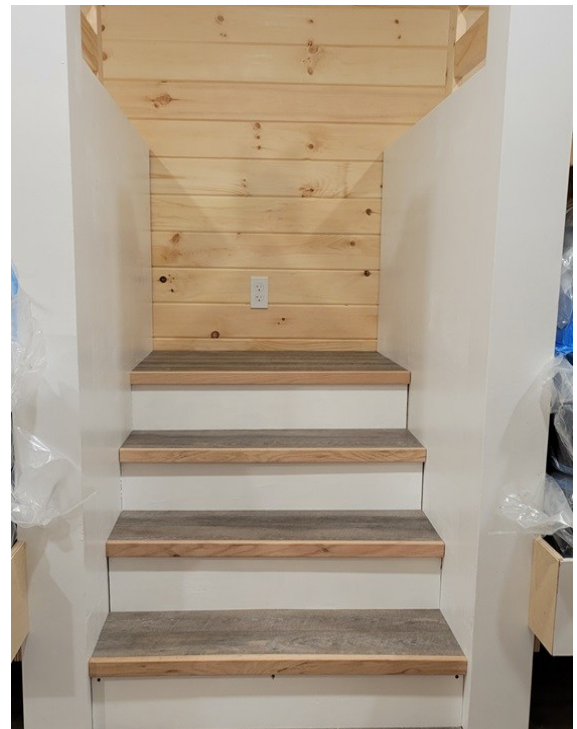
Bunk Room



Double Bunk Beds



Single Bunk Beds



Bunk Bed Stairs



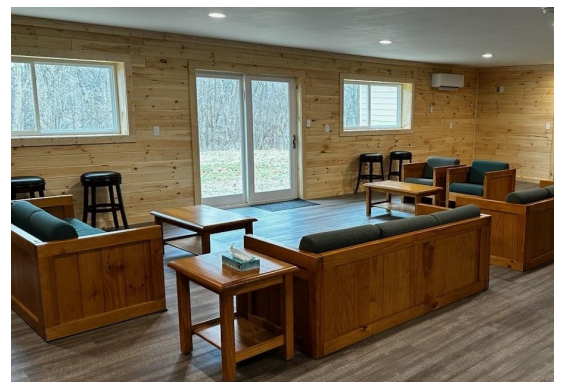
Kitchen



Island Bar Stools



Main Room



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Kentland Project

Renovations have begun at Kentland the week of September 13, 2023. So far the volunteers have accomplished cleaning out all the cabinets as well as removing the kitchen and living room area cabinets, removing furniture, disassembling and removing the bunk beds, removing the drop ceilings, removal of fluorescent lights and installation of temporary lighting, and permits have been received. (Thanks to G.S. Flook).

Grace is being good stewards of our resources and environment by gifting usable bunk beds to New Diggs, keeping gently used mattresses, gifting mattresses with more wear to a charity serving the unhoused, keeping as many kitchen items as possible for the new kitchen, donating extra kitchen items to New Diggs or Community Aid and donating the stove and usable kitchen cabinets to Habitat for Humanity Restore.





Demo is complete!

In the next two weeks, we will focus on projects on the exterior, such as general cleanup, pressure washing of the entire building, cleanup of the front porch area, and possibly removing the shed at the ball field.



Demolition has been completed. In the beginning of October the volunteers pressure washed the exterior of the building, tore down the shed at the athletic field, cleaned out the site of the old play area and filled a third dumpster. The play area site and the shed site have been leveled, raked and seeded. According to the weight of the three dumpsters, the old ceilings/interior walls, and miscellaneous old construction debris that was removed weighed nearly 16,000 lbs.!!! We also took construction debris to the scrap yard and received money for the remodel.





The project has now entered the rebuilding phase. GS Flook is working on updating our electrical and lighting system, which will include new LED lighting throughout the building. While they are completing their activities, volunteers have concentrated on a variety of smaller but important updates such as painting the exterior doors and trim, as well as the front and back porches. On the interior, we have begun rehabbing the interior doors, and we're almost complete on a makeover of the fireplace! The restored fireplace will showcase a new mantel cut from a fallen oak tree on the premises.

Also on the interior, we have received our new windows and sliding glass doors for the west wall.



On Friday October 20th, we hosted 23 students from Cedar Cliff High School, who volunteered their day to help with the work effort! The students helped with some of our exterior painting on the porches, the fireplace makeover, and with some construction work on the sleeping area ceilings. They also made quick work of breaking down some of the rotted picnic tables around the firepit, as well as cleaning out the supply closet.



The Sliding Door and new windows were installed on southwest side of the main room. This is the side of the building that faces the creek. .



In the last few weeks, we had been focusing on preparing for our interior remodel with significant hours spent on new framing, new windows, new electrical, new insulation, a few plumbing changes, etc. This past week though, the Kentland project has gained significant momentum as we have begun to install our drywall ceiling and tongue & groove pine walls. Unlike the previous month's efforts, each and every hour we spend putting up new walls or ceiling gives us some instant feedback as we can see the new lodge interior taking shape!

We saw another big milestone last week with installation of our new HVAC system. Even though the weather has turned colder, we are now able to work inside in comfort!



Work continues at Kentland. Many different members have been helping each week. The drywall ceiling and ton & groove pine walls continued to be installed.





Bunkroom



Hallway to Bunkroom & Bathroom

This past month, the Kentland interior has really begun to take shape. The new ceiling and LED lights make the space look clean and bright, while the pine walls give it that rustic feel that we were hoping for. The restored fireplace now looks better than I ever imagined!



This past week our kitchen was installed, and a new refrigerator and range as well.

For the next two weeks, we will be concentrating on applying a clear sealer on our walls. This will take a significant effort as we have quite a bit of square feet of surface to seal. The good news is that this activity is very simple and straightforward; something that almost everyone can help with.

We will start the process by cleaning the walls, and then we will be brushing and rolling on the sealer. We will need two coats with some sanding in between coats so this will be a significant amount of hours to keep us busy for the next couple of weeks.

Looking forward then, our new flooring will be delivered after the new year, and we will concentrate on getting that installed.



Grace members were busy over the holidays. The Kitchen Island surround was installed, interior doors were painted and installed, a new mantle was stained and installed, new electrical outlet and switches were installed and installation of the new floor began.

