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Christ Church United Methodist Exterior Restoration

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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the building, it was not going to be simple to get the new masonry to match the existing. The contractor sourced samples from several distributors in the Tri-state area. Loose laid mock-ups were constructed on site. After a few adjustments and modifications, a base blend was achieved utilizing three brick colors, with darker browns within their respective ranges removed from the blend and salvaged bricks mixed in.

Construction inherently throws curveballs, and this project was no exception. A heavy rainstorm exposed a leak in the plaza, which caused water infiltration into the bathrooms below. A handful of pavers and stones had to be lifted and reset to correct improper pitches and orientations. Through it all the team stuck together, rolled with the punches, and turned out a beautiful finished product that they and the Church can take pride in. In total, work was performed on approximately 19,000 square feet of the Church's total 28,000 square-foot façade. The \$1.8 million project took just over four months to complete.

In 2018, a team of contractors and architects took on the task of restoring one of the prominent historical structures on Park Avenue in New York City's prominent Upper East Side. Working on a nearly 100-year-old church, the project involved an extensive façade restoration, a complete plaza replacement, and several other repairs and replacements. The challenges of matching the masonry of a historic façade, organizing and executing a thought-out sequencing and trade coordination plan, and replacing the plaza on the Northwest corner of the property were a few of the highlighted challenges the team faced.



Due to the age and historical nature of

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