

Hall Heating Demystified

Winter 2026 Update

We have a new set of mini-split heat pumps that keep the entire hall at a stable but cool temperature all winter. The units in the main hall and the cloakroom are not controllable by renters.

If the hall is chilly, use the thermostat and timer just to the left of the double doors in the main room, to turn on the oil furnace. Turn the timer all the way clockwise for an hour of heat. If you have a longer event, you may need to periodically reset the timer. You no longer need to open or close the floor vents, they can be left open at all times.

If you need to heat the basement for your event, find the remote in the drawer of the white desk at the entrance to the main room on the first floor, bring it down to the dining room and point it at the mini-split unit on the back wall. Use the up and down arrows to adjust the temperature. Note that it will take a while to heat the room, especially on very cold day. Please remember to turn the unit back down to 54 degrees when you are done and return the remote to the desk drawer.

Questions? Call or text: 413 522-0423

Hopefully this will be simpler for our renters and more efficient than our previous system.*

Warmly yours,

The Friends of the Montague Common Hall

* We are monitoring your feedback and the bills closely and may revise our approach if this proves not to be the case.