



Building Project Update - April 2014

No doubt about it, the North Parish building project is underway. Many years in the planning, six months to completion, we have finally broken ground on the building expansion that will bring all of our staff and programming activities “Together Under One Roof.”

Many in our congregation participated in the “ground-marking” celebration on Sunday, March 16. Our architect led us in a chorus of “Turn, Turn, Turn.” Seth Robinson, our ministerial intern, led a congregational blessing for the building and mixing of mandala sand and water by our youth. Kim Adami and chorus regaled us with a re-write of “So Long, Farewell” from *The Sound of Music*. David Cymbala led a frame drum procession through the building and out to the grounds where we spread birdseed as an offering to the many creatures who share our wildlife habitat. All then joined a hearty potluck and cake gathering in the Parish Hall as some took one last opportunity to walk through and leave their message on walls of the soon-to-be-demolished building. It was a fine day.



Where are we now:

Mobilization – Contractors have moved playground apparatus aside to make room for equipment and supplies. Fencing encloses the construction site.

Demolition and site prep – Final demolition, cleanup, indoor site prep (construction doors/partitions) will soon be completed.

Foundation and framing – Site marking takes place the last week of March with foundation (2-2/12 weeks) and framing (5 weeks) taking us into May.



The lift between the Parish Hall and Sanctuary will soon be de-commissioned so that it can be removed and the space prepared for reconstruction as storage space. We realize that this will present a hardship for some and apologize for the inconvenience it will cause. If you need assistance with access between floors on Sundays, please speak to one of the ushers or greeters in the lobby.

Several were on-hand during demolition and captured photos of the process, some which have been posted on the church’s Facebook page. Ron Zelle also captured many photos of the demolition, including some impressive video. To access Ron’s images, use the link <https://share.razdomain.com/photo>. When prompted, accept the Certificate errors, and log-in using the ID - NPreno2014 and password - Reno2014@NP (case sensitive).