



Building Project Update - January 2014



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Special Meeting on January 5. The overwhelming support – both the vote and your pledges of financial support – are indications that this is a desired and positive move for the future of our congregation.

With the vote to proceed now behind us, plans for our construction project really accelerate. Soon we will see visible signs of work in progress!

Now - February:

Emptying the attic – Volunteers have begun removing years of records stored in the attic over the Religious Education (RE) wing. Financial records, membership lists, old Messengers – all are being sorted for keep, shred, or recycle. Off-season RE program materials and supplies will also be sorted and prepared for storage during the construction.

Tree removal – in early February arborists will remove a number of dead, dying, and leaning trees and clear brush from the back garden slope. Bonus – a couple of local woodworkers will rescue wood from a cherry tree. Perhaps we'll see items at next year's Red Bow Fair!

People's Pantry relocation – beginning in mid-February, the space by the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall will become storage space for groceries for the Pantry's bi-monthly food distribution. We will use the three lattice screens to divide off the area so that we can continue to use the Parish Hall for our events.

Moving RE tables/chairs to storage – late February we will schedule time to move tables, chairs, and any other remaining items into storage.

Looking ahead:

Mobilization – during the first week of March contractors will move playground apparatus and the garden shed aside to make room for equipment and supplies.

Hazmat – early March, contractors remove vinyl asbestos tile from RE floors and cellulose insulation from the attic, at which point the RE wing is no longer accessible.

Demolition – late March, we will hold a ground-breaking celebration as contractors prepare to demolish the RE wing.

Is this new news to you? For more information, contact any member of the Building Task Force – Debb Putnam, Peter Calkins, Don Schemack, Michele Sherry; (advisors) Ron Zelle and Dan Gobeil; or check previous updates posted on our church website (under the tab Support Us: Capital Campaign).

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