

BUILDING NEWS



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Construction Update

Progress on our building has been slowed by the winter weather for the past few weeks. The light steel cannot be hoisted overhead if the wind is strong, or if the beams are icy. Nevertheless, you can see that the framing is nearly complete, and our contractor expects to have the roof sheathing and shingles started by the end of next week (if the weather cooperates).



Once the roof is sheathed, the building will be essentially weather-tight, and we expect that the pace of construction will increase. At our construction meeting on Tuesday, the contractor told us that the schedule has slipped by a couple of weeks, so we anticipate completion now in early June.

Organ Update – meet with Chris Holtkamp on Sunday, March 10



As discussed at our Annual Meeting, we are gathering pledges to complete our new pipe organ – most of what we need has been given or pledged already! Time is of the essence for the remaining funding if our new organ is to be in place when we move into our new sanctuary. If we are unable to raise sufficient pledges for the organ fund before March 17th, our instrument will not be available before 2015, due to scheduling constraints at Holtkamp. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

ALSO please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, March 10. During the Education Hour we will welcome Chris Holtkamp of the Holtkamp Organ Co; he will share details about our new organ.

If you have questions about the organ fund, talk to Donna Case.

Pews for New Sanctuary

We have just a few gifts toward our new pews. Would you consider a gift toward a new pew in the new sanctuary? Gifts of \$200 per seat or \$2000 per pew would be gladly received. With your gift we are hopeful that we can order the pews in time for our opening.

Building Fund Pledges

There are still a few outstanding Building Fund pledges, which is money that we're counting on to be able to fully fund the new building. We'll need to find construction savings to offset un-met pledges, which is a challenge since we've already done the "value engineering".

If you're one of our members with an incomplete pledge, please consider fulfilling that commitment now. If you've fulfilled your pledge, or never made one – it's not too late to make a new contribution to either the Building Fund or the Furnishings Fund. Money contributed beyond our commitment will be used to purchase the rood screen, altar rail and pews, and to decrease the mortgage loan amount.

If you have questions about the Furnishing Fund or building donations, please see Norris Commodore or Larry Harder.