

## Education Wing Construction Update

Those who have previously done a home remodel project are aware “you never know what you’re going to find until you start tearing down walls ... or floors or roofs” and “delays are inevitable.” Considering these truisms, you may not be surprised to learn we have encountered some delays in our building project. In addition to a myriad of minor speed bumps, below are the **four major factors** that have impacted progress:

- Difficulties engaging an **EPA asbestos abatement subcontractor** to remove the floor tile from the Upper and Lower Levels of the Education Wing; now completed. (delay: 2-3 weeks)
- Some of the final **subcontractor quotes were significantly higher** than estimated. To stay on budget, the Project Leadership Team modified specific project components to reduce material and labor costs while retaining the integrated design plan. As a result, the project is still within the approved \$1.3 million budget. (delay: 6-7 weeks)

Several of the project adjustments include:

- Ceiling will have standard LED lighting (not “grid LED” lighting)
- Some of the new, larger Main Floor windows had to be eliminated
- West entrance floor will be carpet (not tile); restroom walls will be painted and some tile (vs. tile only)

- During demolition, we discovered **primary electrical service lines in the elevator shaft**. Electricians and engineers had to redistribute the power supply for the church; solution approved and work in progress (delay: 8 weeks)
- **Manufacturing delays for the elevator side door frames**; masonry and finishing work on hold until door frames are on-site (delay: 6 weeks)

SAVE THE DATE

Education Wing  
Open House  
Jan. 6, 2019

(Details to follow)

## DID YOU KNOW?

It took Noah decades  
to build the ark.

## GOOD NEWS

Construction progress is expected to accelerate now

*Revised* Education Wing target end date:  
**Saturday, Dec. 15**

Total project cost of \$1.3 million has not changed

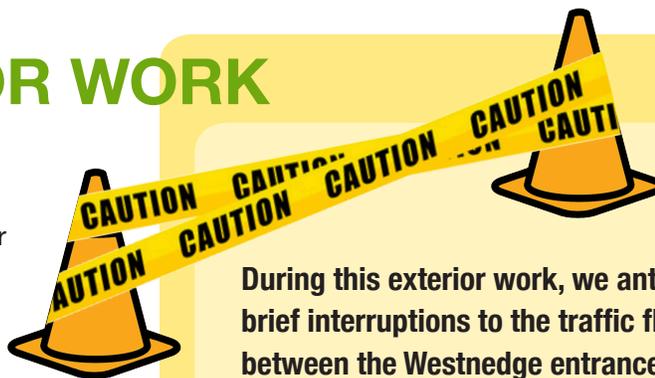
Main Floor timeline has not changed (Jan-June 2019)



# Education Wing **EXTERIOR WORK**

To protect and maintain integrity of the new interior improvements, the following exterior work will occur between now and November:

- Replace old roof with an integrated, sealed and rubberized roof (October)
- Additional ceiling insulation to reduce future heating/cooling costs
- Modify grade from the east wall, and include a storm drain (November)
- New landscaping along the Education Wing



During this exterior work, we anticipate brief interruptions to the traffic flow between the Westnedge entrance and the Main Entrance. We ask for your patience and grace during this time.

**For your safety, please follow any temporary directional signs.**



## TESTIMONY

*The **Growing with God** capital campaign challenged each Pathfinder family to expand our views about earthly possessions/giving and to trust God as we take another step in our faith journey. Below are two powerful examples of God at work.*

### Trust in God's Healing Powers By Sue Berkebile



L to R: Dennis, Sue's mom Norma and Sue Berkebile

Spring 2018 I attended a study focused on the Holy Spirit. During those weeks, I felt a nudging to commit my health problems to the Lord. How could I claim my relationship with Christ if I had never asked for healing? Feeling drawn

to the Healing Prayer Ministry, I attended on April 16. That evening, a prayer Ambassador raised her Bible up in front of me and told me the Lord wanted me to make a lifelong

commitment to daily Bible study and prayer, and the prayer team cast a new light on the power of prayer in my life.

As I drew closer to Christ over the next weeks, I could not know that soon I would be a cancer patient and my husband, Dennis, would have a heart attack. I also did not know my mom would be diagnosed with cancer, have a small stroke, and then a major surgery. Of course, our Almighty Father knew, and in preparation He placed me on a path of study and prayer.

Five months have lapsed since then.

Dennis is recovering from the heart attack after placement of five stents. Mom's successful surgery has removed the cancer. My radiation is complete, and I await further tests in November and December.

Since April 16, I have been in the Word and praying each day. The Lord, through the Holy Spirit — and in His perfect timing — showed me the importance of study and prayer. He has made me stronger in faith and blessed me with so many answered prayers.



## TESTIMONY

### Blessings from Dry Bones By Jeremy and Emily Franklin



L to R: Jeremy, Alice, Emily and Koda Franklin

The past six months had been rough for us. Jeremy's job was a source of high stress and inconsistency at home. We were trying to help Alice with speech issues and to get our house ready for baby Koda. We frequently went to bed stressed and

unsure what the future held. This was during the "Dry Bones" sermon series and it really spoke to us. It reminded us we can cry out to God and trust Him, even when it seems like there is

no life in the valley. God is always able to bring new life to what is barren. We saw this abundantly in our lives just a few months later.

Right as Jeremy started applying for other positions, he learned his job was being dissolved, and he would be out of work. Thankfully, God provided a new job — closer to home, with better pay, better benefits, a more consistent schedule and less stressful work environment. With a brief gap between jobs, we were able to take a short family vacation. Jeremy's new

job has made such a difference at home. We spend more time together, which allowed us to help Alice and Koda. Alice is now talking all the time and Koda is a bright bundle of energy.

What was once a barren valley filled with uncertainty and stress, God has transformed into a beautiful field flowing with life and peace. We praise God for these blessings and give thanks for our church family who prayed for us in this time. We look forward to the amazing future God has planned for us.

# Building Construction TIMELINE

## Education Wing

(June - Dec 2018)

**PAUSE**  
(Thanksgiving - Christmas)

## Main Floor

(Jan - June 2019)

- Demolition
- Elevator (+Ed Wing stops)
- Wesley Room converted to Preschool Room

June-July

Aug-Dec

- New Restrooms
- Nursery Rooms
- Lower Level Rooms
- Security/Check-in

- Demolition
- Sanctuary fire suppression
- Community Room

Jan-Feb

Mar-Apr

- Gathering Space
- New Kitchenette
- New Restrooms
- New Lounge

- Connect Desk
- Offices
- Custodial Room
- Meeting Room

May-June



Photos, L to R: Preschool with new door between classrooms, new Upper Level check-in station, new Nursery, Lower Level with new door and restroom between classrooms



Just some of the 35 volunteers who helped with packing and demolition. Group photo, L to R: Brother Don, Alan Brinkert, Susan Stoffer, Jan Brinkert, Margaret Weirich, Tracy Farnsworth, Connie Stoll, Darrell Roose, John Bray, Dan Depta, Ron Stoll. Top right: new Preschool Director Marcie Dalm and Connie Stoll. Lower right, Dave Carson and Steve Piorkowski.



DID YOU KNOW?

We saved \$1,750 by emailing/printing brochure and newsletters ourselves (vs. sending them out for printing).

*“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

~ Winston Churchill

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BY THE NUMBERS

By Jim Sumner

***Nearly \$300,000 have already been received of the \$840,000 Capital Campaign commitments!***

### LOAN:

Since construction will be completed before all financial commitments are received, a loan is required. A loan for \$800,000 has been approved through the United Methodist Michigan Area Loan Fund. This money will be used to cover the costs of the project until the committed funds have been received. The loan has a 4.74% annual interest rate with monthly payments of \$8,400 over 10 years. However, we hope to pay off the loan sooner, which will reduce the interest costs.

### FINANCIALS:

- \$840,000 = Campaign commitments (through April 2021)
- \$52,000 = Building Fund reserves available now
- \$108,000 = Building Fund budgeted over the next three years (\$36,000/year)
- \$1,000,000 = Total funds available by the end of the campaign (April 2021)**



L to R: Laura, Jim, Lisa and Elizabeth Sumner

Thank you to all who have given *above and beyond* their regular monetary contributions to support this building project. It is important for each family to prayerfully consider the financial gifts God has already provided, and the proportional giving He asks us to return. I pray everyone has seen God at work throughout the **Growing with God** campaign and recognizes how we have all been richly blessed.



***In the bulletin, I noticed the Building Fund budget (\$76,000) is much higher than past years (\$40,000)? Is this because of the Capital Campaign?***

Yes, it is. The Building Fund budget was increased by \$36,000 to cover *interest payments* on the loan. The rest of the budget is allocated to the Capital Campaign (\$35,000) and to upgrade the phone system (\$5,000). If you can afford any supplemental giving over the next few years, we ask you to consider the Building Fund or Capital Campaign.

***“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us; fixing our eyes on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”***

~ Hebrews 12:1b

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