



# DECEMBER 2020 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE



New boilers!



New perimeter heating pumps!



New ductwork!

**Hot 🔥 news! We're boiling!**

Well, not literally... but we DO have two new boilers in the main church building! In October, our HVAC team removed our 50+ year old hot water boilers and then prepared the space to install our two new boilers. We were fortunate to have mostly mild temperatures during the month which helped keep the Sanctuary warm enough for worship. The new boilers are designed to cycle from one boiler to the other, minimizing wear and tear and increasing the life of both boilers. The boilers run simultaneously only briefly in extreme cold weather. In addition, three new pumps have been installed for the interior and perimeter heating system, enabling more efficient operation of fan coil units and radiant heaters under windows and near the entrances. Ductwork has also been added for existing and new equipment to accommodate our future garden rooms.



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Underpinning front garden walls



Fountain garden excavation



Base for future library floor

Much progress has been made in the front of the church. The plaza waterproofing project, which includes new drains and concrete slab will be finished this month. Work continues in the fountain garden with underpinning existing garden walls, which support the walls of the garden rooms and terraced garden. And the new Narthex doors leading to the plaza have been framed for glass installation later.

In our new Library / Nursery wing, steel floor decking has been installed in what will eventually be the new Library, storage room and two restrooms.

The bioretention / rain garden, required by DC to slow down stormwater runoff, is ready! The guard rail and trench drains have been installed and plantings native to the DC area are in the ground. This closes out a project fast-tracked for completion before the ground freezes.



New bioretention garden drain



Can you find the chandelier?

In the Court of Flags, a winch has been installed to easily raise and lower our historic chandelier. The winch system enables staff to easily reach the chandelier for periodic cleaning and lamp replacement.

The brass chandelier originally hung in our predecessor church downtown, the Church of the Covenant, and was fitted with both gas and electric lighting. Before the chandelier was moved to Nebraska Avenue, the brass was restored and given a "chemical bath," removing years of oxidation, and then spray-coated with a lacquer to prevent future oxidation. The restoration included rewiring for electricity only.

## MISSION COMMITMENT



**Young Life** has been a part of innumerable teenagers' discipleship journeys since its founding by Presbyterian minister Jim Rayburn in 1946. **WyldLife**, a Young Life program focused specifically on middle school kids, helps youngsters as they make important decisions about who they are and what they believe. WyldLife leaders seek to model and express God's love to their young friends by learning their names, hearing their stories and honoring their God-given desire for a life of fun, adventure and purpose.

**Philip Ford** is DC's newest spiritual guide to District middle schoolers seeking light and life in Christ by serving as the **Southeast DC WyldLife Associate**. He came to faith in Christ and has been serving as a chaplain with NPC mission partner Central Union Mission. NPC's Capital Campaign funds are helping Philip quickly make an impact at Kramer Middle School in Anacostia and Cornerstone Christian School near Fort Dupont in Southeast DC.



Philip Ford with his wife and daughter

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Since project inception **\$8,960,000** has been donated toward the capital campaign **goal of \$15.3 million**. The Finance Council implemented a conservative investment strategy to protect these funds while earning an additional \$133,000. Prepayment of commitments has allowed NPC's cash flows to remain ahead of expenditures therefore reducing interest expense for the project. With the excitement of construction underway and changes more visible, **NPC has seen a 25% increase in those who have paid their commitments in full and a 100% increase in donors that have given beyond what they originally thought they could give!** We are so grateful for the financial support received – If you have not yet given, please join others in our church family to ensure that our vision for NPC Facilities and Mission is realized.

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