



SEPTEMBER 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

LOOKING SHARP!

As major construction nears completion in the next few weeks, you'll begin to see new furnishings and fixtures around the Church building.

Part of the capital project includes **NEW SEATING** in the **Welcome Center**, in the **Nursery**, and around the building's **hallways**. As soon as areas are "accepted" by the construction team, new furniture will be added. Eventually several loveseats, side chairs and tables will be scattered around the building. In addition, wooden benches and pews that have been in our hallways will be cleaned, and then the benches will be recovered and the pews will have new cushions. You will certainly have many places throughout the building to rest a minute, catch up with your friends, or just take in our new construction.

In the planning phase, many congregants requested that our "tired" chairs and tables used in class rooms and Stone Hall be replaced. Every meeting room in the Church Building will soon have **NEW MEETING ROOM TABLES AND CHAIRS**. The only exception is the Parlor, which was recently renovated. The new furniture will be the same throughout the building, minimizing custodial staff effort to move, set up and store equipment.



New furniture for our little lambs in the Nursery!



Sample of our maple Library stacks.

New maple wood **LIBRARY 'STACK' SHELVING AND CIRCULATION DESK** will be installed later this month in our new space on the second floor. The family-friendly Library will feature a children's corner. Once the stacks are in place, books from the Admin Building's Culbertson Library will be moved over to our new Library.

Room, closet, bathroom and all code-required emergency **SIGNAGE** has been replaced with **bronze placards**. And you might notice the rooms in the Church building have been 're-numbered' to reflect a logical sequence which starts with our new main entrance and moves through each floor. The new numbering sequence would prove helpful to first responders in the event of an emergency. Stone Hall level rooms are now numbered beginning with "100"; former Mezzanine / second floor rooms begin with "200"; and Sanctuary level rooms begin with "300".



New bronze signage



Our beautiful terrazzo stair treads.

CENTRAL STAIRS NEARLY COMPLETE!

The "spine" of our construction project – our new **CENTRAL STAIRCASE** – is almost ready for your use! After the steel structure was inspected and approved in August, work commenced to install the terrazzo treads, finish the walls and install wood handrails affixed to glass "walls" that provide a safety barrier and enable light to fill the entire three levels.



Glass walls installation.

MISSION COMMITMENT



One Million for Mission, One Story of Making a Difference

As we watch our exciting new facilities take shape, we have the joy of watching new ministry relationships take shape. This month, **NPC Elder Delores Ziegler** tells us her story of serving and Kingdom building through our capital campaign local mission partner **Little Lights**:



A student meets her mentor in-person for the first time!

While the construction team has been going strong to complete the building project by early Fall, I have had the pleasure and privilege of volunteering this summer with one of our mission partners, Little Lights. Little Lights is an award-winning Christian ministry which mentors and tutors children who live in several DC public housing projects. I volunteered as a 'Zoom Hero' (glorified name for a summer tutor) with a delightful young 3rd grader, heading to the 4th grade. It is gratifying and inspiring to see a program that is so invested in the education of and ministry to some of the poorest children and families in our community. I am overjoyed that our Capital Campaign supports this endeavor, and that our Building for the Next 50 Years includes reaching out to help our neighbors.

Thank you, Delores, and thanks to each of you who are making our million for mission possible!

**SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, October 17
Renovation Dedication!**



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Look sharp now!
God has chosen you to build his holy house.
Be brave, determined!
And do it! | 1 Chronicles 28:10

With these treasured words, David provided hope, faith and sustenance to his son, Solomon, as he set forth to build the First Temple in Jerusalem. They were confident that the Lord had chosen them to do this work and the Lord would faithfully be with them throughout the construction.

Three thousand years later, we're a month away from completing our major construction. We've relied on God's providence that he would be with us throughout the construction and that, eventually, funds would be given to support it. We have been richly blessed with an inspiring project and an incredible \$11.3 million received thus far! We do need more funds to meet our goal. If you have not yet given – *or if you can increase your commitment* – **be brave, be determined, and do it!**

For assistance or questions about the campaign, please email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484. Or to make a gift now, please [click here](#). To increase your commitment or give at a later date, please [click here](#).

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