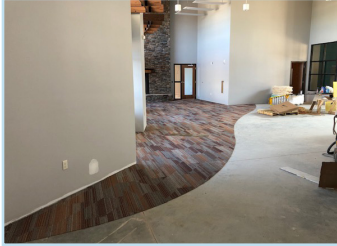


THE BRIDGE

SEPTEMBER 2020

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW...



**WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE,
WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE
FOLLOWING GIFTS GIVEN OVER
AND ABOVE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SO MANY:**

Arthur Funk & Sons
Labor & Equipment

John Gleim Excavating
Labor & Equipment

Spire AVL
Labor & Materials

Greg Polisseni Artist
Labor & Materials

CV Services Electric
Labor

Zook Interiors
Labor

Hursh Painting
Labor

Matt Drawbaugh Landscaping
Labor

CB Flooring
Materials

Craig Bachik,
Landscape Architect
Signage Design

Carlisle Syntec
Solar Tube

Rhoads & Sinon Law
Furniture

Giant
Furniture & Courtyard Benches

John Gleim Excavating
\$15,000

Tuckey Mechanical
\$15,000

'Fichi Interiors
\$7,250

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As construction at our Spring Garden campus winds down this month, it is a most appropriate time to reflect on what has occurred during these past two years of construction, plus acknowledge and thank the many donors of labor, materials and financial resources that we have received.

In my 42-year career as a Civil/Geotechnical Engineer, I've been directly involved with a plethora of construction projects. And as I've told many of you over the course of this project, I've encountered both happy and unhappy job sites. An unhappy construction site is one where there is plenty of grumbling, finger pointing, arguments, disputes, accusations and distrust among owners, architects, engineers, contractors, subcontractors and material suppliers. Turmoil and negativity abounds, that all too often boils over into lawsuits.

On the contrary, a happy construction site is one where everyone truly works together to bring home a successful project on time and on budget. Trust is built along the way as relationships grow between the many entities involved. And as trust and mutual respect take hold, atti-

tudes quickly change from concern over being treated fairly, to going the extra mile to ensure a fantastic outcome. Sure, there are always differences of opinion along the way, but rather than confrontation, reasonable compromises are reached. The owner's budget becomes of paramount importance in everyone's mind, and contractors go out of their way to suggest cost savings measures, as well as recommend ways to improve the project. They do so not because they're looking for change orders, but as a result of truly caring about the end result being the best that it can be. I'm proud to report such has been the positive environment of the CUMC construction site, thanks be to God. As our congregation opened their hearts and kitchens to our construction team, by providing food, cards, prayers and encouragement to our workers, all of that goodwill was returned and then some by our contractors. Over and over we heard "we've NEVER been treated like this before" from the typical 25 - 50 workers per day onsite. On days that lunch was being brought in I heard on more than one occasion "Oooooo...what (continued on Page 2)

Union Quarries
\$5,000

Sunworks Decorative
Concrete
\$1,800

**FROM THE
CUMC CONGREGATION**

Stainless steel
kitchen work tables
Café patio tables
Lawn tractors
Snow blowers
Upgraded plumbing fixtures
Fun room flooring &
climbing equipment
Campus trees

Courtyard landscaping
Amphitheatre clearing
& seating

Licensed Electrician
- Rick Washinger

Licensed Plumber
- Ed Snyder

Worship Center Cross,
Communion Table, Baptismal
Font, Lectern; Office Reception
Desk - Rich Charette,
Doc Loudon, Dick Wimer,
Charlie Lebo, Larry Miller

Gathering Fireplace Mantle
- Wayne Henderson

THANK YOU!

(Praise God...continued from Page 1)
are we having today?" Laughter, good
natured ribbing, smiles, exceptional
attention to detail, and a strong work
ethic have been the trademark of our
site throughout the project. Thanks to
ALL of us for helping to make that hap-
pen.

The words of our weekly offering
response so aptly begin..."Praise
God from whom all blessings flow..."
Thanks be to God that CUMC has in-
deed been showered with an endless
flow of blessings via the generosity of
our dedicated construction team and
donors, together with our amazing
congregation.

~ Jeff Barnes

MOVING IN FAITH...

The Bridge Spring 2020 Edition, which was published during the last week in February, contained an article which I had written titled "GREAT EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS 'THE MOVE' APPROACHES." The article listed all of our moving plans at the time with the caveat that the dates could change. And, obviously, the dates have changed thanks to COVID-19. However, the excitement has remained and I would propose that it is greater now than ever before.

While COVID-19 closed the doors of our present facility in a way that no one anticipated, the result has been a weekly build up of excitement as we have worshipped together in our cars at our new home. In doing that we have had the opportunity to see progress on the outside of our new church as the finishing touches have been applied. Our appetites for coming together and worshipping together have been whetted with these weekly Sunday morning teases.

As this newsletter goes to print, the final boxes will be packed for THE MOVE on September 8. As chair of the Leadership Council (LC), I am extremely excited personally, proud

of the work that the LC has accomplished to facilitate the move into our new building and grateful for so many who have done so much along the way.

One of the best decisions that the LC made was to approve the recommendation made by Jeff Barnes to form a Building Committee. He very wisely presented to the LC the need to have an independent body appointed by and accountable to the LC to take charge and oversee the planning and construction of our new church. As a fellow Council member, Jeff fully knew that the LC, already tasked with so many administrative and managerial tasks, would not have the time to do the work that needed to be done and has been completed so well by the Building Committee. At the organizational meeting of the Building Committee, which I chaired for the election of their chair and vice-chair, I promised that the LC would not micromanage their work, expected to be kept informed and would discuss and vote upon all of their recommendations in a timely manner.

Throughout the entire process, the Building Committee has remained in-

tact, and is comprised of Jeff Barnes, chair, and Brad Weiser, vice-chair. The other members are Ryan Heishman, Colleen Kulp, Mike Landis, Jody Monoski, Joanne Reynolds, Courtney Svirbly and Rick Washinger. Each BC member has led one or more project areas. The LC will be hosting a Recognition Dinner for these wonderful folks as our way of thanking them for all that they have done.

Due to COVID-19, we do not know whether we will be worshipping inside or outside on Sunday, September 20, but we do know that we'll be at 333 S. Spring Garden Street at our new home. That, my friends, is EXTREMELY EXCITING!!

~ Kerm Leitner

WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Online Worship Experience

8am or anytime after via
www.carlislepaumc.org

Drive-In Worship

8:30am, 333 S Spring Garden
St, Carlisle, PA 17013