



EAST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH December 2022 Update

Christmas greetings from the Rebuilding Committee! We are grateful for your support and patience this year. In the new year, we pledge to be more reliable correspondents, with monthly updates like this one.

One request: please mark Sunday, January 22, 2023 on your calendars. Right after worship, we will hold a charge conference to present plans and costs for the building project. At least two weeks before that meeting, we will circulate detailed information about those plans, as well as what to expect at the charge conference and the anticipated timeline for the rest of the project.

To reach this point, your committee has been busy the last few months. In October, we closed out the demolition project and requested reimbursement for that project from FEMA. In November, our general contractor, American Constructors, solicited bids for subcontractors for the building project, with construction planned to begin in March 2023. This gap between bidding and construction commencement ensures that certain items with long lead times (e.g, concrete planks and timber trusses) will arrive by the time they are needed for construction. In that vein, the Rebuilding Committee and the Admin Council approved ordering six types of items that need to be purchased now in order to keep the project schedule on track.

This month, the committee authorized the design process to commence for a new sign for the church that will incorporate bricks from our original building. We have also developed new procedures for the building phase of the project that balance financial oversight with the need to keep the project moving. In January, in addition to the charge conference, we will be working on the design for the contents of the church, including items like furniture and carpet.

Please stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks. And please reach out to us at eastendrebuilding@gmail.com with questions or comments, big or small, at any time. We would love to hear from you.