

Ground Breaking Ceremony Educational and Fellowship Building January 18, 2015

Welcome

Special Thanks to:

The Estate and Family of Julia Hoyle for the endowment of \$100,000 which re-ignited the dream of this new educational and fellowship hall.

Julia Cornelia Alexander was born on October 2, 1925 to Marcus A. Alexander and Katherine Forney Bost. After her mother died at a young age, Julia was lovingly raised by her grandparents, Macon M. and Julia Forney Bost and her two aunts, Miss Sue Bost and Mrs. Louise Avery Bost. Her grandmother and two aunts were members of Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church and Julia attended with them. Julia became a member and remained a member of this congregation until after her graduation from Women's College of the University of North Carolina (UNC-G) in 1946.

The Current Building Committee

Rich Bruder (Chairperson)
Keith Burkett
Kenny Harney
Gladys Ross
James Sanford (Session representative)
Bill Schoenen
Ronnie Whisnant

The Session (as of 2014)

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Ann Dietz	Donna Harney	Rich Bruder
Mary Gordon	Rachel Marler	Bennett Ross
Dorothy Paschall	James Sanford	

Children's Song: "It's A Happy Day"

Words of Thanks from Rich Bruder (Chairperson of the Building Committee and President of the Corporation)

Scripture Reading from Nehemiah 2:17-20

Meditation: "With God and Each Other"

Unison Prayer:

We have not arrived here alone. We are here, O God, because you have brought us here, and called us to do a 'new thing' in this place. As we begin, we pause to thank you, for all of those people of faith, who came to this place and founded this congregation, 240 years ago. We thank you, for all of those who have dreamed of a new educational and fellowship building over the years, and for all of those who have contributed money and other resources – time, energy and planning – to make the dream a reality. We thank you, for all the people who have prayed with us and for us along the way, and we thank you for all of those who contributed in any other way, to the work which we are breaking ground for today. We thank you for all the people who will oversee the work, do the work and provide the materials for this building. We ask that you protect the contractor and his crew from harm, that you give us good weather for building, and that you watch over this project, each day. Bless all that we do here today, O God, and all of the future educational and fellowship activities held here, which will proclaim your Good News in this community and beyond. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ground Breaking:

Virginia Whisnant and Katelyn Reel (in place of our youngest baptized member, Lauryn Reel)

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (insert)

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace" from this day forward and forevermore. Amen.

As of this day, we have the following funds for this project (including the first installment on the work which has already been paid):

The Building Fund: \$197,116.53
The Million Pennies Fund: \$ 83,735.83
Virginia's Kitchen Fund: \$ 5,599.86
Total of: \$286,452.22

Any money remaining in these joint building funds, at the close of our contract with the contractor, will be used to offset the operating expenses of the new educational/fellowship hall for as long as the funds last.

However, it is not too late to contribute. Once the actual construction is complete, we will still have the landscaping to do and the table and chairs to purchase. So, if you would like to make a financial contribution towards the fulfillment of this dream, we would appreciate your gift. And, if you would like to invest some 'sweat equity' let us know, and we will inform you when we are ready to do the landscaping and any other volunteer job which is needed.

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