



# EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A special building progress update for all members of our congregation:

Yesterday we received a very disappointing update from Bruchey Builders, Inc. Several critical action items have failed to occur for ERUCC to meet our scheduled May 20<sup>th</sup> dedication date, which ultimately will delay the project and our celebration. There are three items of great concern occurring simultaneously, impacting the construction completion schedule from three different vendors – elevator, deck insulation and kitchen equipment. We wanted to share with you a little more detail about these delays so you are aware of the challenges and the domino effect they have, which significantly delays the overall project completion.

The first concern is finishing the deck waterproofing and insulation (the “roof” of the newly constructed addition that will ultimately become parking and patio space). For interior finish work to be completed in the community room, the deck waterproofing, insulation, stone and paver installation must be completed first. The high density foam insulation required, a specialty product manufactured by Dow Chemical, will not be produced until May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The supply chain provider ordered the insulation, but Dow Chemical did not initiate the order due to a production schedule issue at their plant. This insulation product is required, due to the compressive strength required for truck traffic on the deck, and is specialized, typically not stored but made to order. Currently a search is on across the U.S. to determine if there is even a small supply available we could obtain to help us to cover some of the deck that was just waterproofed. Every little bit will help.

The second issue surrounds the elevator equipment that was delivered to the site last week. ThyssenKrupp, the elevator manufacturer and installer, is not able to schedule the installation until the first week of May. The 4-week process needed to install the elevator creates a workflow issue in the basement foyer where the elevator equipment is staged. Finally, this timing also affects the kitchen equipment delivery and installation. A majority of the kitchen equipment (mostly larger pieces) cannot be delivered to the new kitchen without use of the elevator, delaying delivery and installation until the elevator is installed and functioning.

Needless to say, we must pray that God will grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

We can't change the reality of the schedule. What we can do is look at these months ahead as an opportunity. We have more time to prepare for an awesome dedication—rescheduled for Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. We will have time this summer to organically move into our new space and get adjusted to our new life before the dedication.

At our cottage meetings this month, we have been using the term “metamorphosis” with the image of a butterfly to claim this time in the life of ERUCC. We are reminded that before the butterfly emerges it's in a sticky and rather messy cocoon. We can't change the mess but we can look forward to the time, in just a few more months, when we will spread our beautiful butterfly wings.

Grace and peace,

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