



Campus Enhancement Update

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Two critical milestones have been checked off in the last two weeks marking continued progress:

- The siding on the Church Office and Student Ministry Building (Building B) has been completed to include the placing of the cross on the Cherry Street side.
- A much-awaited shipment of steel has been delivered and installed in the fellowship hall and gallery areas. The steel beams provide structural support for the new gallery exterior door and, the new arches being cut into the fellowship hall walls. Cutting of the arches started this week and represent a very tangible reality of the vision of our new fellowship hall.

Additional progress includes footings poured for the new awning that will cover the entrance into the gallery reception area, more interior drywall installed, a new roof on the “drive-thru” Youth entrance of Building B, and the completion of cabling for audio-visual and Wi-Fi needs.

Cutting the arches and dry-in of the new gallery reception area are significant upcoming milestones of the project and once complete, we should be racing to the finish line!

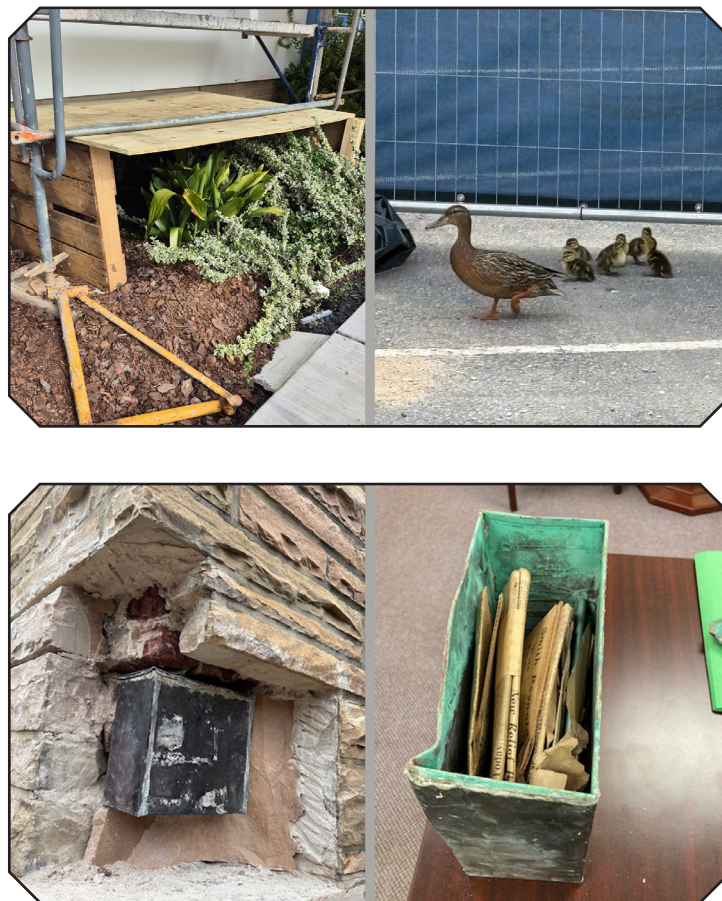


DUCKS AND A TIME CAPSULE

What is a construction project without a few unusual surprises along the way! A lot of you have heard one or both of these stories but just in case you have missed it...

About three weeks ago on a Monday, we were called down to the site to be told a construction worker had spotted a mother duck sitting on eggs at the corner of Building B. After a lot of discussion and consulting from wildlife experts, the workers built a protective shelter around her and kept on working. On Thursday morning of that same week, our Blum superintendent arrived early to find mama duck... and six ducklings! Within an hour, they had moved on to their new home. A happy ending!

That same week, on Friday, the Blum team found a time capsule behind the dated cornerstone (1932) at the gallery classroom exterior wall. A metal box had been placed in the wall during construction of the classroom wing. The box contains... well, we don't know yet. Kathy Brookby has graciously agreed to carefully extract and catalogue the contents to be shared at a later date. Stay tuned!



GRATITUDE

We give thanks for the many workers who come to our campus to make this project happen. They are skilled professionals who continuously complete tasks, identify problems, create solutions, add beauty, and work consistently in what have been very hot conditions. Oh, and they build shelters for mother ducks and carefully handle a box almost 100 years old so that we can learn from those who came before us! We thank God for those who do this work and pray for their protection on the job and in the heat.

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