Looking Back On Our Future

Many of our parishioners may be unaware of the special corner stone located to the right of the main entrance to our church. This eleventh century corner stone came from the Abbey near St. Margaret’s burial place in Scotland. Bishop C. Avery Mason presented it to the Rev. A. Blanchard Boyer when St. Margaret’s Parish relocated to Richardson in the early 1960s. The stone was placed in the wooden altar of the newly built church which we now refer to as Founders Hall East.

After St. Margaret’s and St. Mark’s merged and renamed our parish The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, the next major building campaign took place with the building and opening of our current sanctuary in 1976. The stone was moved to its present location to serve not only as a corner stone of the new sanctuary, but to represent both the past and the future of Epiphany. A few years later, a second campaign to expand the Epiphany campus was accomplished with the building of the Parish Life Center.

Once again we face the necessity of looking Onward to the future of Epiphany as parishioners before us have done. Take a moment to look at the stone. It is symbolic of what we can achieve with the Building Campaign before us that will keep Epiphany serving God, our Parish, and the Community for generations still to come.

Inscribed on the plaque above the corner stone is: This eleventh century corner stone from the Abbey near St. Margaret’s burial place, is a gift to the Episcopal Church in Richardson from the Bishop of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Prayer

Almighty God,
giver of every good gift,
you call us as
Servants for God,
our parish
and the community:
grant us grace
that as we embark
on our building campaign,
that we may pray for,
build up and encourage
one another through our
sacrificial giving,
confident that by the power
of your Holy Spirit
you will lead us Onward
to complete the work
that you have begun in us,
through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen
The 1970s were a time of excitement and growth for the newly created Church of the Epiphany. In that time, our church built its new sanctuary followed by the building of our Parish Life Center, enabling our church to grow and serve the community. Now, again, Epiphany is growing and reaching out in creative and exciting ways. As we grow, we are recognizing that many of our facilities need to be upgraded and/or replaced if we are to continue to help people to encounter the living Jesus and then be challenged to be his disciples and servants.

During the 1970s, Epiphany parishioners, many of whom are still here, built the buildings that have enabled the parish to serve these past four decades. Now we have an opportunity to create new spaces that will allow current and future members of Epiphany to be effective in our call to be Servants of God, our Parish, and the Community.

Now is the time for us to move ONWARD!

Our current church facilities have served as a solid home base for Epiphany’s missions and over 75 church ministries. It’s time to expand our facility to accommodate our growing church community and outreach ministries. Phase I of our master plan envisions Epiphany with the following welcomed additions:

- **A new three-story building** connected to the current church sanctuary that will include the church offices, nursery, music rooms, elevator access to the choir loft, restrooms, gift shop and more.
- **A new entrance** to the church from Custer Road with a driveway, covered entry and improved curb appeal.
- **A new Chapel**, if funds permit, with seating for up to 50 people.