



Valley Voice

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Well, if the move into the church hasn't taken place by the time you read this, I will be a patient at the Meadows.

Considering the final building permit is signed off, the township has our surety bond and as of mid-March we have the approval to move in. I don't think you will have to visit me, but if it's necessary bring me some chips and French onion dip and a Dr. Pepper.

The plan is to have our official Grand God-filled Opening on April 21st!

I am sure though, every one of you has different emotions about the new church and the future.

Some will be sad that we are leaving the beautiful Buffalo Run sanctuary, a sanctuary, that as with Valley View and Fillmore, have so many memories of Christmas's, Easter's, weddings, funerals, good times and sad times.

But I do have good news! We are moving because our visionaries knew that in order for us to grow, in order for us to reach out with more programs that meet the needs of today's families, in order to provide a safe environment for some of our aging folks, the visionaries knew we had to build a new church, and boy oh boy did they deliver with an awesome, breathtaking and tears of joy new facility.

There is no other timber framed church like the one you all have built in the conference. Please also remember that we are the only church in our conference that is building instead of closing their doors and there is a reason for it.

The reason, the way I see it, is all because of you!

Clearly building a new church is not an easy task and truth be told it wasn't easy but with a lot of hard work, with so many different talented people, with a lot of compromise, with a lot of sleepless nights and a lot of fund raising (all those spaghetti dinners and ham sandwiches Oh My!) we have now realized the dream of our new church building and our dream of the possibilities that will come with such an awesome facility.

With that I leave you with these words from Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 11:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

And my friends, with the church brothers and sisters that make up the Greater Buffalo Run Valley United Methodist Church, we have good cause to have hope and we surely have a bright future if we continue to work together for the Kingdom of our almighty God.

Working with you has been my pleasure and I am so looking forward to all the possibilities that are on the horizon!

Blessings PJ

