

# **Family Life and Mission Center**

Mortgage Burning  
"Paid in Full"  
August 12, 2018

Let's take a trip down  
memory lane...  
**It's 1995, 23 years ago!**

Aerial photo of property with fields



Farm fields next door to St. Paul's were owned by Warren and Joan Haas. The Haas' generously donated a piece of their land before selling the remainder to a developer. Yes, believe it or not, we could actually have a housing development next door.

# Warren and Joan Haas



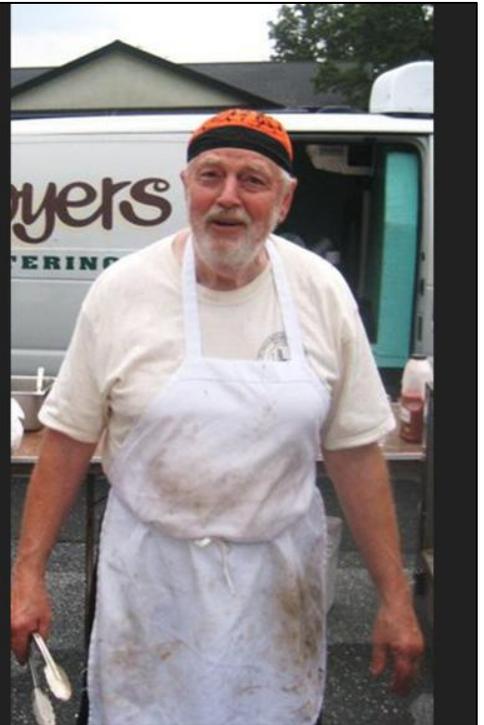
1998



The developer who purchased the Haas farm offered us the opportunity to purchase the additional land. We purchased 2.56 acres for \$15,000. This was paid for by St. Paul's Reformed Home Association.

1999

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- Butch Boyer: chaired land development task force
- Data collected from various committees
- Proposal for new construction
- Cost: around a million dollars



St. Paul's was definitely outgrowing its facility. Butch Boyer chaired a land development task force, which collected data from various committees of St. Paul's to determine needs. From this survey came the proposal for a new construction that would cost around a million dollars.

The needs included: more classrooms, more storage, improved accessibility and additional parking.

## Camp Harner

- Parcel of land in Earl Township
- Owned by St. Paul's Reformed Home Association
- Named for John Z. Harner
  - Original trustee, generous contributor of Home Association
- Used for picnics and VBS
- Property sold
- Proceeds of \$146,617 used for land development of FLMC

St. Paul's Reformed Home Association owned a parcel of land in Earl Township known as Camp Harner. Named for John Z. Harner, one of the original trustees and generous contributor of the Home Association. Camp Harner was used for church picnics and VBS. The property was sold and the proceeds of \$146,617 were used for land development of the FLMC.

## 2002

- Congregational meeting, much discussion
- Decided to move forward
- Proposed addition not to exceed \$1.4 million

At a special congregational meeting after much discussion, it was decided to move forward. The proposed addition was not to exceed \$1.4 million.

## 2003

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- Charged with raising pledges of \$1.5 million
- “Rooted in Faith... Growing to Serve”



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Here we go. It's April 22, 2004.



First order of business: tear out shrubs that formed the fence line. 4/22/2004



Meet our foreman, Mark Sitler. 4/22/2004



Originally, our parking lot was as wide as the area from the cemetery to the first set of flower beds. Make room for more cars! 10/29/2004



The digging begins. 12/2/2004



12/2/2004



Here, you can see the old entrance to the side of the church and the Sunday School building. 3/30/2005

Mark says this is the first load of cement delivered!



Mark is looking at drawings by Steve Loomis. Al Kutz secured estimates from the various contractors. 4/8/2005



4/19/2005



Things are taking shape. Here, we see the windows in the area connecting the new and the old, as well as the elevator shaft. 5/13/2005



Lower level of FLMC. Somehow it looks so narrow! 6/1/2005



Upper level shows the windows on the right that are in the table storage area.



By June of 2005, roof trusses were being put in place by a big crane. 6/16/2005



6/21/2005



7/25/2005



August of 2005, it's officially the Family Life and Mission Center. 8/31/2005



Thanks to many volunteers that helped with painting. Here, Andrew and Becky Kuhn.



Look at that smile on Brian Riker's face!



Walt Dublanica looks like a painting foreman!



The kitchen area.



Fellowship Hall – the stage is studded out.



The finished product.

## Family Life and Mission Center

- **Main building:** 64 x 126 feet
- **Multipurpose room:** 62 x 64 feet
- **Fellowship Hall capacity:** 320
- **Total cost:** \$2,277,000
- **Cost per square foot:** \$113

A few facts.

# Dedication

- September 10, 2006



## Custodians

- Thanks to volunteers for cleaning weekly after building was finished:
  - o Dick Flickinger
  - o Peggy Maurey
  - o Becky Kuhn
  - o Winnie Hayik
  - o Marie Hausman
  - o Tom & Carol Sugalski

A bit of trivia! Dick Flickinger told me they took a break each day at 9:00. Someone else told me Dick baked goodies for these breaks! Maybe we should ask him for his recipes.

## Finances as of 11/30/2007

- **Total expenses including interest, bank charges, campaign costs:** \$2,299,339
- **Cash received:** \$1,706,691
- **Outstanding commitments:** \$227,820
- **St. Paul's Reformed Home Association contribution:** \$377,227

The financial facts!

## 2008

- Negotiated mortgage with National Penn Bank (BB&T)
- Mortgage of \$516,000
- Interest rate renegotiated in 2013

During construction the church had a line of credit for the project. The interest was paid by the Home Association.

## FLMC Building Usage

- Boy Scout Troop 597
- Cub Scout Troop 597
- Weight Watchers
- Acro Angels
- Salsa
- Amity Chess Club
- Mom's Club
- Top Notch 4H
- Eastern Star
- Girl Scouts 173, 1156, 1320, 11142, 11165
- Baby Showers
- Bridal Showers
- Wedding Receptions
- Birthday Parties
- Funeral Luncheons
- Nutcracker Presentation
- Organization Fundraisers
- And much more!

## Turkey Suppers



# Youth Group

Grades 7-12 meets  
weekly on Wednesday  
nights

Grades 3-6 meets  
monthly on the first  
Friday



# SPLASH

After school began  
September 2010

Before school began  
September 2013

Summer program began  
June 2016



2018

Ten years later through the efforts of Consistory, numerous turkey supper profits, continued member support, and special bequests, we are here to celebrate!