





## Friends,

I am watching the rain fall at Camp Capers as I write this. The ground is very dry and is obviously very grateful for the water. I am also watching a very large machine with an enormous claw tear down Steves Hall. It's absolutely fascinating and a little sentimental to watch 40 years of Camp Capers history come down to the ground in just four hours. Many people have had life-changing experiences at Camp Capers while staying in the 1970s Steves Hall, and it is important that we treat the demolition of the old building with respect.

The best way I know to do that is to build something wonderful in its place.



The three new buildings going up at Camp Capers will be just that - wonderful places of beauty and functionality that will complement the landscape and inspire people to seek out the Holy Spirit during their time at camp. Not only will the two lodges and 40 new beds allow us to serve new, diverse people and groups, they will also serve as an excellent home for our summer leadership staff.

The new Steves Hall meeting room will have a high ceiling with gorgeous wooden timbers, a fire place, and small kitchen. It will be oriented towards the river and have an expansive porch on three sides. Groups will love the warmth and welcoming feel of the building and will enjoy the flexibility that the kitchen will provide. I am excited to announce that the construction of the new buildings will be completed by the first week of May, in plenty of time for use during the summer of 2013.

I hope you will rejoice with me during this exciting time in the life of our diocese and in thanking God for new opportunities. If you have any questions about the new plans or construction, please feel free to contact me.

Faithfully,

Rob