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Restoration Project – Invocation
The James L. West Alzheimer’s Center

God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca,
we remember.
Of all days
on this day
we gather to remember that you are God of our past, our present, and our future.
Remind us who and whose we are.
Soon, workers will gather.
Walls will crumble.
Pipes will bend, wires will strain, floors will go naked.
Hammers will pound.
Then, new-ness will rise. All will become fresh.
Within old boundaries, something crisp and welcoming will emerge,
which is like all of life, O God,
at least for those who learn to look for you
in all of life.
Through these building months, Holy One, guide and protect us.
Keep workers safe.
Grant calm to caregivers amidst the clamor.
Protect residents from unfounded fear.
Then, God, when all is done,
bridge past to future
that untold kindnesses gone by will buttress infinite gentleness ahead.
Use our memories to fulfill our hopes.
And for those who cannot remember, O God,
grant us the privilege to remember for them,
even unto that great coming day
when all memory is restored,
when each recollection is refreshed,
when every hope is complete.
Without you, God, this will be only a building.
With you, it will be a home.
Make it so, God, please,
make it so.
Amen.

Construction will begin January 5, 2015!

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