



# First United Methodist New Philadelphia

making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

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To Whom It May Concern:

From 2008-2010 our church conducted a major building addition and renovation project. This project included work in our 1913 original sanctuary building and construction of a new wing that included an office complex, large multi-purpose room, restrooms, kitchen, and gathering space. The total construction budget was 3.5 million dollars.

We were fortunate to select Benchmark Construction and work with them for the successful completion of the project. Benchmark is a well-known and highly regarded firm that has done many major projects throughout our city and the surrounding area. We hired Benchmark to serve as our General Contractor and worked closely with Tom Haugh as the project unfolded.

Benchmark Construction did a terrific job for us. They were pleasant and friendly to work with, welcomed questions, and met with our core team on a weekly basis. Tom Haugh is extremely trustworthy and knowledgeable. He was a pleasure to work with and his team did their work quickly, professionally, and with a strong sense of pride in their workmanship.

As a pastor, I've heard horror stories from others who have engaged in building projects. We had nothing but good cooperation, clear communication, and excellent performance. Tom truly sets a high standard and those who work for and with Benchmark rose to his level and delivered a high quality building that we enjoy using every day.

If you are looking to complete a project and are contemplating who to use, I can tell you that we would use Benchmark Construction again without any hesitation. We are 100% pleased with all that they did, and we often recommend them to others who inquire about our project. I cannot say enough positive things about them. They made a complicated project easy for us.

Should you have any specific questions or want to discuss our project in detail please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor  
First United Methodist Church