

UPDATE ON THE ELEVATOR/PARKING PROJECT



It has begun! Those of you who have driven by the church in the last few days have seen the equipment and materials that are now on site. The crew has set up a silt fence and grading will commence in the next few days. Over the next several months, we will see the transformation of our steep slope into a safe, well lit, ample parking lot, followed by construction of a beautiful and much needed building addition and elevator. With its covered entrance and gothic arches, we will truly have a new and beautiful “front porch.”

Months of engineering work and coordination with the town of Waynesville have gone into this plan. Frankly, the site development and drainage work needed is significantly more extensive than initially estimated and will cost more than we had hoped. You will remember that, back in July, the team also recommended and the Session approved the addition of a multipurpose space above the covered drive. We envision many good uses for this large new room adjacent to the sanctuary. All in all, we will need to raise about \$300,000 in addition to the funds pledged by our donor and those previously dedicated to the project. We will receive the final bids in about two weeks and we are working with our contractor to hold this number down or even reduce it. Although the church could borrow this money, the Session decided that we should first reach out to the membership in the form of a fundraising plan to reduce or eliminate the need to do so. You will be receiving much more information about this soon.

These are uncertain times, and we realize that our circumstances are all different than they were a year ago. This project is a positive investment in the life of our church, and we urge all members and friends to prayerfully consider this opportunity to honor and support it. We look forward to worshipping, serving each other and our community, and having fellowship together again soon at the beautiful and historic FPC campus.

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