

## **Construction Update, March 2021 Elevator/Parking Project**

It may be winter, and it may be cold and rainy, and it may be hard to do site work on a steep slope, but things are moving along nicely in the development of our new parking area. Every time I visit the site, it reminds me of a book we used to read to our kids when they were little called “Busy, Busy World”, which was filled with pictures of trucks and bulldozers and cranes and people building things. The retaining wall is now built to almost its full length and height, which will be nearly 20 feet at its maximum. The old retention pond behind the courthouse is a thing of the past, soon to be a grassy knoll adjacent to our lot. An old refuse dump encountered next to the manse site (this was probably the edge of town 100 years ago) has been dug up and carted away—nothing of great archaeological significance was found.

We have received and accepted the bids for building construction, and have a firm idea now of the total cost. We are now ready to start the fundraising campaign and members will receive full information and pledge cards very soon. Despite some slowdowns due to the soggy winter conditions, the site development will be sufficiently complete to start building on schedule in four to six weeks.

As we move closer and closer to “normal” worship, we look forward to seeing all our members and friends in person at the church. You will be amazed at the transformations which is occurring on our historic grounds! We are very blessed and thank God for providing us so richly, even in such trying times.

As always, please feel free to contact me or a member of the committee with your questions or ideas as this project continues.

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