

ELEVATOR AND PARKING PROJECT UPDATE-MAY, 2021

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Phase Two of the construction process is underway! Trenches for the new structure foundation have been dug, and concrete will be poured soon. Once the foundation is in place, the building addition will begin. Construction includes the tower for our new elevator, the elevator lobbies on each floor, a handicapped accessible restroom near the first-floor elevator, a covered drive and new building entrance, and the multipurpose room adjacent to the sanctuary built over the drive canopy. All of this will take about ten months, with completion anticipated by March of 2022. The parking area is essentially complete, and it is beautiful. Go look at it! It will be paved later this summer after the heavy equipment moves out.

Our new addition is designed to look and feel like part of the original building, with matching roof tiles, brick, and stucco. The design also includes familiar gothic arches supporting the drive canopy. To that end, we also intend to include some original pieces in the new building. The small back porch had to be removed, but its walls have been dismantled in order to reuse the arch details as vent openings in the elevator tower. The leaded glass window looking out from the Heritage Room will become a doorway, but the window is to be saved. It, and two other matching windows which have been saved for many years since the previous church remodeling, will be cleaned and restored and used as interior accents in front of some of the new windows. An original cupboard matching the church woodwork has also been in storage, and will be installed in one of the nooks created by construction. Several of our foundation plantings had to be moved to make room for the new foundation. They have been carefully dug, burlapped, and stored in a shady spot outdoors to be tended through the summer. Hopefully, they will stay healthy and return as part of our new landscaping.

It feels good to modernize the church to make it safer and better, yet honor the beauty of the building and the vision of those folks who built it a century ago. We thank God for our rich blessings.



Some old things we are reusing (L to R):
Porch arches; trim from arches;
leaded glass window; cabinet

