



## Q&A

### Improvements to Our Grounds and Parking Lot

**Q. Why do we need to improve our parking lot and grounds?**

**A.** As they are today, they are not welcoming, nor do they send a message that we care about our neighbors and community. Further, they present safety hazards. Stairs to the church are deteriorating and becoming unsafe. Sidewalks are broken and uneven. Retaining walls are crumbling. Landscaping is overgrown or in poor condition. The surface of the parking lot is crumbling and uneven – and poor lighting contributes to safety concerns.

**Q. What improvements are envisioned?**

**A.** New retaining walls, sidewalks, lighting, signs, entry steps and landscaping – all designed to be more welcoming, provide improved safety and security and reduce maintenance. (Note: If the congregation moves forward with the geothermal system for heating and cooling, the geothermal wells would be drilled in the parking lot, necessitating its renewal.)



**Q. Will we lose or gain parking spaces in the lot?**

**A.** We will retain the same number of parking spaces. There may be changes in the layout of the lot to ensure it complies with city code.

**Q. What will be done to help people who park in the lot feel more secure, especially after dark?**

**A.** The addition of good lighting will help eliminate dark corners and shadows. Lighting around the church itself also will make the walk to the building safer. And landscape improvements will be designed with an emphasis on eliminating security concerns.

**Q. Whom should I contact with questions or concerns about the campaign and the building improvements?**

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