



## ***Rooted and Reaching Project Work Ahead!***

We cannot believe we have another update from the *Rooted and Reaching Campaign* in such a short time! Two facilities related projects with the campaign were recently approved and are starting to move forward. Highlighted below are project overviews for painting the exterior of the building and improvements to the sidewalks at the front entrance and a new handicapped ramp into the Sanctuary!



### **Painting to the Church's Exterior**

**Project Start Date:** week of September 12

**Anticipate Completion:** 3 weeks (weather permitting), early October 2022

**Project Overview:** The exterior of the church around all windows, doors, and columns will be scraped, pressure washed, and painted over the course of the next couple of weeks. Schrader Paint Company will start in the front of the building and then work their way around the building. They will be using a lift for certain components of the project so we ask you to be alert and use caution while walking around the campus.



### **Construction to the Front Entrance Sidewalks**

**Project Start Date:** week of September 19

**Anticipate Completion:** 3 weeks (weather permitting), early October 2022

**Project Overview:** This project consists of six main components:

- installing a new handicap ramp with railings for access to the side door of the Sanctuary (see image below),

- replacing the bricks in front of the main entrance with new integral colored concrete (see diagram below),
- demoing and pouring new concrete for the front sidewalks, curbs, and gutters,
- installing a new *sidewalk* handicapped entry next to the stormwater drain by the FPCLY campus direction sign,
- the removal of the two big holly bushes to the left and right of the front doors, and
- new electrical conduit installed for a receptacle in the front circle for future use (see image below)

The new concrete in front of the main entrance will have tan borders intended to match the mortar of the brick on the outside church walls and a charcoal color intended to match the dark colored brick sections on the outside walls. We have included a picture below as a visual. These pictures are also available in a larger size on a project board in the temporary entry to the church.

**Project Benefits:** At the completion of this project, the front sidewalks and entryway will be much safer for all entering the front doors of the church. Over time, the bricks that are currently in place have started to shift creating an uneven walking space and consequently creating a tripping hazard. The project also includes multiple components focusing on improving handicapped accessibility, safety, and ADA compliance.

For any questions, contact [Robert O'Brian](mailto:rmobrian@gmail.com) by email at [rmobrian@gmail.com](mailto:rmobrian@gmail.com)!



## How will these projects impact you?

*For the duration of these projects, the main entrance of the church and parking in the front circle will not be available to ensure the safety of the church community, visitors, and staff.* The front circle will be coned off. We have been diligent in reviewing the best alternative entry options for ease of access and security purposes.

- **The temporary main church entrance Monday thru Friday will be through the Columbarium Garden.** Signage will direct you to the double doors at the rear of the garden.
  - A doorbell and/or volunteer receptionist will be stationed by this door to allow for entry during weekday business hours.
  - There will be **no** parking on the side driveway along the Columbarium as it will block traffic to and from the Weekday School.

- When visiting the church we recommend avoiding peak school carpool times (8:30 am – 9:15 am and 11:45 am – 12:15 pm).
- *Due to safety and security protocols, the Weekday School entrance is not available.*
- For those with mobility limitations, we encourage you to call the church to see if business may be conducted over the phone or via email. If you come to the church, a handicap ramp entrance is available in the Columbarium. Just note that the distance from the parking spaces available to this entry point may be further than usual.
- Parking is available in the front parking lot directly in front of the Sanctuary.
- Those who have keys to the front doors for church meetings will be able to use them to enter through the Columbarium doors for evening meetings.
- **For Sunday morning worship and education classes on September 25 and October 2 (and potentially October 9 depending on the weather),** we ask you to enter through doors along the side drive on the left side of the Sanctuary indicated by ushers or signage. The Weekday School entrance will still be available for parking, nursery care, and elevator access.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this exciting time! Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the church office at (434) 384-6231.

**Both of these projects are part of the facility safety and general improvements with the *Rooted and Reaching Campaign!* Thank you again for your faithful support and generosity to help these important improvements become a reality!**