



The ONE WELLSHIRE Campaign to expand the narthex and renovate the sanctuary is moving along very nicely. Updates have been shared in the bulletin and e-news each week, but the construction phase is scheduled to begin soon. In January, a number of temporary changes will be upon us.

Here is a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions):

When will construction begin? It is expected that construction will begin in January 2018, as early as the first week of January. The date could be pushed back due to permitting issues with the City, inclement weather, or surprising issues that appear as we approach the demolition phase of the project. We need to be prepared to lose use of the narthex and sanctuary on January 1. Construction is estimated to be 6-8 months. We hope to be worshipping in the sanctuary by September of 2018.

Where and when will we worship during this period? We will worship in the Chapel beginning **January 7**. We plan to offer three services every Sunday: an 8:00 am contemplative service, followed by two relatively identical services at 9:30 and 11:00. We plan to reorient the Chapel seating to face the original chancel (facing east) and use a center aisle. There are many functional reasons for this decision – notably, it will allow easier mobility and allow for ease of overflow in the back, should the need arise.

What will the music be like in the Chapel? Importantly, space is limited in the chancel of the Chapel and the music program will be admittedly compromised and challenged there. The organ will also not be available in the Chapel. We will suspend the current delineation we have between our contemporary and traditional worship services, and we hope to provide an acceptable variety of musical offerings. Space will limit the size of the choir and instrumentation, so a rotation of musicians is planned. The bell, youth and children choirs will continue and will be incorporated in worship. Please know that these changes are temporary, and this period of transition will be over in 6-8 months!

At 8:00 am, the music will be reflective or contemplative; there will not be a choir; it will be supported musically by congregational singing and a soloist or small ensemble. Communion will be offered regularly. At 9:30 and 11:00, the order of worship and music will be generally identical each Sunday.

What will happen to the Sunday School schedule during this time? The Sunday Schedule may be found on the reverse of this page; however, know that we are going to one time period for the children. Again, we realize that this is not “the ideal” situation for some families, but many factors have gone into this schedule which had to be synchronized with worship, parking lot turnover, available volunteers and other programs. Again, please remember this is a temporary change to the schedule.

Will handicapped parking be increased near the Chapel? Yes, the entire east (front) parking lot has been turned into handicapped parking as long as we worship in the Chapel. This will allow folks who are mobility-challenged to park closer to the Chapel and not have to navigate steps or the elevator.

Will we be able to enter and walk through the north end of the building? No. For safety reasons, all entrances to the Narthex area at the north end of the building will be closed during construction.

Can we move the Reredos Cross back into the Chapel? Yes. The cross was moved back to the Chapel as of December 13.



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