Improved Safety, Security, Fellowship, and Hospitality

Relocation of Classrooms. Based on our consultations with law enforcement and safety experts, it was concluded that our children are safest in classrooms on the second floor behind safety doors and controlled entrances.

Control Doors to Children's Spaces and Family Space. With control doors, teachers inside the classrooms with our children will be able to see individuals prior to allowing them access.

Safety Doors. Safety doors lock automatically, thus preventing entrance to classroom spaces from the outside. However, these doors allow someone to exit from the inside quickly if needed.

Fire Suppression. Automatic sprinklers and additional fire extinguishers will be added to the proposed new restrooms, the library/family space, and what is now the Narthex.

New Plumbing. New plumbing will be added into new women's and men's restrooms, and a new restroom will be added to the family space, replacing the small kitchen.

Expansion of Gathering Space. The brick wall that now separates the Gathering Space from the Narthex will be removed to create a larger, more welcoming Gathering Space area for fellowship. We will also remove the staircase and closet behind the wall so that a very large and welcoming area with views of the Nave and Fellowship Hall will greet our visitors.

Vestibule Doors into the Gathering Space. We will add a second set of doors inside the main doors of the Gathering Space to create a weather barrier/vestibule. This will prevent cold (and hot) breezes from entering the Gathering Space before and after services.

Large Windows on the Back Wall of the Nave. The back wall of the Nave under the balcony will be replaced (from the chair rail up) with large windows. This modification is an added security feature to provide visibility into and out of the Nave. It also allows people in the newly expanded Gathering Space to observe when best to enter the service without interrupting it, or families with restless children to observe the service without entering. This wall will be visibly appealing without allowing sound into or out of the respective spaces.

New Flooring, Carpeting, and Ceilings. We will receive new flooring (tile, vinyl, or carpet) in the Gathering Space/Narthex, welcome area, family space, restrooms, and Chapel corridor.

Library/Family Space. Our library will be updated and used additionally for family space. It will have a separate small bathroom for children's security, privacy, and convenience.

Updated Restrooms. The bathrooms in the Gathering Space outside the library will be updated to have ADA-compliant access and to include to new counters, sinks, toilets, flooring, and ceiling.

HVAC, Electrical, and Lighting. Our heating and cooling system will be amended and updated to accommodate for the newly expanded Gathering Space. We will also receive new baseboard heating in the bathrooms and new lighting in the library/family space, the newly expanded Gathering Space (including the present Narthex), and the Gathering Space entrance/vestibule.

