

### 3.19.2020 Weekly Update

It's time for some happy news amidst what is in the papers and online – a building update! The construction workers have been putting in double shifts, working inside the building and out, and their progress is easy to see. Today's update will focus on the outside work, but you should know that the Multipurpose Room and surrounding areas look completely different. That will be part of next week's update!

The picture below shows the clergy/classroom addition, which is currently encased in exterior sheathing, a lovely blue material. You can see where some of the doors and windows will be. Soon the building will be swaddled in a moisture barrier and then covered with the final exterior material. This picture also includes the walkway from the addition to our current building. (It connects to what is currently the clergy conference room.) I love how many windows this walkway has, and the design is quite clever, don't you think?



The next picture was taken standing in the foyer outside the Small Sanctuary. You can see the installation of the wood beams that will be visible even after construction, a design that was meant to mimic the foyer and hallway outside of our current sanctuary. Also, this photo was taken facing toward the north end of our property (toward Kirby Court). The large openings you can see at the end of the foyer and in the sanctuary will include windows and glass doors, and the view will consist of many trees, both the existing ones and the ones yet to be planted. Our space will be enhanced by light and nature!



As far as the impact of COVID-19 on our project, it has actually helped the project to have the schools closed and most events cancelled at the temple. The Scott Long leadership team has been implementing additional practices to protect their workers and to prevent the spread of the infection on the jobsite, including the use of additional sanitization and cleaning materials by the construction team. As of this writing, construction will continue at the scheduled pace, but we know that this can change at a moment's notice. We can only hope for the best, and we will keep you posted, of course.

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