

Greetings to fellow church members and friends of Mount Gretna UMC. This note comes from Don Bowman, Chairman of Trustees at the church.

It's exciting to be able to announce to you that construction on our long awaited elevator project will begin today, 1/30/23. I thank the Admin Council, Fellow Trustees, Finance Committee, and Elevator committee for all the hard work and support that went into the planning of this important expansion to our facility.

There are some changes to parking and building access that you should be aware of immediately:

1. The parking lot area directly in front of the main entrance (between Boehm Ave. and the front doors of the church) will be reserved for construction vehicles, workers, and construction material. Also, we are marking the two rows of parking spots closest to the tabernacle (Glossbrenner Ave) with 'yellow' paint. The yellow-marked spots will be reserved for church business on Monday-Friday, 9AM-7PM. These spots are needed for Staff, Nurse School Clients, and various meetings and gatherings scheduled at the church through-out the week.
2. We plan to keep the church building open during construction but will need to modify the front entrance. We will be removing the large stained glass window facing the parking lot and installing a door into the rear of the sanctuary. This door will be used as a temporary entrance until the elevator is complete. Side entrance (through the Ebenezer room) and rear entrance will be available throughout the project. The walking path along the west side of the building will also be closed.

Other changes to the south-west corner of the church facility (all three floors) will be happening, but are too numerous to mention in this email. We ask that you be aware of the areas marked 'construction workers only', and be flexible during the building of our elevator.

I thank all the committee members that have worked so hard to make this project a reality, and thank our congregation and friends for the many prayers of support and financial contributions. We expect the project will be complete in six months.