

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The lights are here!

In the church, you will see our new lights stacked up in boxes. There is one light fixture unboxed by our renovation model for you to see.

Where will they go? What will they look like?

Nearly all of the lights will be attached on the west side of the beams. They will be largely hidden when you look at the beams from the east end of the church where our new main entrance will be. The quality of the light will be similar to the recessed lighting at St. James (although ours will not be recessed). It is a bright, clear light, which is the reason we chose these particular lights.

What's involved in the installation?

- We will move our pews out of the way for the work to be done.
- All of the current wiring, which is now over 40 years old, runs through steel conduits in the ceiling across the full length of the church.
- Our contractor, O'Connell Construction (who installed our altar platform), will first remove some of the acoustic tiles on both sides of the beams where each new light fixture will go.
- Where they remove the tiles, they will then cut holes in the ceiling to make way for the electrician's work.
- Our electrician, Bowie Electric will first pull out the old wiring, and then put in all new wiring.
- They will also install an outlet for each light fixture to be plugged into. The beauty of this system is that if a light fixture needs to be fixed or replaced, we will only need to unplug that particular fixture and have it repaired or plug in a new one.

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•The electrician will run all the wiring into a new control box. (More about how the lights will work next week. Suffice it to say here that we will have more control over our lights including the ability to dim them. Because of this, our new lights will be much more energy efficient than our old lighting is now.)

•Finally, O'Connell Construction will return to put in new sheetrock in the ceiling where the holes were made and install acoustic tile over the sheetrock.

How will the ceiling look when the work is finished?

The Building Committee is working on what color our ceiling, walls and floor should be. The decision was made to leave the ceiling as is for now until we know for sure what color the ceiling and the beams will be. Also, because our new light fixtures are white, they can easily be painted whatever color we decide. This finishing work on the ceiling and beams should happen this coming summer.

Do you still have questions?

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