

Landscape & Grounds Master Plan: Themes

The Visioning Study Phase of the Landscape Master Plan assembled input primarily from:
(1) a survey of the CtK Staff conducted in May 2022
(2) a Topographical Survey of the entire property done in the summer of 2022
(3) a Vestry Charrette conducted in August 2022
(4) a full congregational Charrette conducted in August 2022

Kirk Bereuter—a member of the Building & Grounds Committee and licensed landscape architect—has guided us through this Concept Design Visioning process and will help us design a Master Plan for our outdoor spaces.

The following themes have emerged from this process.



Maintain Generous Green Space

We can define our entrance grounds while maintaining ample green space by potentially bounding the lawn in front of the Sanctuary with perimeter plantings, elevated berms, and trees. We can also refurbish and improve the landscaping throughout the property to reinforce our building footprint, enhance distinctive building elevations, and frame the property to create a "sense of place." Potentially equipping the children's play areas with natural play structures will further the goal of maintaining the natural beauty of the landscape.



Design Flexible Space for Adults and Children

The large green lawn in front of the main entrance area provides the potential for an enhanced space for outdoor fellowship, and additional fellowship space could be created with the renovation of the side entrance on Quaker Lane. We can also enhance the rest of the property for potential uses by both youth and adults with various improvements, such as providing potential multi-purpose use of the parking lot space, as well as enhancing the back lot green space for possible mixed-uses (e.g., playground, garden, outdoor seating, etc.). Finally, we can build a natural and versatile "tot lot" and children's play area.



Create Welcoming Landscape that Promotes Our Mission

We have a responsibility to our neighbors to maintain our property in good condition. But we also hope to make our property more beautiful and inviting, as well. To do so, we could install potential fencing, signs, play equipment, and hardscape that enhance the property while complementing the building's mid-twentieth century design. We can also seek to create possible multi-purpose spaces and seating and entrances that facilitate public events and enjoyment by neighbors.