



A Labyrinth is a meandering path, with a singular path leading to a center. Dating back 4,000 years or more, they are used symbolically, as a walking meditation, or site of rituals and ceremony, among other things. They are tools for personal, psychological and spiritual transformation and evoke a spiritual pilgrimage, religious practice, mindfulness, environmental art, and community building.



The Labyrinth has been used within the Christian church at least since the fourth century and currently used within the church by thousands of people worldwide as a significant spiritual tool for prayer, reflection, contemplation, meditation, worship, celebration, and spiritual growth.

The current temporary grass Labyrinth was designed by and still kept by a faithful volunteer since in 2016.

Enhancing the Labyrinth, highlighting its visibility, and rebuilding with some expansion and durability to accommodate more guest experiences, is a wise direction.

The design will be the same as the current Labyrinth. Plans are to ***outline the grass path and perimeter with rust-colored concrete paving stones, as well as strengthening the grass walk path with a stronger strain of grass/turf that is more durable and retains its green shade into the later growing season.*** An underground electrical line will be extended from the Lodge to provide soft lights as guides in the evening as well as provide for any audio capabilities if special programs or weddings are held at the area, as we anticipate.



Another faithful volunteer has graciously agreed to contribute his personal time to coordinate the materials and construction team. Required materials include: 2,200 pavers (suggest "seconds") along 1,400 linear feet of the path, or 25 pallets; 22 yards of CR6; and, turf enhancer/fertilizer (in-kind donation). Cutting turf to accommodate laying a base gravel foundation and pavers, enhancing the walking turf, and dressing the overall appearance will require several volunteers who have some basic understanding and appreciation for the essential tasks needed to mount this project. We will honor/recognize special donations to the project with a special stone adjacent to the Labyrinth.

***We are always seeking individuals, congregations, special groups and foundations that will partner with us on the enhancement and development of Shepherd's Spring. Thank you for contacting us:
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