

# *New furniture Q&A*

**Q: Where did the funds come from to cover the new furniture?**

A: The funds for the new furniture were provided by private donation outside the annual church budget.

**Q: What was the process?**

A: The church council reached out to Deborah Billig, who was part of the volunteer team to select the new original church flooring and asked her to coordinate the new furniture. She researched and provided several options within the budget to the council. In addition to the council, she also solicited input from some members on seating options and colors.

**Q: Where was the furniture purchased?**

A: Several options were researched and considered, including commercial grade furniture. However, the commercial grade furniture was 3-4 times the cost and outside the budget. The sofa, loveseat and chairs were all purchased through a custom order from Lazyboy Furniture. The fabric was a custom order to allow for a high performance fabric and to coordinate colors.

**Q: How were the colors selected?**

A: Colors were selected to coordinate with the church flooring, brick and current walls and wood tone colors including the Narthex navy wall. In addition to providing an updated appearance in neutral tones to appeal to a wider audience.

**Q: How was the styling decided?**

A: The objective was to select furniture that was comfortable for a wide range of people including varying heights, weights and mobility needs and to scale to fit the space. Special attention was given for safety - no buttons, sharp corners, stability etc. Some of the features include:

- High performance fabrics in a modern appearance but neutral enough to appeal to most
- Sleek, streamlined style that fits most decor preferences and yet comfortably casual
- Simple lines with no added cushion seams for ease of cleaning
- Firm but long-lasting comfort support.
- Taller furniture backs that are comfortable for tall and short alike
- Modern arms and decorative wood legs for an upscale feel
- Structural strength to accommodate varying weight limits
- Round table corners to protect children and knees
- Table tops materials that do not require the use of coasters for hot or cold drinks but that also not glass.
- Low rug height to avoid tripping and ease of cleaning
- The lamp was selected for a bit of whimsy/fun and yet functional. The styling lends to mid century modern -a nod to the church building style- the Tiffany style glass adds pattern and color- and the dual chain pulls and lights make using the light easy and provides two brightness options.