



Stockton Presbyterian Church: **The Labyrinth Project**

Hi, I'm Zoe Kelter. For my **Girl Scout Gold Award** project, I built an outdoor Labyrinth here at the Stockton Presbyterian Church in Stockton, NJ. A Labyrinth is a spiritual meditation tool, where a single path leads to a center, and back out again. This path is meant to symbolize our spiritual journey.

Over the last year and a half, I have worked together with my family, and many others from the church and the community to transform the Church's prior playground area into a beautiful labyrinth! In June 2020, I began preparing my project proposal to both the Church, and the Girl Scout Organization, as well as contacting various people who greatly helped throughout the project!



In March 2021, I planned how to take down the existing swing set, and prepare the area. Over the next two months, we cleared the area of rubber mulch and covered it up again with topsoil, with much help from volunteers, including Dellavalle Excavating, the labyrinth committee, friends, and support from the church. In total, we removed almost 15 tons of rubber mulch, and spread over 10 yards of topsoil. Then, during early July, building of the labyrinth finally began.

With help from Master labyrinth builder, Nathan Wiles, we were able to successfully complete the vision. Starting with a base layer of gravel, we laid pavers on the field lines, and filled in more gravel between the pathways. Many of the materials that we used were donated from West Amwell Mason Supply and The Home Depot.

Next, I worked on making the area look more inviting, by adding plants, flowers, grass, and more. Now, we have built a beautiful 25ft neo-medieval labyrinth in place of the playground. I hope that many community members will enjoy the labyrinth with its peaceful surrounding, and that it will be a draw for others in the area, to the Stockton Presbyterian Church!



I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with this project. It could not have become a reality without everyone's kind help and support! For more information, please visit: www.stocktonpresbyterian.org/labyrinth

