



## **Save Our Beautiful Building Campaign**

### **TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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610-867-4741 [www.trinitybeth.org](http://www.trinitybeth.org)

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Dear Friends of Trinity Church Bethlehem

We are writing to provide a brief summary of a situation that you probably have been hearing about – perhaps for quite a while – a situation that affects the continuing future of our 1872 building. Unseen by most of us, our beautiful Trinity Bethlehem Church harbors stretches of ongoing deterioration that are much more than unattractive: they are alarming. Rainwater leakage at the front of the building has compromised walls and floors all the way to the sub-basement. Putting everything right involves excavation of the whole area from sidewalk to front wall, down to the bottom levels. A major expense!

But there is a bright side. Because of the necessary excavation, we have the opportunity to create a long-desired Memorial Garden. The garden will give us a more inviting and accessible entry way. And, true to its name, it will provide a tranquil spot for solitary meditation and a setting for memorial ceremonies and interment of ashes, available to all who so wish.

Combining the two projects – the water-leak repair and prevention and the Memorial Garden – will save tens of thousands of dollars on digging and re-landscaping. (And a much bigger expense will be averted. A sister church in the area is having to spend \$600,000 for a similar problem not corrected earlier.)

So now, after years of worry and failed repairs, the Save Our Beautiful Building project is underway. Bob Romeril, our Buildings and Grounds chair, has been working on the project for months, and with Vestry approval, also consulting with an architect. The construction will begin on Monday, April 13 and will be completed in approximately eight weeks.

To Save Our Beautiful Building and create the Memorial Garden will cost \$155,000. How are we going to pay for this? Some grants are available for the preservation of historic buildings, and Trinity qualifies as one. But most of the money needed will come from gifts and pledges. That's way we're writing to you today – to ask for your financial support.

To date, we have \$65,000 in gifts and pledges – that's more than 40 percent of our goal! About \$90,000 more is needed. This averages to about \$500 per Trinity household – with a few households being able to give much, much more and many others, of course, less.

The gifts needed may look something like this:

2 gifts of \$5,000	=	\$10,000
5 gifts of \$3,000	=	\$15,000
10 gifts of \$1,500	=	\$15,000
20 gifts of \$1,000	=	\$20,000
50 gifts of \$ 500	=	\$25,000
50 gifts of \$ 100	=	\$ 5,000

Your gift will be an investment in the future. The very foundation of our building will again be solid. And a lovely garden will invite prayers and memories.

The Save Our Beautiful Building and Memorial Garden Committee and the Vestry join us in thanking you for your support.

*Siobhan Ardizzone*

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Save Our Beautiful Building Campaign Chair

*Bob Romeril*

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Buildings and Grounds Chair

*Laura Howell +*

(The Rev.) Laura Thomas Howell Obl.S.B.  
Rector

P.S. If you would like to view photos of the water-related damage and deterioration at Trinity, as well as the plan for the Memorial Garden, please visit our website at [www.trinitybeth.org](http://www.trinitybeth.org).

Please complete the pledge card below and return to Trinity either via US Mail or drop in the offering plate.

Trinity Episcopal Church  
ATTN: Karen L. Ernst – Treasurer – SOBB  
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Thank you for your support!

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## Trinity Episcopal Church

### Intent of Giving for Save Our Beautiful Building / Memorial Garden Project

**YES** I / we pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Trinity Episcopal Church, Bethlehem PA  
Save Our Beautiful Building / Memorial Garden Project

Check Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Trinity Episcopal Church)

I / we expect to complete the gift by \_\_\_\_\_(date).

I / we will make installment payments of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months to be completed by 12/31/2010.

I / we wish to remain anonymous \_\_\_\_\_

I / we wish to make this gift in honor / memory of:

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Date