



Save Our Beautiful Building Project

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The purpose of the Save Our Beautiful Building Project is to alleviate a number of long-term water-related problems in the basement façade. Waterproofing and remedial maintenance will be done to the foundations of the Parish Hall entrance and across the north face of the Ambulatory, the interior room walls and ceiling below the Parish Hall entrance will be repaired, and a Memorial Garden will be constructed.

The interior room below the Parish Hall entrance – known as the dungeon – displays the most evident water damage in spalling of the concrete and corrosion of the reinforcing steel. Repairs to the walls and ceiling will again make this a usable room for storage.



The area outside the Ambulatory will be excavated to the bottom of the wall, the existing window wells will be removed, the basement windows will be blocked, and the exterior walls will be waterproofed and then insulated.

At the Parish Hall entrance, the existing steps will be removed and rubber and plastic coatings will be applied to the horizontal surface prior to reconstructing the new landing and steps.



Roof downspouts will be shortened, additional drain lines will be added, and sufficient pitch will be provided to ensure proper water flow away from the building.

The existing masonry stone wall and flagstone steps at the Parish Hall entrance will be removed and reconfigured to form a new, wider and more accommodating angular approach to the doors. The existing handicapped accessible ramps will remain and have improved lighting. The new entrance will improve access to the Parish Hall entrance. The stone and flagstone will be re-cycled into the new hardscape of the entryway and the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden will be defined by a low stone wall and will be secured by a lockable gate. The garden will provide an attractive dedicated space for services, interment, and meditation. The focal point centering services and meditation will be a Celtic cross designed especially for Trinity. Plantings used in the Memorial Garden will be used across the full width of the property. The planting design will provide color throughout the growing season and require minimal maintenance.

Front basement wall showing persistent moisture problem.

This is in the basement bathroom underneath the Ambulatory.



Front basement wall moisture problem near the west end of the Ambulatory.