TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Preserving our Past
Ensuring our Future
Sharing God's Love

Parish Meeting · July 12, 2026

Our Purpose

Strengthen and safeguard Trinity

so that our church buildings and grounds best support

our worship and ministries now - and for generations to come.

Where We Started

- **2023:** Vestry began big picture process of thinking strategically about the future of church
- **2024:** Property committee was formed to investigate condition of the church and its various buildings
- **2025:** Parish Engagement Committee formed to engage parish in conversations about the church

How We Work Together

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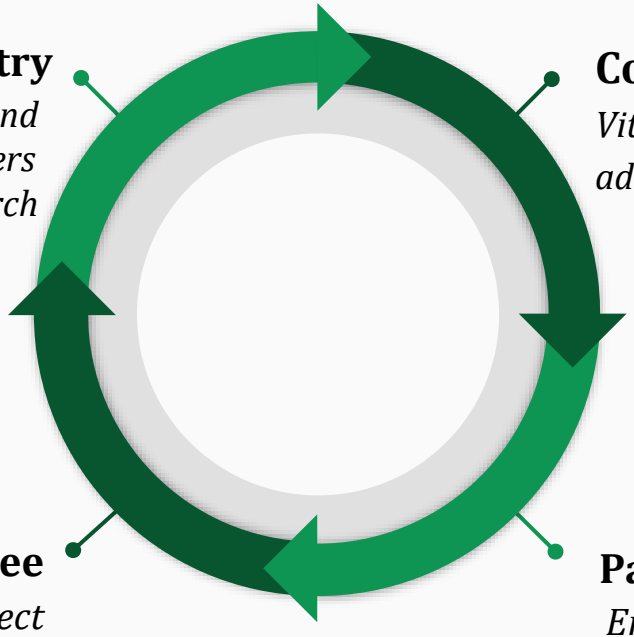
Vestry

Receives recommendations and discerns and decides as leaders of the church



Congregation

Vital constituent of the process adding input and support

Property Committee

Studies our assets, engages subject matter experts, and explores possibilities informed by what the congregation shared

Parish Engagement Committee

Engages the congregation through conversations and listening sessions, gathering parishioner priorities and recording what it hears

Tonight’s Presentation

- Consensus of feedback from congregation
- Findings thus far on the church's condition and needed repairs
- Architectural drawings that address the issues and opportunities raised during the PEC process for the Church and Parish Hall and Trinity House
- A long term vision for how the Quiet Space, the buildings and indeed the entire campus can function as a spiritual hub for the community

Parish Engagement Committee (PEC)

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PEC Members

Jimmie De Berg, Tim Carrington, Ryan Crabbe, Kathryn Everett, Priscilla Goodwin, Fran Krebser, Susan Jones, Mary Fran LeMat

Focus: to gather comments, questions and ideas from the parish and organize this information for the property committee and Vestry to use

Means: Tours, Discussion Groups, Video Tour, Dedicated Newsletters and Personal Outreach

We spoke with over 100 parishioners

Congregational Conclusions: Part 1

- The balcony needs improvement and access is challenging
- The chancel space is crowded
- The Quiet Space is underutilized
- Preserving and maintaining the church is important
- We need more places and spaces for fellowship, meetings, and office work
- Creating a unified, harmonious, welcoming campus as a spiritual hub is a good goal

Congregational Conclusions: Part 2

- Parking capacity and access needs improvement
- Trinity House needs maintenance
- Children and youth need dedicated, flexible space
- The narthex is too crowded
- Parish Hall and kitchen is important for fellowship and outreach
- The front steps to the Parish Hall are difficult and a choke point

Emerging Priorities and Our Goals

1. **The Church and Parish Hall**

Preserve our historic church and improve how we are able to worship together

2. **Trinity House**

Renovate the Parish Office to better serve the needs of our church ministries and the neighborhood

3. **Create a unified Trinity campus**

Connect all of our buildings and spaces into a beautiful, welcoming, spiritual campus for our church and the wider Rappahannock community

We Start with the Church

- What's the condition of the building now?

- Engineering Techniques Inc., Front Royal
  - Church Foundation

- Waters Craftsmen, Huntly
  - Roof Assembly
  - Exterior Wall Assembly
  - Stained Glass Windows
  - Bell Tower and Foundation
  - Gutters, Flashing

Findings Thus Far on Church Condition

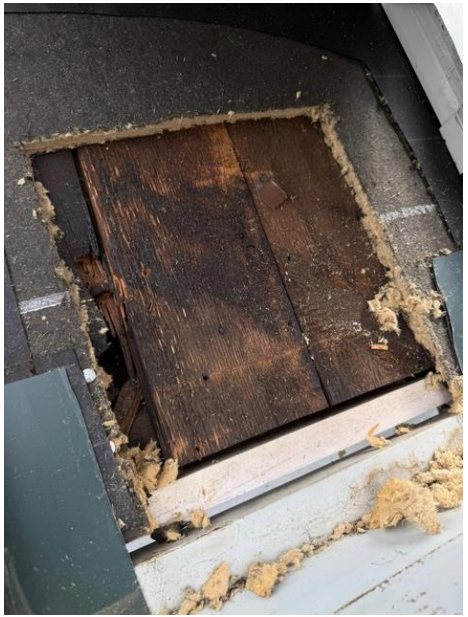
- Original stacked stone foundation is in good shape “considering age” but repairs needed
- Roof - tongue and groove decking remains serviceable; no insulation in roof assembly
- Exterior walls consist of original board covered by tar paper then lathe and pebble dash; conditions vary with significant deterioration (rot and separation) at the water table on the north facade; south facade largely sound
- No insulation in the walls

Findings Thus Far on Church Condition

- Stained glass in fair to good condition; primary deficiencies in the jambs sashes and sills; requires comprehensive restoration
- Bell Tower foundation heavily deteriorated with water damage to joists
- Gutter systems undersized and leaking contributing to building decay

Findings Thus Far on Church Condition

Church Foundation

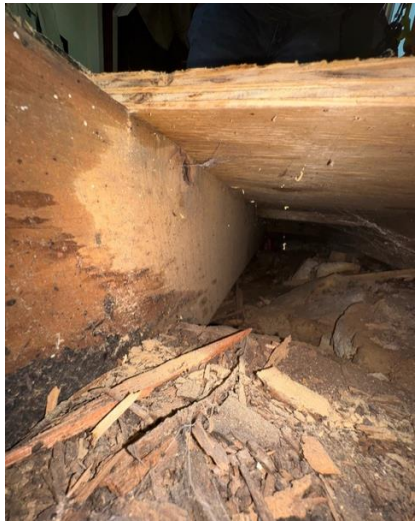


Church Roof

Pebble Dash NE Corner

Findings Thus Far on Church Condition

Window Frame



Bell Tower / Narthex Foundation

Gutter box

Introduction to Design Professionals

To help conceptualize potential renovations and improvements, we engaged leading design professionals who were highly recommended, have worked in Little Washington, and are experienced with projects of this scale and scope:

- **Andy Lewis** of **Neumann Lewis Buchanan Architects**
  - Acclaimed architect noted for his beautiful and sensitive work with historic buildings

- **Guy Williams** of **DCA Landscape Architects, Inc.**
  - Award-winning boutique design firm providing a full range of landscape architectural services

In an iterative process, both firms have tailored their designs to respond to PEC feedback.

Considerations

- We welcome your clarifying questions after our presentation! Inquiries may be directed to the church office, and to the members of the Property Committee, the PEC or the Vestry.

- We will repeat this presentation after church on several Sundays this summer to ensure there is ample time for all to participate

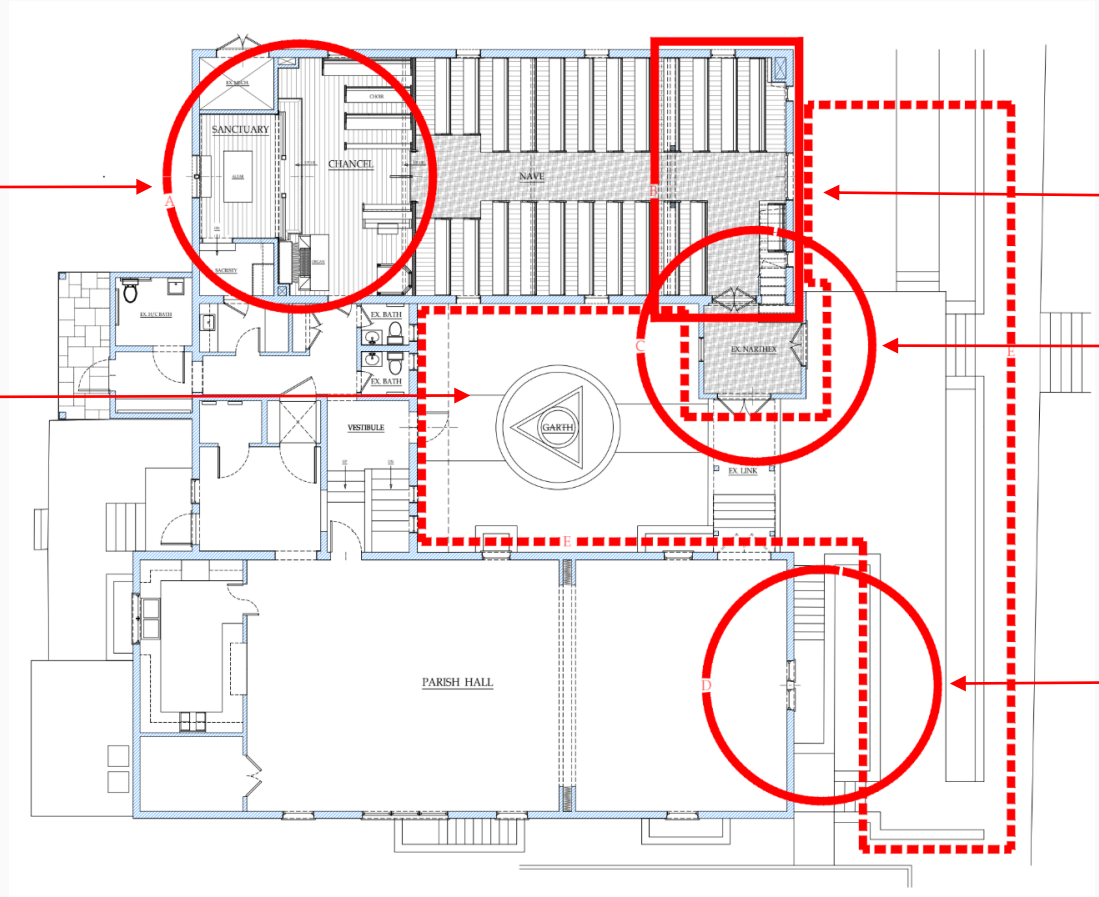
- In this initial phase of the design process, drawings and other schematics will be on display in the Parish Hall

First Priority: The Church

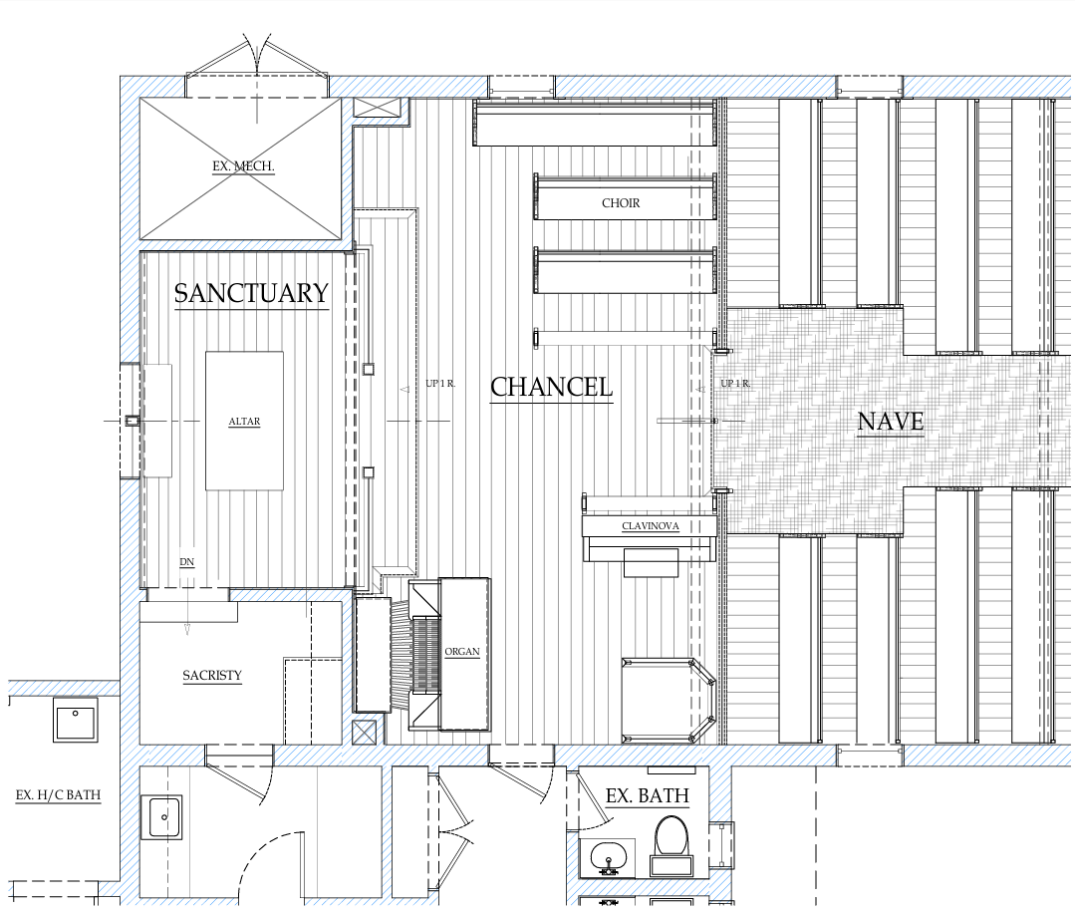
How do we discern the right balance between…..

Preserving Trinity as it is
and
Positioning Trinity for future generations

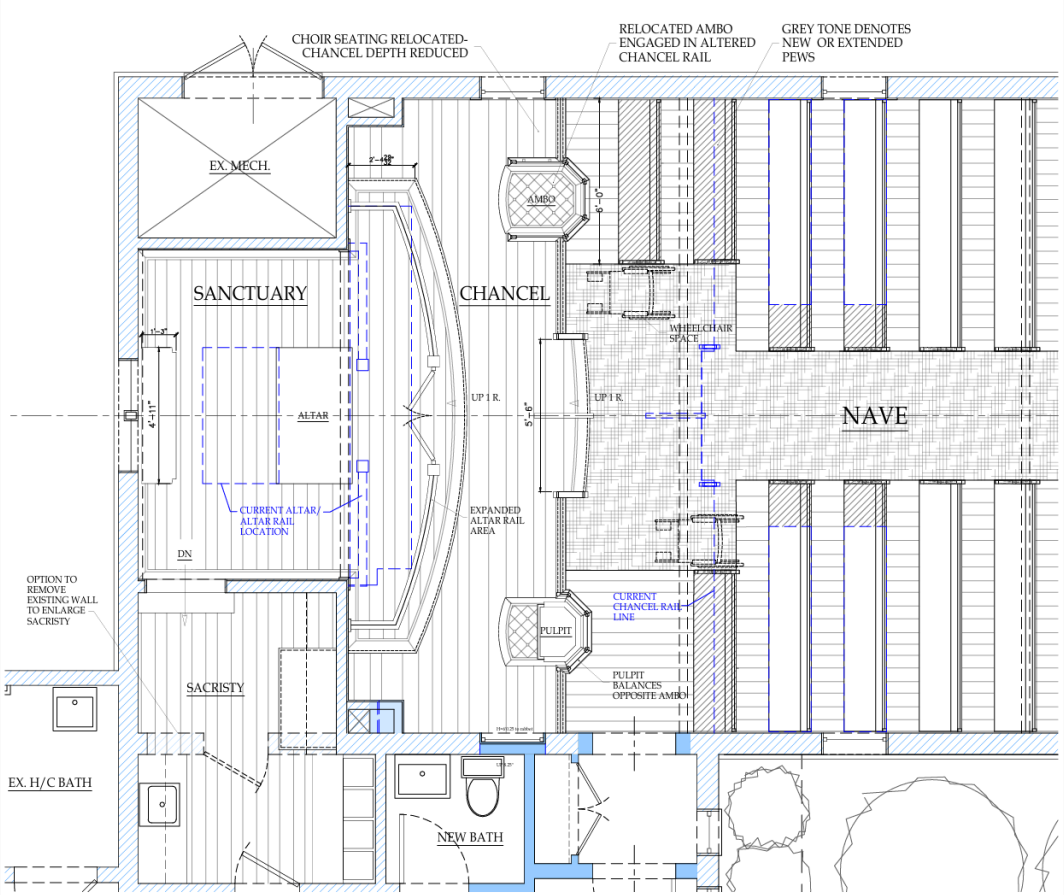
Five Components to the Church



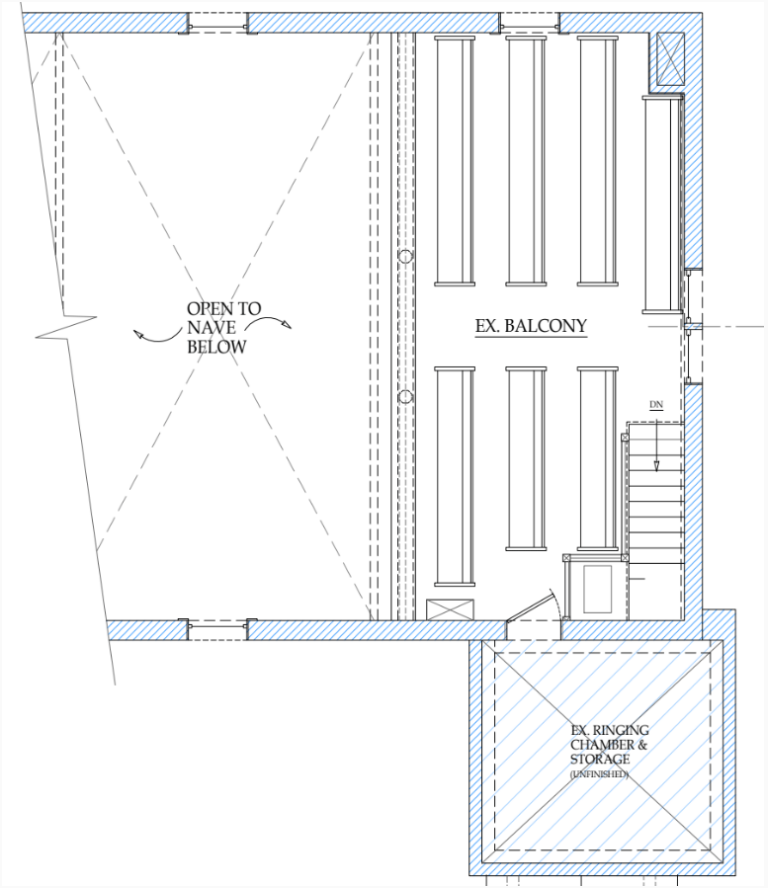
Chancel: Existing Chancel



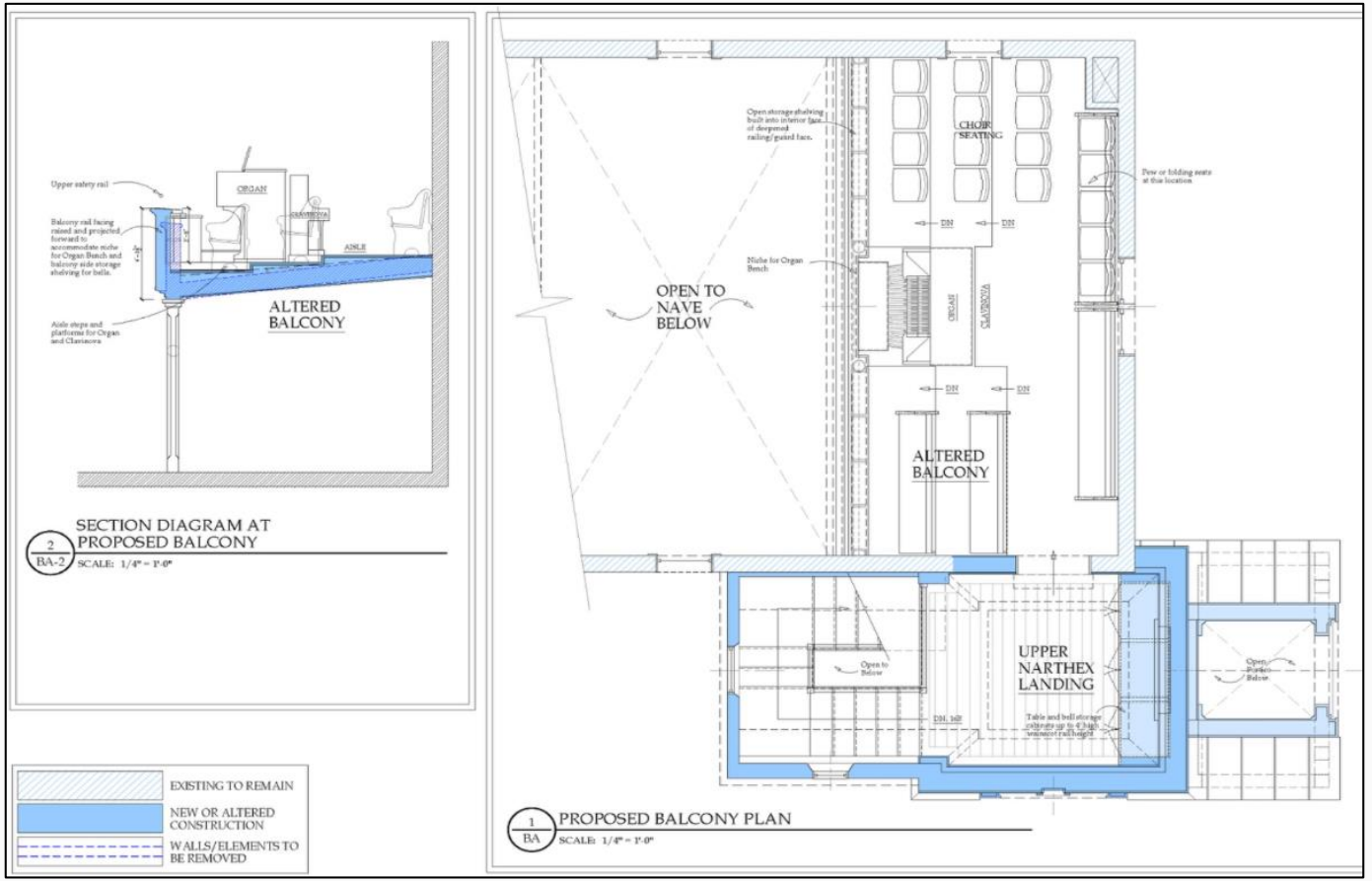
Chancel: Proposed Redesign



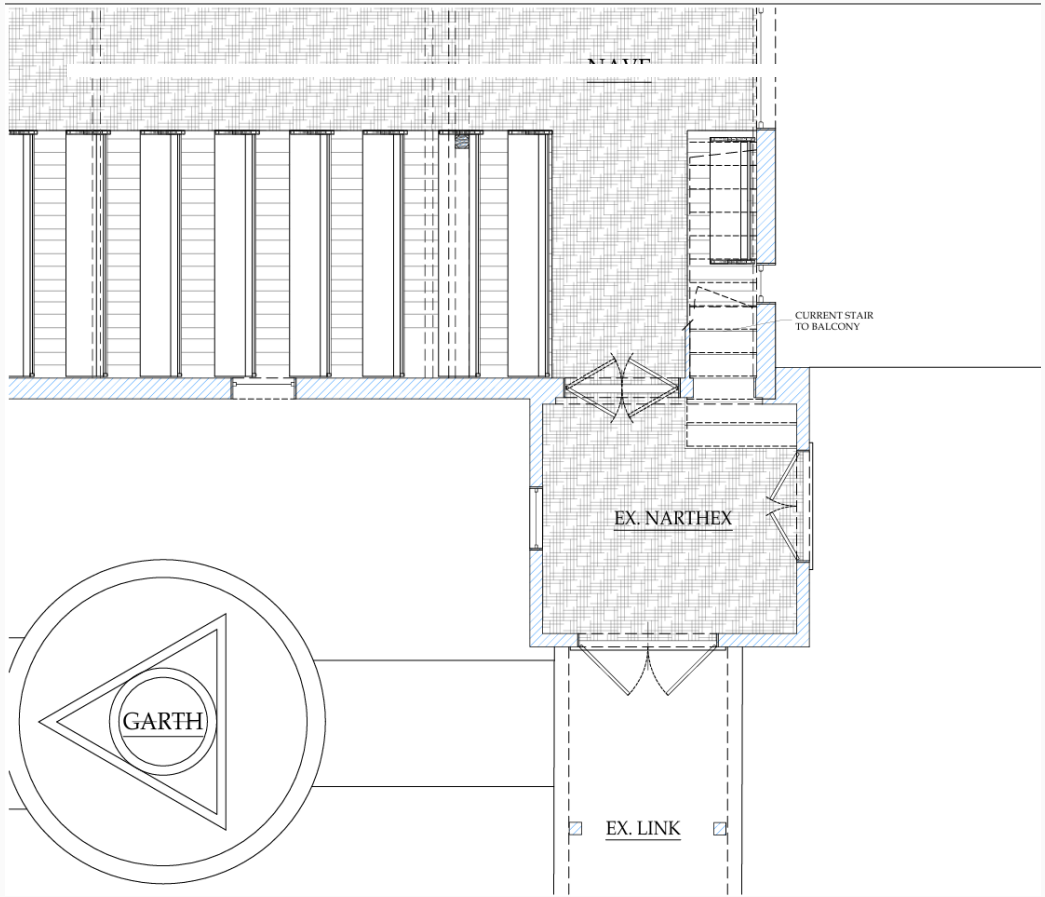
Balcony: Existing Balcony



Balcony: Proposed Redesign of Balcony



Narthex: Existing Narthex



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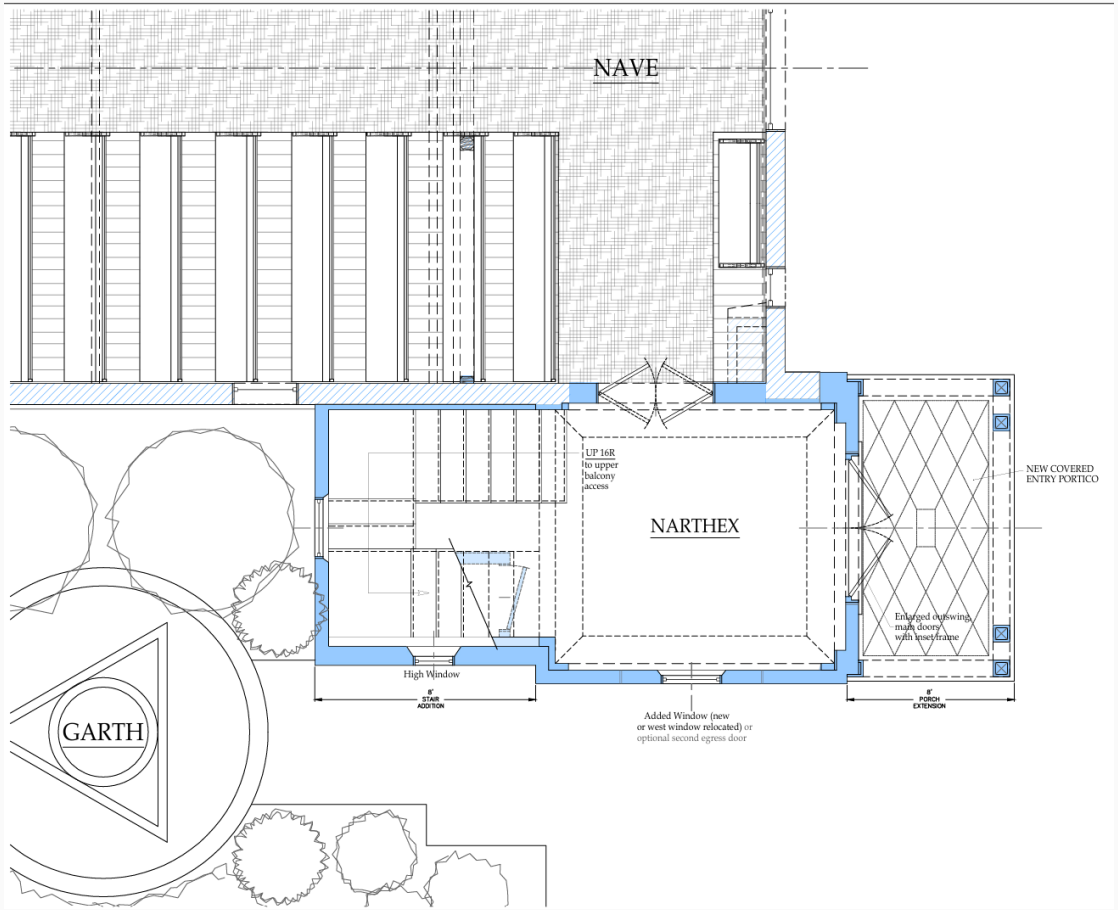
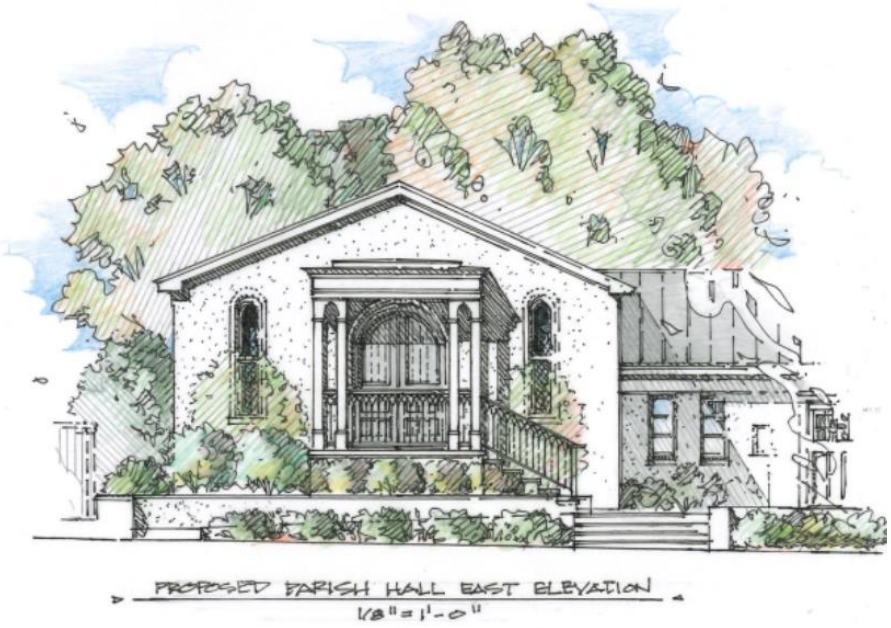
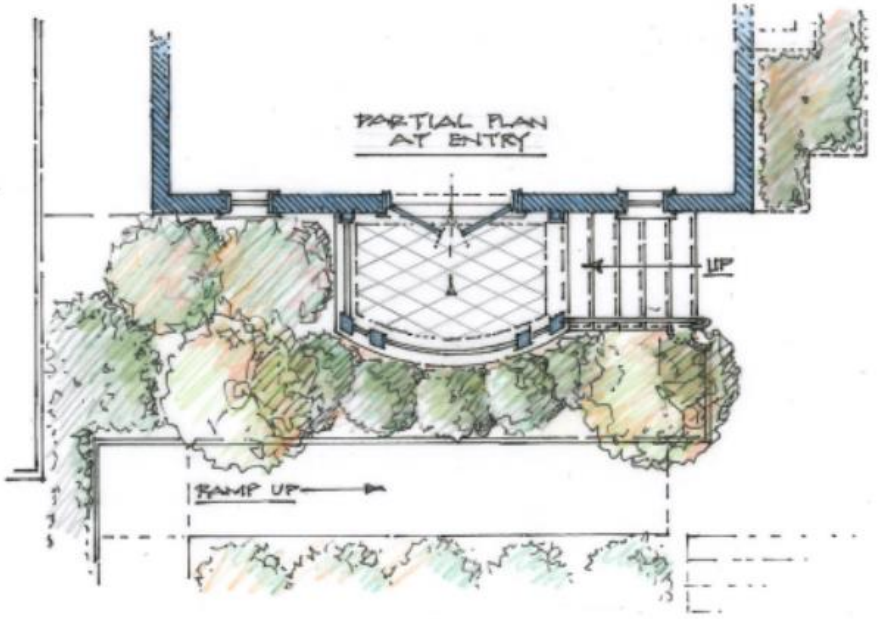


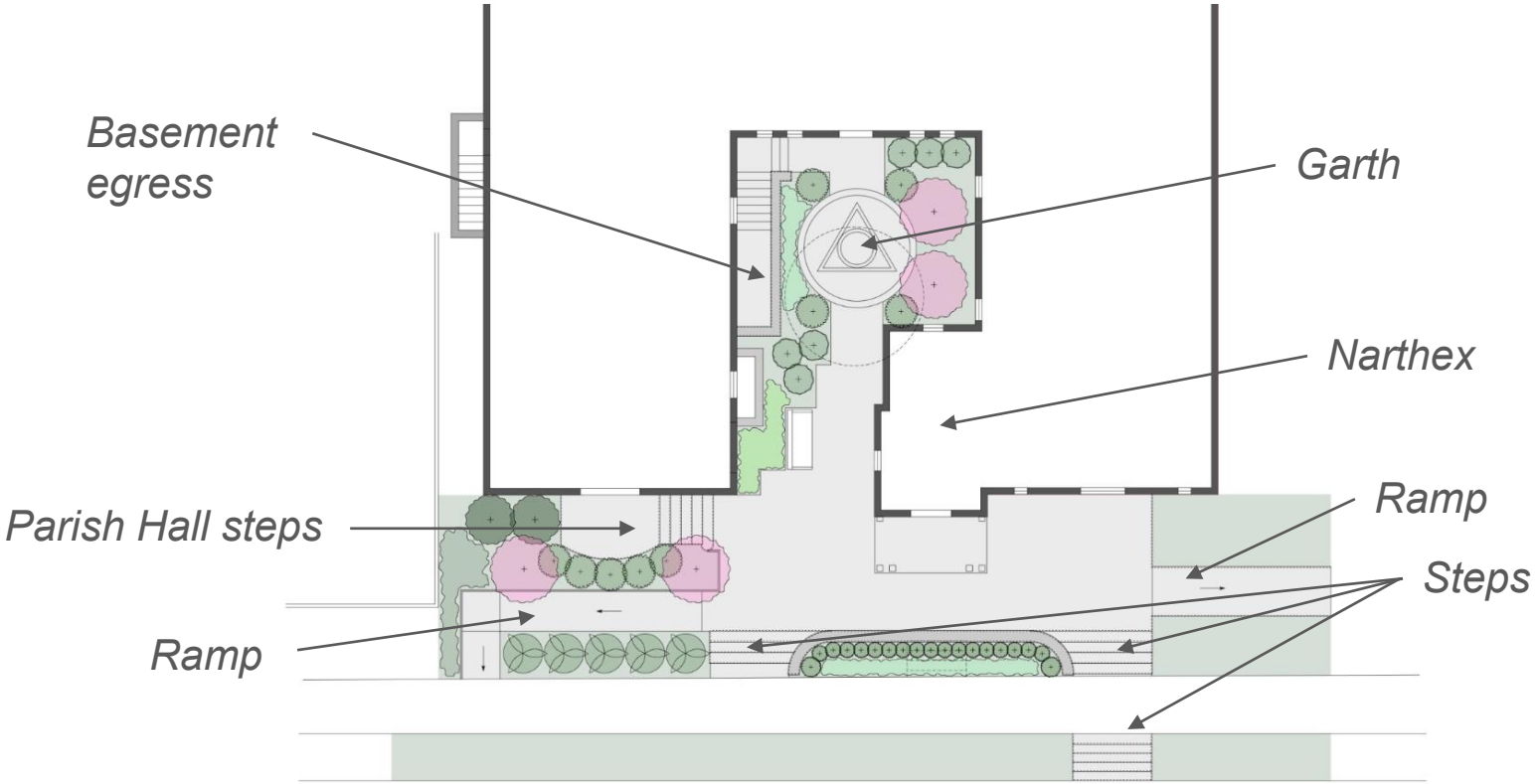
Narthex: Cross Section of Proposed Redesign

Parish Hall: New Entrance





New Patio, Steps, Ramps and Landscaping



The Church and Parish Hall

Trinity House Renovations and Improvements

Goals of Trinity House Renovations

- Make Trinity's Parish Office the unifying element on the east side of our close accessible to both the Quiet Place and our new main parking area
- Make this building handicap accessible
- Create better meeting space for Trinity and the community
- Expand this kitchen thus easing pressure on the Parish Hall kitchen
- Provide more accessible storage for worship and events on the east side of our campus - tables, chairs and supplies

Trinity House Renovations: Plan View

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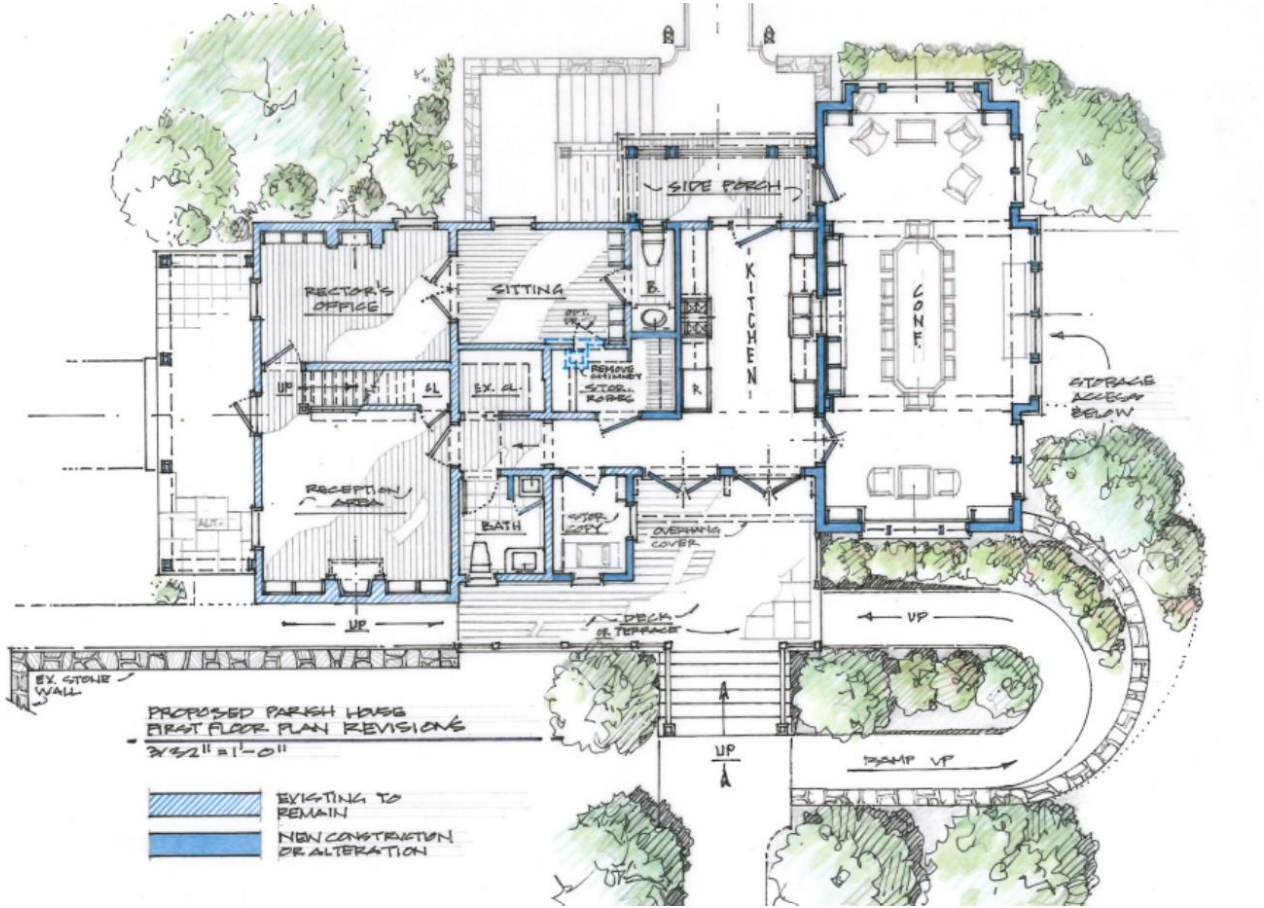
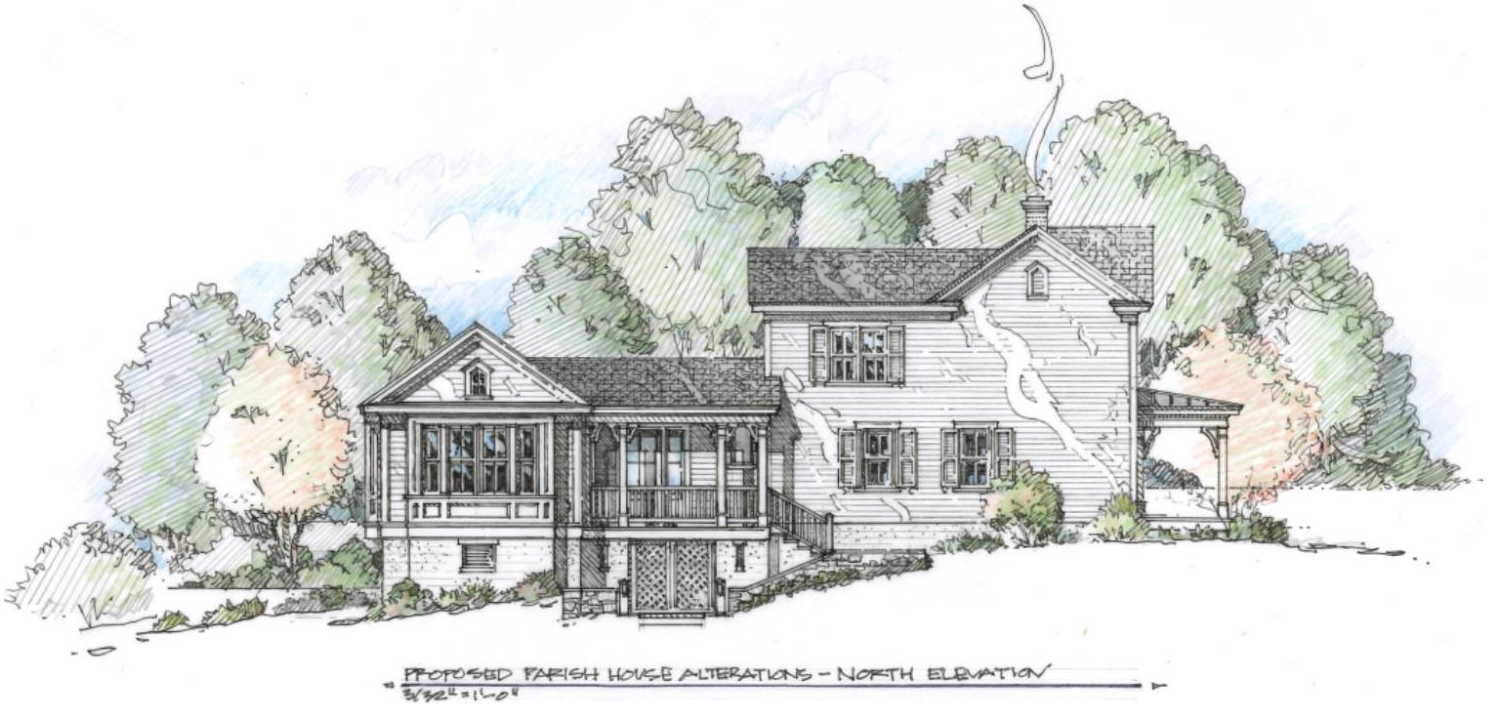
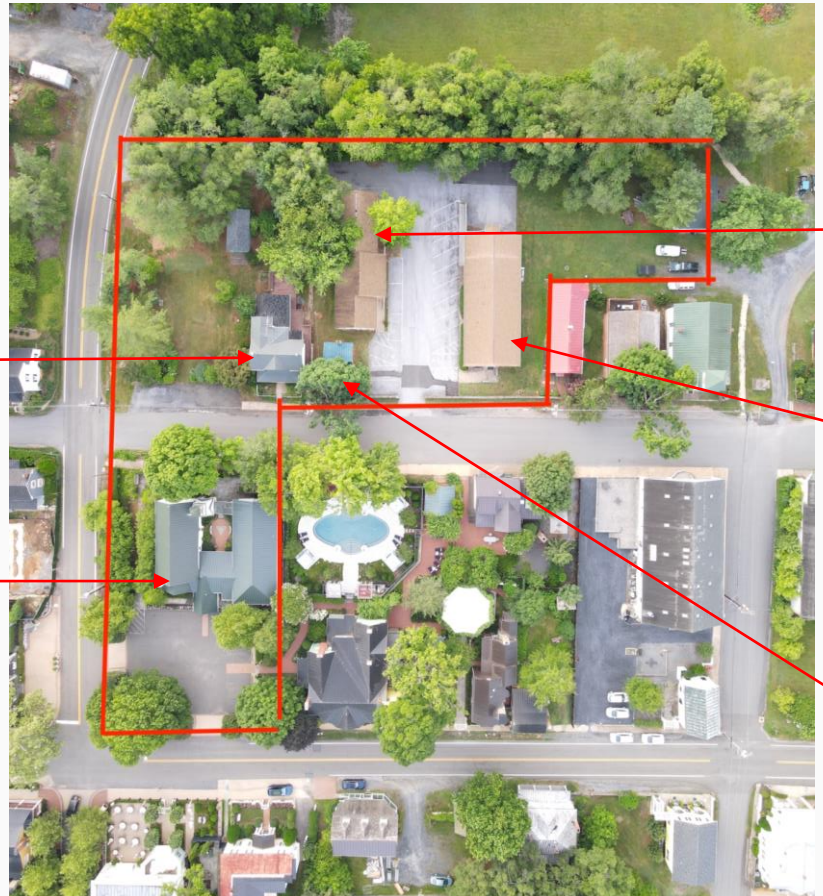


Trinity House Renovations: South Elevation

Trinity House Renovations: North Elevation



Trinity's Campus and Buildings



Creating a Spiritual Hub: Considerations

- In the heart of the historic town, our Quiet Place is an underutilized, underimagined church property….a “diamond in the rough”
- Goal is to make it welcoming and an invitation to the entire community - accessible sanctuary grounds: *Church inside-out*
- Future of town: Rush River Phase I & II, growth of Inn (spa) and envelopment around Trinity, renovated RAAC Theatre, Courthouse
- With the donation of the Martin Property, opportunity to define and create a unified campus for Trinity: a spiritual hub in the heart of the town
- Requires a leap of imagination of Trinity’s place in the county and in the future

A Beautiful, Unified Trinity Campus

- Strong axial relationship across Gay Street: worship/community
- Multi-use pavilion centered on elliptical lawn for weddings, worship, picnics, concerts, etc.
- Retaining walls and grading capture level useable space, adds more parking

A Vision for the Quiet Place and Church Buildings

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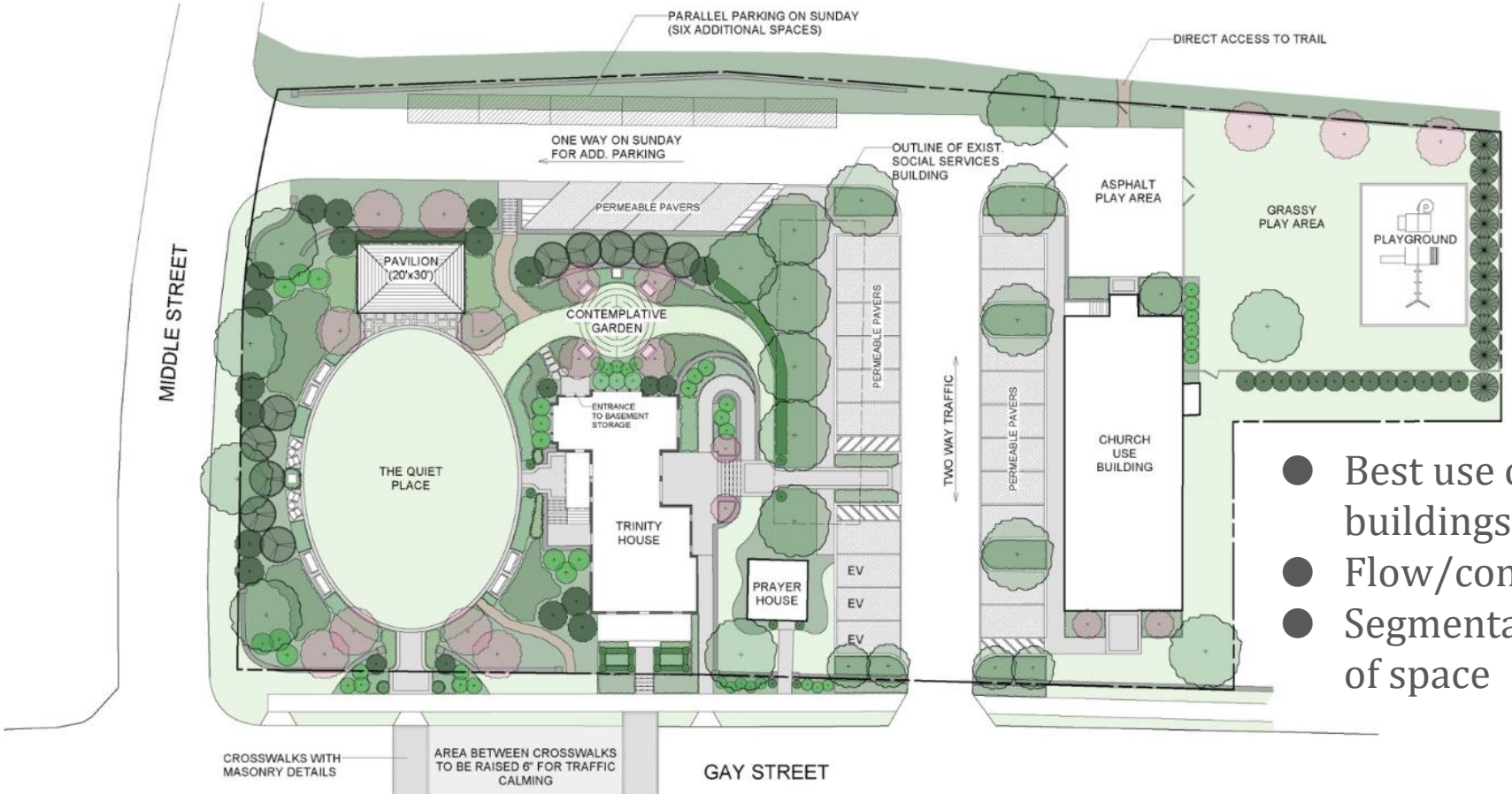
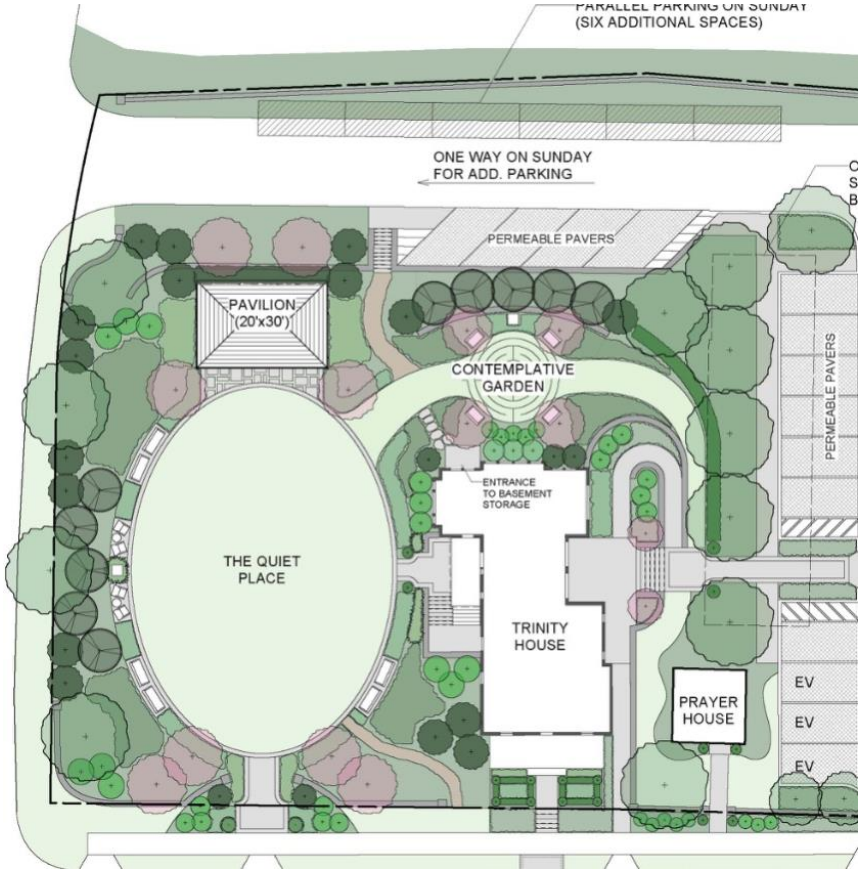


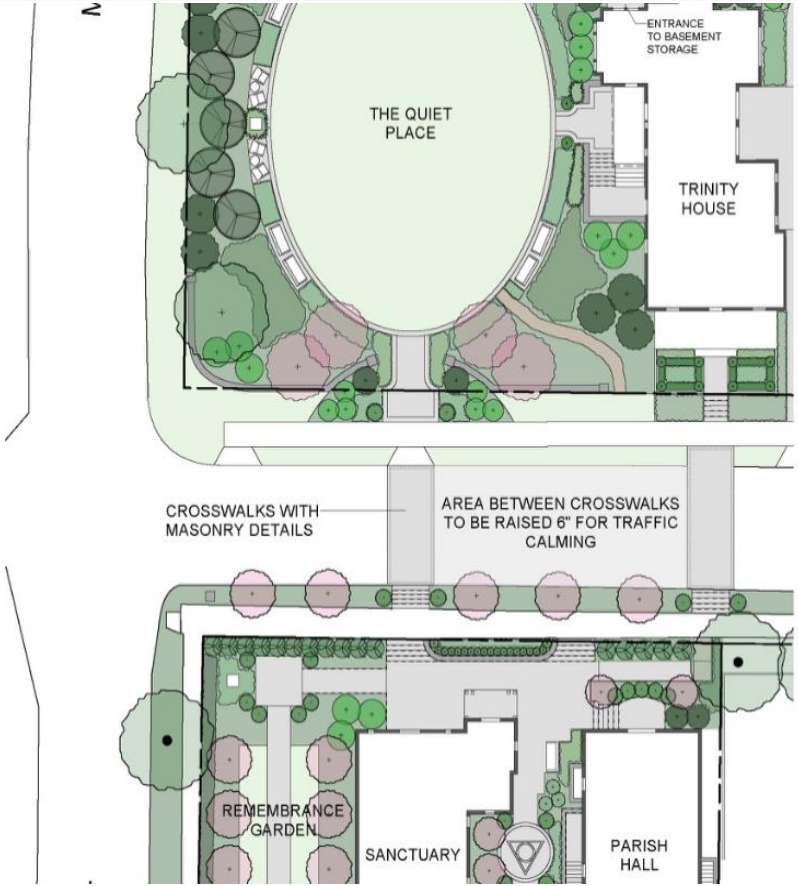
- Best use of buildings
- Flow/connection
- Segmentation of space

Master Plan for Sanctuary Grounds



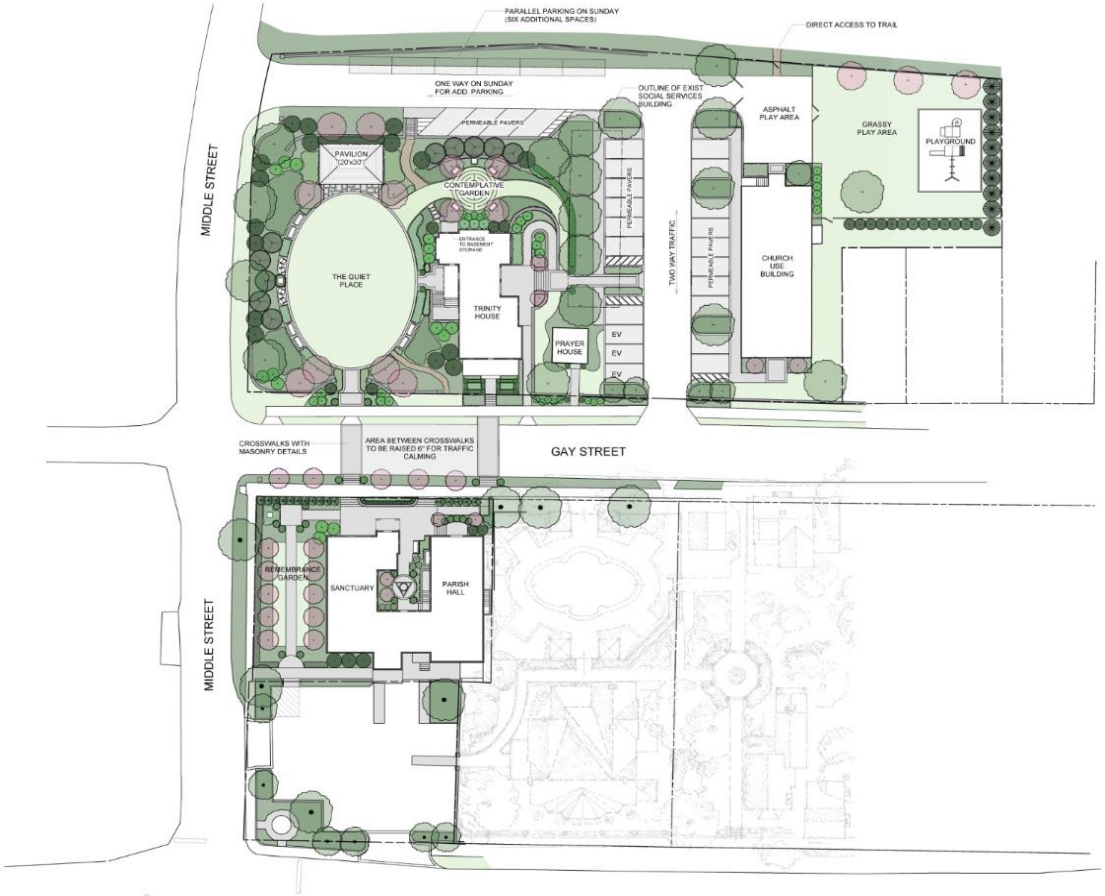
- 20 x 30 multi-use pavilion
- Flexible seating around lawn
- Parking and steps along and behind alley
- Intimate contemplative garden with labyrinth behind Parish Office
- Easy access to Kitchen and Basement storage
- Handicap access to Trinity house directly from parking lot

Connection Across Campus



- Walkways across Gay Street are a change of paving material
- Area between walkways raised 6” to form a table
- Entire area becomes a crosswalk for traffic calming

A Spiritual Hub in the Heart of The Town



Where Do We Go From Here?

- Summer: take time to review, digest and share feedback
- Vestry makes decision to take plans to next steps
- Gather cost estimates
- Capital campaign launched in fall 2026
- Approach vision in phases one step at a time
- Priority remains taking care of our church

THANK YOU!

Trinity for the Next 100 Years

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