



“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.”

*Isaiah 40:31*

Easter 2023

Dear Family and Friends of Trinity Church,

Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville, was first consecrated to the Glory of God in 1842! In 1951 our predecessors broke ground and began erecting the buildings we know and love today. Through the generosity of Paul & Bunny Mellon, we were given a wonderful asset to love and care for. With that gift comes a responsibility to maintain our beautiful buildings and our extensive campus, and it's a responsibility that is ours to share.

We now have the privilege to restore and enhance the beauty of our campus through our **Renew & Restore** Capital Campaign. This campaign will guarantee much-needed repairs to our historic church and to other buildings, as well as putting Trinity in a position to continue to thrive for decades. Trinity has never undertaken a significant capital campaign; this is a once in a generation project. It will ensure that everything special about this place is safeguarded for years to come. We will bring our buildings back to their original, fully-functioning glory, just as they were when the Trinity family moved into this wonderful space on September 28th, 1960.



The **Renew & Restore** campaign will address repairs, renewals, and improvements across many of our fourteen buildings. Some of the more significant projects include:

- The replacement of the 60-year-old HVAC system to both the Church and Cox Hall.
- The repair and preservation of our precious stained-glass windows.
- The modernization of wiring, plumbing, electrics, lighting, and sound, to our main buildings.
- The sympathetic remodeling of the Cox Hall, Keith House, Gulick house and Peard House to bring these buildings up to date and fit for current and future ministry and activities.
- The provision of an accessible family restroom, and the modernization of all restrooms across campus.
- Ambitious plans to become a leader in the Diocese of Virginia as an energy efficient, environmentally friendly church and campus, drawing on and incorporating the latest technologies, while reducing our operating costs by a projected \$70,000 a year.
- The restoration of our treasured organ and a fully funded maintenance and repair plan that cares for it for years to come.
- The redesign and relaying of main entry ways to buildings so that they are accessible for all.
- The continuation of Trinity Garden Guild's great work through sensitive and attractive landscape renewal and maintenance across the campus.

As part of Renew & Restore we also plan to increase the value of our endowment. This will allow future leaders of Trinity to better plan long-term budgets and to support new ministries that will strengthen our growing congregation and our work in the wider community. A stronger endowment will also help Trinity weather any storms that will inevitably arise during the decades to come.

We have a lot to do, and we can accomplish this together! \$10 million dollars is a significant amount to raise, but we are reminded that “to whom much is given much is required.” We have all been given God’s house to care for, which means we all have a part to play. The extensive scope of these works will endure for another generation or more.

This special campaign will surely have a special place in the hearts of many:

- Trinity is with you and your family from the cradle to the grave, at all the major touchstone moments through life. We are here to baptize you, marry you, baptize your children, marry your children, and at the very end of this earthly life, to send you with blessing to your forever home.
- When life throws you a curve ball it is your Rector who you call; not your social club, or your alma mater, or your social justice organization... it’s your church.
- Trinity is an asset for the whole community; a place for beauty and peace for all to enjoy, through worship, music and song, a quiet and safe place for prayer and reflection, a place to meet others for friendship and fun, and a place to walk amidst the sublime Piedmont country and enjoy the company of nature in an ever-changing, precious environment.
- Trinity is the final legacy of Paul and Bunny Mellon. As a community we owe it to them and to their memory to keep this treasure in the very best condition for generations to come.
- The **Renew & Restore** campaign will enhance the beauty and extend the hospitality of our church buildings and campus for the 21st century and beyond. Once work is completed, this will be a place that is welcoming, safe, and accessible to all.



**Renew and Restore was officially launched on Sunday, April 9th – Easter Sunday**, a day when through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God renewed and restored the lives of all his children. We hope that you will join us to be part of Renew & Restore in the life of Trinity Church. We will be in contact with you very soon with more information about this exciting campaign. You can also visit [www.trinityupperville.org/renewandrestore](http://www.trinityupperville.org/renewandrestore) to find out more.

May God’s grace be with you and with Trinity in this exciting time in our life together.

Sincerely,

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