

EXTENDING GOD'S EMBRACE

Centennial Renewal – The Next 100 Years Beyond Our Walls

OUR HOPE

*No need to remember the events of the past, no need to think about what was done before.
Look, I am doing something new, now it emerges; can you not see it?*

Isaiah 43:18-19



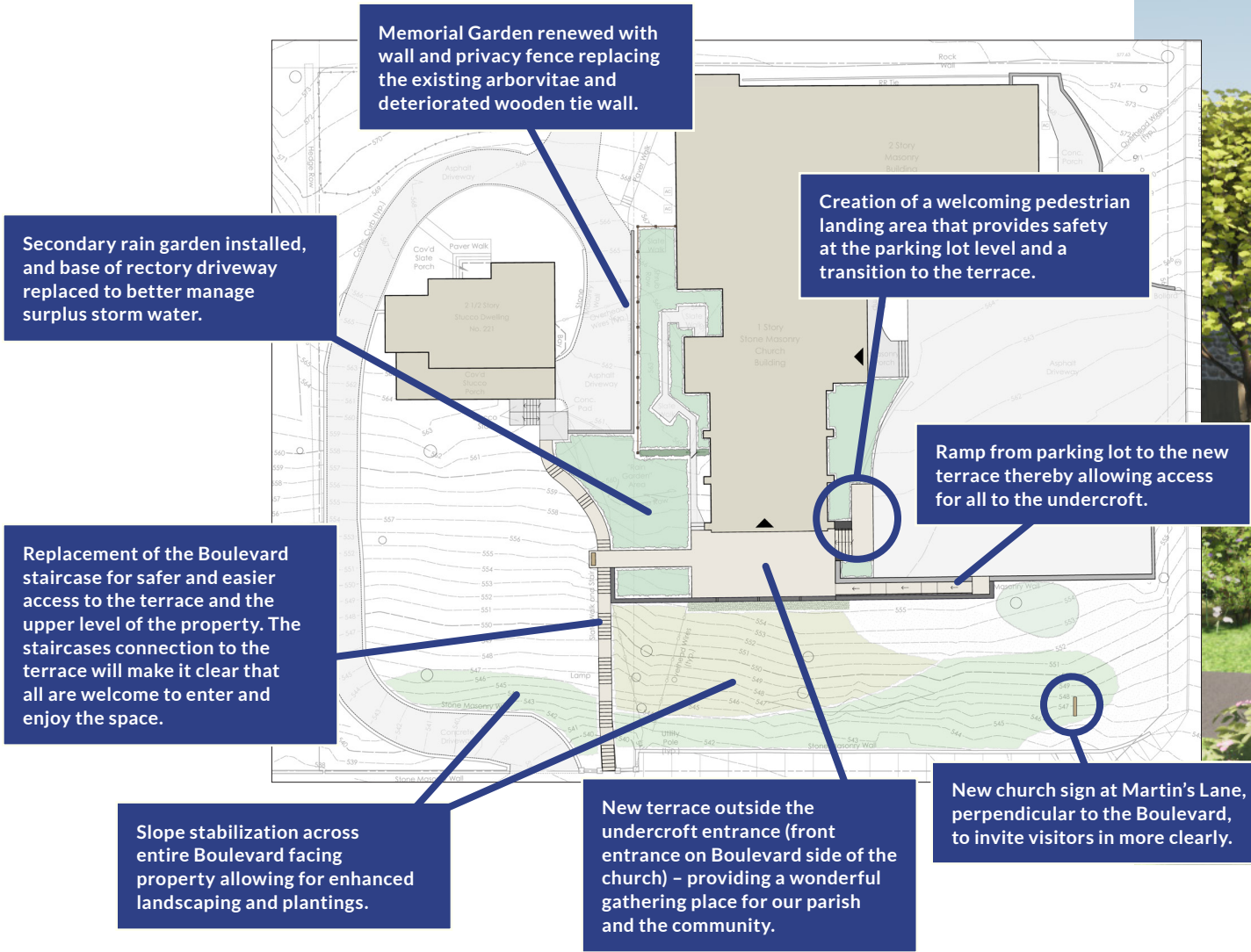
In a time of swift and varied changes, St Peter's Church is maturing into a community where all people can encounter God's embrace. For decades the warmth of this embrace has been felt by those entering the beauty and intimacy of our church building. It has been felt by those who join us in prayer at the various moments of their life's journey. It has been felt by those touched by our outreach and service for justice. In recent years we have found community at St. Peter's to be a much needed alternative to division and polarization that, even in pandemic, has given us transcendent meaning and purpose.

About to enter the second century of our ministry, this generation of St. Peter's parishioners wants to dedicate themselves to extending God's embrace. Practically, we will make structural improvements to our property so that it is apparent that all are welcome to enter and enjoy our space. But this physical renewal is to be a visible sign of the renewal that God is making with us, and into which all are invited. It is also an outward symbol of St. Peter's dynamism and vitality and our increasing commitment to positively impact our community and our world. We seek to do this through our various food ministries, support of our neighbors in need, our growing ministry of refugee resettlement, and through regional collaboration in faith formation, children and youth ministry and outreach.

In all that we do, we hope to extend God's embrace beyond our walls so that all may know that God is making all things new.

OUR PLANS

Construction will begin in the Summer of 2023 on the eve of our centennial celebrations, and you will see:



OUR GOALS

PRESERVATION

Although individual projects have been commissioned through the years to improve the external appearance of our grounds, we have needed a landscape master plan to address larger structural issues such as stormwater management, erosion, mature trees, stairways and retaining walls.

GATHERING

The pandemic highlighted that we do not have an outdoor gathering space. Such a space would allow us to extend church services, celebrations, and events beyond our walls and into the community.

ACCESSIBILITY

A new ramp from the parking lot to the terrace will enable access to the church's lower level (undercroft and Academy for Children).

WELCOMING

The structural improvements will make it clear to visitors and passersby that our exterior space is open to all to have casual and daily interaction as a meeting place and a place for rest and contemplation.

BEAUTY

May all who see our grounds know that God is about the work of renewal, and when we enter God's embrace, beauty is reborn.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- JANUARY 2023**
Silent Phase of campaign for leadership gifts concludes
- FEBRUARY 2023**
Active Phase of general campaign begins - reaching all members, far-flung friends, and former members
- SPRING 2023**
Final cost estimates from contractors, and contract awarded
- SUMMER 2023**
Construction begins
- FALL 2023**
Ribbon cutting as part of our Centennial celebrations

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long do I have to make my pledge?

Pledges are payable over three years. While many pay their pledge in a year one payment, any variation over three years is acceptable. Most pay in three equal installments.

Can I make a pledge after the campaign is over?

The active phase of the campaign will end in the Spring of 2023. However, pledges are accepted at any time.

Can I change my pledge?

While you can change your pledge at any time, please remember that we are basing our entire renovation project on the funds we have available to spend.

Is there a guideline of how much to pledge?

St. Peter's wants you to pray about your gift, and then be comfortable with your decision. Some outside sources indicate that a pledge should be three times your annual operating pledge, payable over three years.

Is giving mutual funds or stocks encouraged?

Yes, it would be appropriate to gift investments. We can talk directly with anyone who would like to make such an arrangement and guide you through the process.

OUR NEEDS

The anticipated total cost of the project is estimated at \$400,000.

Full participation of St. Peter's member and friends – both local and far-flung – is our #1 fundraising goal. Significant leadership gifts will be sought, but we will need each and every household to participate in whatever way they can to push us over the finish line.

Pledges to the fundraising campaign will be payable
over a three year period from 2023 to 2025.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

After prayerful discernment, I/we will give to Extend God's Embrace at St. Peter's according to the following gift schedule:

Please complete
one of the following:

\$ _____ Per Week for 156 Weeks
(Once a week for 3 years)

\$ _____ Per Month for 36 Months

\$ _____ Per Year for 2023, 2024, 2025

For a total pledge of \$ _____

Please provide the total amount of your pledge

THREE-YEAR GIFTS CHART*

Total	Per Week	Per Month	Per Year
\$1,000	\$6.41	\$27.78	\$333.33
\$2,500	\$16.03	\$69.44	\$833.33
\$5,000	\$32.05	\$138.89	\$1666.67
\$10,000	\$64.10	\$277.77	\$3,333.33
\$20,000	\$128.21	\$555.56	\$6,666.67
\$30,000	\$192.31	\$833.33	\$10,000

*SUMS ARE ROUNDED TO THE PENNY

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

For gifts other than cash please provide a description and approximate value.

A PRAYER FOR OUR RENEWAL

Gracious God, the Giver of all good gifts: We thank you and all the faithful that have come before us at St. Peter's so that we might know the hopefulness of your embrace. Now, in our day, pour out your Spirit upon us that we may extend your embrace to all our neighbors. Through your grace at work in us, may they discover the love of God that has been made known to us in Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, who makes all things new, forever, and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU

St. Peter's "Extending God's Embrace" Committee is deeply thankful for your generous support of our vision and hope for the next 100 years of our ministry in this corner of Morris County. As Jesus promised, may your gift of yourself build for you a treasure in heaven.

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