

REACH and RENEW RECAP

Roof work ends for the year; planning continues for other projects approved by the congregation



Workers from Inspired Heights, Inc., remained on the roof until the week before Thanksgiving. **At left:** On the last day, they rehearsed using ropes and pulleys to scale the small tower, practicing for their steeplejack gymnastics next summer when they will mount both towers to finish the painting job. **At right:** Temperatures were only in the 20's on the last couple of days of work, but members of the crew, led by Tony (center), remained in high spirits before the tower climb.

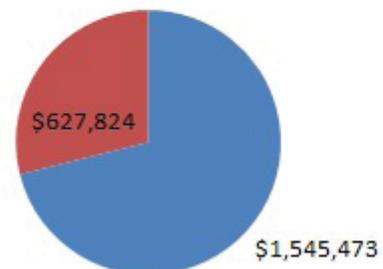


The Reach and Renew Campaign at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Madison is a five-year initiative (from 2011 through 2016) to renew our health, renew our hospitality, and renew our home.

On Sept. 28, the congregation authorized repairs of the Breese Terrace steps; church office renovations; remodeling of the Chapel, Lounge, and Pink Kitchen; and support for a full-time Associate Minister position. The congregation also authorized a request for a grant and loan from the First Congregational Church Foundation to transform 303 Lathrop into a Healing House to be operated by Madison Urban Ministries. **See the next page** for more photos of initiatives supported by Reach & Renew funds.

Pledge status as of 11-30-14
Current pledge total: \$2,173,297

■ Payments received ■ Not yet received



Preserve our past. Inspire our future.

The Reach and Renew Campaign seeks to **renew our health** by focusing on the congregation's worship, missions, and programs; to **renew our hospitality** by encouraging the use of our space by outside groups; and to **renew our home** by making upgrades in our building. The photos below show recent uses of the funds.



Above left: In the week before Thanksgiving, workers on scaffolding atop high ladders scraped lead paint from the under-surfaces of the balustrade. The constant scraping and pounding could be heard throughout the church. **Above right:** Tall ladders were draped along the north side of the church, but they have now been taken down for the winter. **Below left:** Some Reach & Renew funds support the church's Prison Ministry. This fall, Rev. Jerry Hancock presided over a rally at the Capitol calling attention to the hundreds of lives lost each year to gun violence in Wisconsin. **Below right:** A team supporting the Membership Renewal Committee visited Old South United Church of Christ in Boston this summer in order to widen the search for new ideas. Pictured in front of Old South are, from left to right, Betta Owens, Paul Karch, Rev. Eldonna Hazen, and Chris Schoenwetter.

