

# REACH and RENEW RECAP

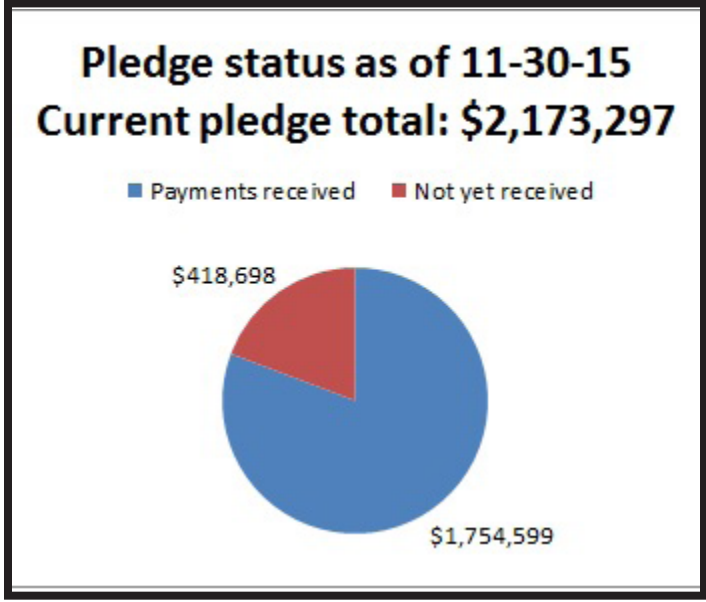
## Tower, facade, and balustrade work completed



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

For the past two years, a crew from Inspired Heights, Inc., of Rockford, IL, has been scraping off the lead-based paint on the balustrade, facade, and towers, and replacing it with primer and a new coat of white paint. Above, during the week before Thanksgiving, two workers tethered with ropes finished the lettering on the church's pediment. Although the painting is done, the ropes on the tower will remain until the lights are replaced.

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# 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. Work on the church's exterior continued this fall.



**Above right:** A pair of workers dangling from bosun's chairs scraped lead-based paint from the big tower this fall. **Above left:** In October, a worker stood at the very top of the big tower to paint the flourish at the peak, while another worked on the level beneath. **Below:** Paint chips and other debris had to be continuously removed from the front steps and sidewalk by a worker with an industrial vacuum. The steps themselves will be refurbished next year.

