

REACH and RENEW RECAP

Congregation hails R&R remodeling success



Left: Members marvel at the newly remodeled Chapel during an open house on October 22, when the results of months of work on the west side of the church were finally revealed. The flexible space is now able to accommodate varied activities such as worship services, meetings and conferences, and a labyrinth walk. In addition to the Chapel, other freshened and/or reconstructed spaces include a new catering kitchen between the Chapel and Student Lounge, a new main church office, a new nursery, new fully accessible ministers' offices, new bathrooms, and a new studio apartment for the church caretaker on the second floor in the northwest corner of the building.

The Reach and Renew Campaign at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Madison was a six-year initiative (2011-2017) to renew our health, renew our hospitality, and renew our home.

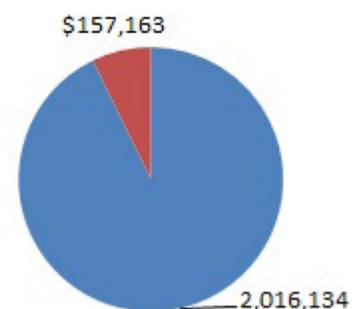
Although the main remodeling enabled by the Reach and Renew campaign is finished, work will continue due to a congregational decision to borrow funds to complete R&R projects and other crucial repairs and upgrades needed in the building.

Workers are currently fixing gaps in the roof that have led to water damage in the Sanctuary; when the roof is secure, the affected interior walls and ceilings will be smoothed and repainted.

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Pledge status as of 11-30-17 Current pledge total: \$2,173,297

■ Payments received ■ Not yet received



Preserve our past. Inspire our future.

The goals of the Reach and Renew Campaign were 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.



Above left to right: The Mason & Hamlin piano had been in the Sanctuary during remodeling, allowing piano duets with the Steinway, but on October 10, workers wrestled it onto a dolly and then reassembled it in the Chapel, after which Director of Music Ministries Don DeBruin pronounced it in working order. **At left:** The new nursery is a colorful and inviting space just behind the Sanctuary, where the main office used to be. No shoes allowed! **Below left:** Director of Christian Education Jeff Rabe takes a call in the new office, while office volunteer Nancy Payne and office manager Jill Farnsworth look on. **Below right:** The new office of Senior Minister Eldonna Hazen features a display of her myriad stoles, each with its own special history.

