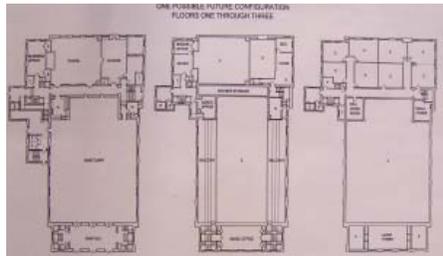


# REACH and RENEW RECAP

## Congregation discusses campaign initiatives



Left: On April 15, Barbara Arnold told members about proposed outreach initiatives. Far right: On May 20, Ben Ringle explained potential plans (center) for changes in space utilization at the church.



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 February 12, 2012, the congregation voted to replace our old steam heating system with a hot-water system, to authorize electrical repair and rehabilitation and asbestos abatement work, and to install air conditioning in the sanctuary and dining room. That work will cost approximately half of the amount raised, and the congregation must now determine how to use the remaining funds. Discussions about Reach and Renew initiatives were held on April 15 and May 20, during which items from the wish list were outlined and members offered their opinions on what should come first. **Join the after-church conversations on June 24 and July 15!**

## Heating, cooling projects underway

The church has been a beehive of activity over the past few months, as work crews come and go, hauling equipment and vying for street parking. Major work on the heating system started the week of May 21, when workers dismantled the old boiler and pondered how best to fit the new boiler in place. Previously, asbestos abatement was accomplished during a week of overnight work, and electrical conduits were installed in the dining room and kitchen ceiling (see photos on next page).



# 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 replacing the heating system and making other upgrades in our building.



Left: An electrician upgraded the electrical conduit in the ceiling of the church kitchen in early May.



Above right: The boiler room before work began. Now you see it... Near right: ...Now you don't! The boiler room after demolition.



Below: Demolition in progress. Sparks flew on May 23 as the old boiler was taken apart piece by piece.



**YOU can help decide what comes next! Participate in the conversations after church on June 24 and July 15!**