

REACH and RENEW RECAP

Roof painting begins; more decisions ahead



Above: Workers from Inspired Heights, wearing safety harnesses, contemplate the long climb to the roof.

What comes next?

On May 18, the Space Utilization Committee presented options for upgrades to the building, including potential video screens in the Sanctuary (see rendering below). A discussion of mission options will be held before church on June 15, and there will be more opportunities for congregational input in July.



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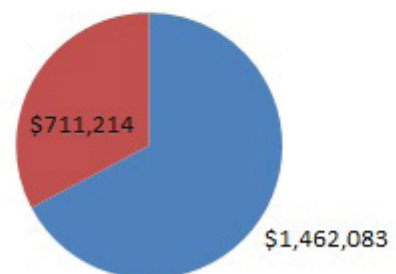
The Reach and Renew Campaign at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Madison is a five-year initiative (from 2011 through 2016) to renew our health, renew our hospitality, and renew our home.

In late May, a crew from Inspired Heights, Inc. arrived to begin painting the roof, balustrade, and tower. Inspired Heights is a company based in Rockford, Illinois, that provides church and steeple maintenance, repair, and restoration. Instead of building expensive scaffolding, they employ skilled steeplejacks to reach otherwise inaccessible areas of churches.

Last fall, workers had pressed strips of lead-removing paper to sections of the metal balustrade to determine the best way to remove the old paint. Now they are finishing the rest of the lead removal before priming the surface for new lead-free paint.

Pledge status as of 5-31-14
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 focus in May was the roof and the Youth Room.



Above: On May 29, workers scaled ladders to strip and prime surfaces before a new coat of paint.



Above: The pillars on the balustrade at left are stripped and ready for new paint, whereas other areas are not yet treated. **Below:** A worker in a harness approached the balustrade after a long climb up a tall ladder.



At left: New Youth Room furniture! Some Reach and Renew funds have been used to upgrade the Youth Room in the basement of the church. Jeff Rabe, Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth, says the new flat-screen monitor on the wall is very useful for presentations on current topics, and the new couches and coffee table offer a comfortable place for youth to gather as they watch videos and hold discussions. The door at left will be replaced by a whiteboard for capturing comments and ideas.

YOU can help decide what's next! Discuss mission options at 9:00 on June 15 and comment on all potential projects in July!