

REACH and RENEW RECAP

Remodeling proceeding according to schedule



Left: At the Annual Meeting on May 21, members expressed much curiosity about the work being done in the church. After the meeting, Ben Ringle (at right in the photo) led an informal tour of the construction zone. On the first floor, the former caretaker's apartment will become the new main church office, and the former office space will house the nursery. In between, the Chapel and Student Lounge will be renovated with a kitchen in the middle. There will also be new men's and women's bathrooms. On the second floor, the space formerly housing the Learning Resource Center will become the offices of the Senior and Associate Ministers, now fully accessible via the elevator, and the caretaker's apartment will be on the north side of the building.

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

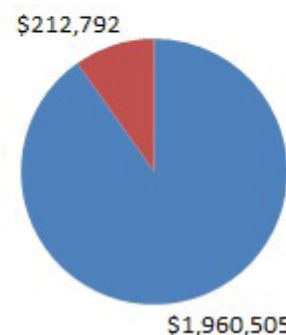
Reach and Renew efforts are continuing beyond 2016 as a result of a congregational decision to borrow funds to fulfill remaining R&R projects, in addition to other crucial repairs and upgrades needed in the building.

During construction, the parking lot entrance off Lathrop is closed to all but workers except on Sunday; the front steps and the new ramp, as well as the University Avenue entrance, may be used.

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Pledge status as of 5-31-17 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.



Above left: Fencing was installed around the west side of the church at the end of March, followed by the start of demolition. In early April, Dumpsters along the building collected debris that was carted away prior to the beginning of construction. **Above right:** During an after-church tour of the Chapel construction on May 21, members perused the plans for remodeling the space. **Below left:** The Chapel under construction shows the roughed-out area of the kitchen at right. The kitchen, located between the Chapel and the Student Lounge, will facilitate food service at events in both locations. Above the kitchen will be the mechanicals for heating and air conditioning. **Below right:** During remodeling, the church office has relocated to 320 Lathrop Street, across the street. The Senior and Associate Ministers, the Bookkeeper, and Office Manager are there; other staff remain in their original offices in the church building.

