

REACH and RENEW RECAP

Staff offices moved in preparation for remodeling



Left: As part of our Reach and Renew commitment to renew our home, we are moving forward on the planned renovation and reimagining of our church offices, Chapel, and first floor kitchen and bathroom spaces. On Saturday, March 4, staff and a phalanx of church members of all ages moved boxes and furniture to relocate staff offices, including the main church office, across the street into the church-owned house at 320 Lathrop; some furniture was also stored in the church basement. Remodeling is currently scheduled to begin in mid-March.

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.

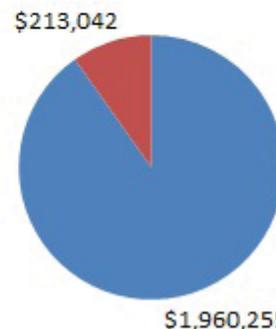
Reach and Renew efforts are continuing beyond 2016 as a result of a congregational decision to borrow funds to fulfill remaining R&R projects, in addition to other crucial repairs and upgrades needed in the building.

The front doors of the church are open now that the steps are fixed; the ramp and the stone bases of the pillars have yet to be completed. It is hoped that the ramp will be open by late spring.

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Pledge status as of 2-28-17 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.



At left: In preparation for the remodeling of the Chapel, the Mason & Hamlin Model BB piano had to be moved out. On February 13, movers came to take the legs off and wrap it securely for the short trip into the Sanctuary. **Above:** After bringing the Mason & Hamlin piano to the Sanctuary, the movers pushed the Steinway up a ramp into the choir loft. The two pianos have never been in the same location before; the Mason & Hamlin took the Steinway's place while it was refurbished in 2014-2015, but then moved back to the Chapel. **Below:** For the duration of the remodeling, both pianos will reside in the choir loft; this enabled the dual-piano postlude performed by Betty Hasselkus (at left, on the Steinway) and Melinda Certain (at right, on the Mason & Hamlin) in church on February 19.

