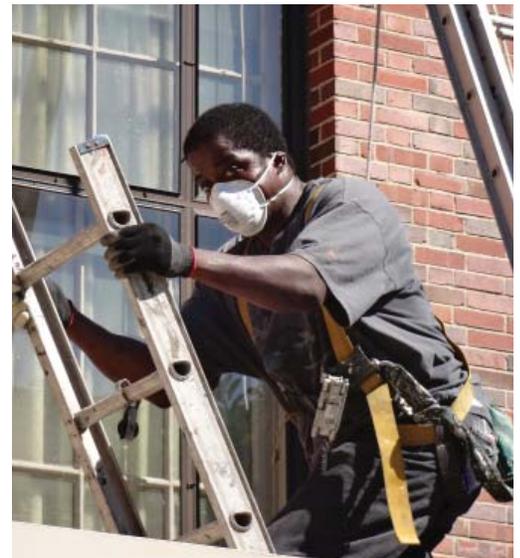


REACH and RENEW RECAP

Congregational meeting called for September 28; roof and balustrade work will continue in 2015



Throughout the summer, workers have been scraping lead paint from the balustrade prior to priming the surface for new lead-free paint. They are part of a crew from Inspired Heights, Inc., of Rockford, which provides church and steeple repair and restoration. Workers wear masks to keep them from inhaling small flakes of lead, and they wear harnesses to prevent falls. The lead removal has taken longer than expected, pushing work on the steeple and front of the church into 2015.



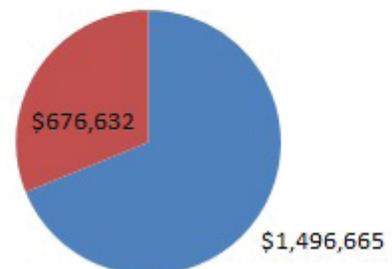
The Reach and Renew Campaign at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Madison is a five-year initiative (from 2011 through 2016) to renew our health, renew our hospitality, and renew our home.

Thus far, approximately \$1.5 million of the funds pledged in the capital campaign have been allocated; now we must decide how to spend the remaining \$700,000. The Executive Council surveyed members over the summer and has crafted recommendations based on the survey results. The recommendations will be presented at a congregational meeting to be held after church on September 28.

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Pledge status as of 8-31-14
Current pledge total: \$2,173,297

■ Payments received ■ Not yet received



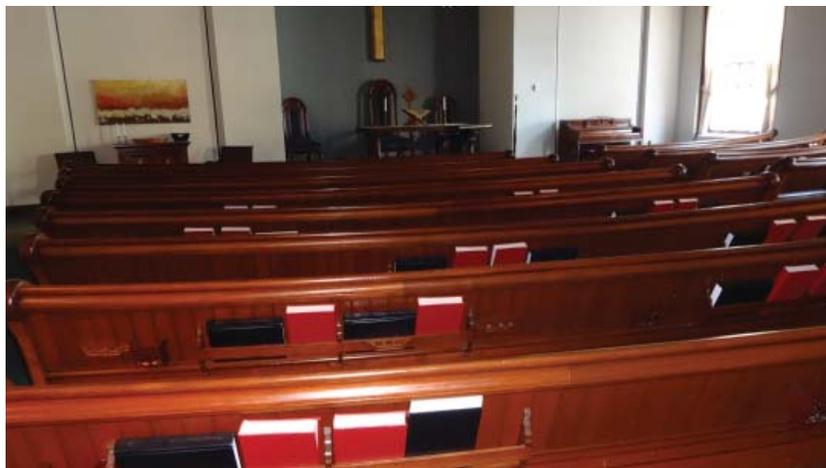
Preserve our past. Inspire our future.

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. How will the remaining \$700,000 be allocated?



Above: One proposal is a reconfiguration of the entrance at the Lathrop Street parking lot.

Below: The front steps of the church on Breese Terrace are beginning to crumble; R&R funds could be used to repair or remodel them.



Above: A proposed project would replace the fixed pews in the Chapel with more flexible seating that would be conducive to group interaction and more accommodating to people in wheelchairs or with walkers. The Student Lounge and Pink Kitchen could also be remodeled.

Below: Another potential project would relocate the caretaker's apartment, currently on the first floor, to the second floor, and move the church office to the former caretaker's space. This would place the main office next to the parking lot entrance, where it would be more visible. Ministers' offices would also be moved to more accessible locations.

Other proposals being considered include adding multimedia screens and projectors in the Sanctuary, supporting Wisconsin UCC camps and the Domestic Abuse Intervention Center, creating a Healing House at 303 Lathrop, and underwriting a full-time associate pastor.



We need YOUR help to determine what comes next! Plan to attend the congregational meeting after church on Sept. 28!