

REACH and RENEW RECAP

Steinway returns after restoration; Prison Ministry Project exhibits replica of solitary confinement cell



At left: To bring home the reality of solitary confinement, a replica of a cell was displayed at the Prison Ministry Project's annual service on January 4.

At right: On January 11, Director of Music Ministries Don DeBruin gave an overview of the extensive and painstaking work done to rebuild and restore the Steinway piano that graces our Sanctuary.

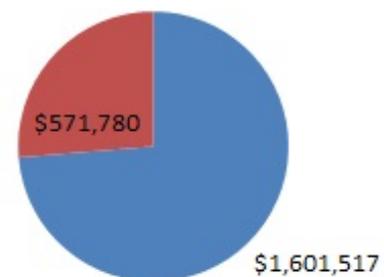


The Reach and Renew Campaign at First Congregational United Church of Christ of Madison is a five-year initiative (from 2011 through 2016) to renew our health, renew our hospitality, and renew our home.

Some of the funds are being used to refurbish our organ and pianos, and, after months of work, the Steinway returned to the Sanctuary in time for Christmas. Other Reach & Renew funds support the church's Prison Ministry project, which brought a replica of a solitary confinement cell to the Sanctuary on Epiphany Sunday, January 4. The replica remained for the following week to allow members to visit the cell and contemplate the reality of this brutal punishment. See the next page for **more photos**.

Pledge status as of 2-28-15
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. Below are events in December 2014 and January 2015.



Above left and right: On December 17, piano movers labored to return the refurbished Steinway to its proper location in the Sanctuary, reattach the legs, and set it securely on the dolly. **At right:** On January 11, members crowded around the Steinway to hear piano technician Bill Monroe describe the work he did on the damper system, trapwork, action, soundboard, and body of the piano. **Below left:** At the Prison Ministry Project's annual service on January 4, members took communion in the shadow of the replica of a solitary confinement cell. **Below right:** Following the Epiphany service, the Prison Ministry held its annual luncheon and program featuring speakers, video presentations, and distinguished guests.

