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## Progress Report: October 2025

97 Main (Church)	2025	2026	2027
Received & due:	300,000		129,000
Spending*:	300,000	•	129,000
Detail on spending:	\$ 37K Sanctuary A/V		\$41K Sanct. Attic walkway
	\$113K Kitchen & back rooms	\$	24K Alarm System upgrade
	\$ 44K Electric Upgrades		\$10K Wing floor tiles
	\$ 76K Wing Heat Pumps		\$20K Brick exterior repair
	\$ 30K Wing Exterior		* seeking \$45K grants
95 Main (House)	2025	2026	2027
Received and due:	41,000	101,000	-
Spending:		142,000	
Detail on spending:		\$79K Exterior Repair (roof	repair trim, porches, paint)
		\$63K Basement (energy efficiency + dry!)	

## Dear UU Friends,

The last several months have been a time of great progress and learning!

Celebrating our financial stability, First U operations are moving along as planned, and the congregation's pledged commitments are rolling in as expected - monthly updates are posted in the Gathering Room.

This report addresses the progress on the Building on Love capital projects on both 97 and 95 Main.

After multiple interviews, we selected Tri Stone Industries (Brad Moll) as our General Contractor, and members of the Building on Love Steering Team have taken on project management for each area. We adjusted the schedule to bring the new kitchen forward to 2025,



and install the new Audio/Video system in the Sanctuary.

The work on 95 Main has been delayed until 2026 so that we can spread our expenses over the period that our Building on Love commitments are fulfilled, honoring our commitment to only spend funds we have on hand.

No major campaign can go without at least one big surprise, and we got ours. The sinking of the floor in the boiler room has rendered that room unfit for a boiler. Given the advanced age of our boiler, we asked 5 companies to provide a quote to replace the current system or transition us away from fossil fuels to heat pumps. We found Element Heat Pumps, an excellent heat pump company who also led the charge on a successful bid for grant money from Efficiency Maine.

The heat pump and kitchen projects together necessitated the addition of a second electric service. Our hope is that everything is operational by Thanksgiving. (Yes, that includes the kitchen!)

Another win was our approach to the leaky sprinkler system. Rather than spending \$250,000 on a completely new system we have implemented a plan of inspection and repair. The sprinklers above the gathering room and the kitchen have already been repaired at a cost of less than \$20,000.

More successes? Yes! The old ten-burner gas stove was donated to the 150-year-old Cumberland Farmers Club, who put on the Cumberland County Fair. It's wonderful to see our old Vulcan gas stove still in service. The new induction electric ranges are in the Gathering Room, standing by for kitchen duty once the electric service is ready.

And, the office wing is looking terrific! In June, The Roof Surgeon stripped the old shingles off, replaced some of the roofing plywood that had rotted from water infiltration, and installed new architectural shingles - all on a single Saturday. In early September, Clarke



Painting scraped and repainted the siding. The painters worked around the schedule of our tenants the Village Nursery School, and by all accounts it was a no-kerfuffle process for each party.

The love and support of our church is amazing. We're proud of the progress we've made on your behalf, and look forward to continuing this good work. Please ask us if you have questions or want a tour; we love to talk about it!

## Thank you!

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