



STEEPLE SQUARE NEWS

SUMMER 2018

Board President Update: Steeple Restoration Has Begun!

The scaffolding raised around the 208 ft. steeple at Steeple Square has sparked attention and interest locally, regionally, and nationally – including the Des Moines Register, Seattle Times and U.S. News and World Report (thank you to the Telegraph Herald for the initial story).

Originally constructed in the 1860s, the steeple was built as a monument for its time. As a symbol of pride and thanksgiving for the new opportunities the German congregation sought in their new home of Dubuque, they envisioned the steeple being a prominent monument for people to see from all around.

The restoration of the steeple includes the replacement of the metal sheathing and architectural details with copper replacements done by The Durable Restoration, Company, based out of Ohio. The copper replacements allow for easy maintenance for the next 100 years. The photo (center, below) shows ventilating dormers that have been fabricated from copper to replicate dormers that were remaining from the original steeple construction (right, below). There are several tiers of dormers that are

arranged vertically up to the top of the steeple – the dormers shown in the photo are the largest and lowest on the steeple and open into the bell chamber. They provide ventilation, but also allow the sound of the bells to carry out of the steeple to the surrounding areas of the city.



Jack McCullough,
Steeple Square Board
President and President,
McCullough Creative

The three bells located in the steeple are in fine condition and will remain in place during this process. The bell-ringing mechanism, which was installed in the 1960s, has deteriorated over time and will be restored. The clock faces and hands will also be restored with a fresh coat of paint. The 1960s clock mechanism will be restored by Bluff Street Time Shop, located in Dubuque. This will allow the clock to be an accurate source for time and for the bells to ring at certain hours of the day once completed. Steeple Square is proud to work with an incredible team of contractors, including more than 11 local companies. *(continued on Page 2)*



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The steeple restoration is a sign to the community that this is just the beginning of an important and historic revitalization and a critical investment in the surrounding neighborhoods. This project demonstrates great community support for economic and community development through urban core revitalization. The Steeple Square

board of directors sees the completed restoration of the steeple and campus as a resource for future generations to appreciate.

With the involved planning and coordinating with local contractors, the total estimate for the steeple restoration is about \$2.2 million. We expect the steeple to be completed by October of this year.

Campaign Chair Update

The Steeple Square campaign team continues to experience incredible community support and engagement around the organization’s vision of revitalization and mission to serve as a collaborative hub of vibrancy and support.

We are energized by the successful completion of the Francis Apartments, which are one apartment shy of being fully occupied. Steeple Square’s partnership to help Opening Doors achieve a vision of permanent supportive housing is innovative and inspiring. A resident of the Francis Apartments shared, “Although I was scared to enter the Teresa Shelter, I always felt 100% supported by the staff. As I have transitioned to the Francis Apartments, I continue to feel the support. A year from now, I will have completed my first year of college working toward a new career. My children and I will be living a stable and happy life.”

Now, steeple restoration is expected to be complete this fall – a sign of investment in, and commitment to, our Washington and North End neighborhoods. The former rectory and future home of the Marita

Theisen Childcare Center is undergoing deconstruction work in preparation for a total transformation into a fully-operational and critically-needed daycare by Spring 2019.

Our team continues to seek support to complete the restoration of the community event center and welcoming green campus. We are grateful for the wonderful support we have received thus far. About two-thirds of our funding has come from grants and tax credits, many focused on restoration, with another one-third from generous private donations.

If you are interested in learning more about Steeple Square or contributing, please contact Steeple Square board treasurer Judy Wolf at jewolf@mchsi.com or (563) 599-1479.



Bob Hoefler, Steeple Square Campaign Leadership Team Chair and Honorary Director with Distinction, Dupaco Community Credit Union



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Francis Apartments Receives Preservation Award

During this year's Architecture Days, Dubuque Main Street (in partnership with the Dubuque County Historical Society) awarded the Francis Apartments a 2018 Historic Preservation Award. The recipients were chosen for their outstanding dedication to historic restoration and preservation efforts. The Historic Preservation Awards are given on an annual basis, and all recipients receive a certificate to acknowledge and honor their historic preservation efforts.

Built in 1872, the St. Mary's School originally had 12 classrooms. As part of the Steeple Square campus restoration, the old school was renovated into 12 apartments and opened as the Francis Apartments on August 1, 2017.



Stained Glass Window Update

In partnership with Heritage Works, Four Mounds, Fountain of Youth, Opening Doors, NICC and Key City Creative Center, the restoration of six of the large stained-glass windows located in the Steeple Square Community Event Center is quickly nearing completion. The \$200,000 project was generously funded by a combination of grants and private donations. The remaining funds will be rolled over into the restoration of the remaining windows – including the windows throughout the steeple – and will begin later this year.



Days of Caring

Steeple Square would like to thank the Prudential Days of Caring team for their hard work in April helping us prepare for our rectory garage sale and general campus maintenance. We appreciate it!

Steeple Square's Mission Highlighted in Julien's Journal

Check out the in-depth article about the Steeple Square mission, partner collaboration and a campus update in the March 2018 issue of the Julien's Journal, written by community and resource development specialist Ellen Goodman Miller. Article starts on page 29.



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FEATURED CAMPUS EVENTS

The Steeple Square Community Event Center had a strong start to 2018 with dozens of events and thousands of guests entering our beautiful doors, even during major restoration phases.

Events included: Steeple Square's annual meeting and reception, weddings, business meetings, corporate receptions, birthday parties, Camp Albrecht Acres 40th Anniversary: Celebrating All Abilities, Dubuque NAACP/DCSD - MLK Tribute, a Distinctly Dubuque event, Empower Birth Expo, Unity Point Healthcare Trade Show, the Marshallese holiday church service, Travel Dubuque's Progressive Dinner, and the Old House Enthusiast's Walking Tour.

Are you interested in seeing what the Steeple Square Community Event Center has to offer you (or your organization) to host an event? Check us out during our regular open house hours:

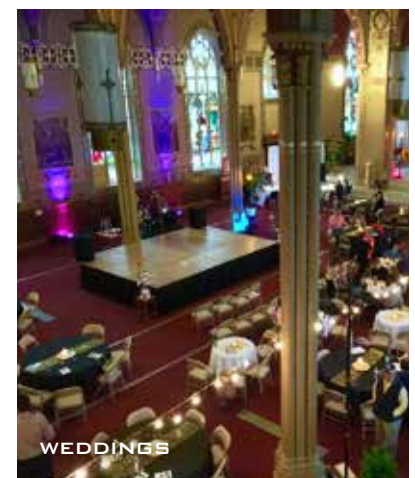
First Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(unless we are hosting a private event)

CONTACT US

To inquire about renting Steeple Square for your next event – including weddings, receptions, celebrations, business meetings, end-of-life services, concerts, art shows, and more – contact:

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Event Coordinator

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email: events@steeple-square.com
or visit us online:
www.steeple-square.com/rent



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OUR COMMUNITY

Board Members recognized as 2017 Movers, Shakers & Newsmakers

Steeple Square board members Jack McCullough and Anderson Sainci were two of twenty business and community leaders recognized by the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce as Movers and Shakers. The nominees were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the Dubuque area. Sainci is a Dubuque Community School District board member and a community activist. McCullough is the Steeple Square board president and owner of McCullough Creative. Join us in congratulating Anderson and Jack on this wonderful acknowledgement!



TH First Citizen Award

Capital campaign committee chair, Bob Hoefer, and his wife, Marilyn, were honored as the 2018 *Telegraph Herald* First Citizen Award in January. Congrats to Bob and Marilyn on this prestigious honor, and thank you for your significant contributions to the Steeple Square mission.



Volunteer Award

During our annual board of directors meeting this year, the board recognized Rick Beecher for his unwavering support and countless volunteer hours at Steeple Square. Upon retiring from Mercy Medical Center, he graciously signed on as a volunteer at Steeple Square. In his youth, Rick was an altar boy at St. Mary's Church, so making a return to Steeple Square felt natural. Rick can be relied on to do almost any task, completed to perfection – whether it is carpentry, painting, cleaning, lawn care, event set-up or take-down. We again would like to thank Rick for all of his contributions to the campus throughout the years.



The dedication of many community members make our efforts possible. For a full list of team and committee members, visit steeplesquare.com/about.