

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RENOVATIONS CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

NATURE OF WORK	CONTACT	COMPLETED	TOTAL COST	PROJECT SIZE	% OF WORK
COMPLETE DESIGN AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CLEARWATER 411 TURNER STREET CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33756 (727) 446-5955	1988	\$NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	100%

THE CHALLENGE OF RENOVATING A WELL-ESTABLISHED AND COLONIAL STYLE CHURCH SANCTUARY, WHILE KEEPING IT FULLY FUNCTIONAL WAS A CHALLENGE. ACCOMPLISHED OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, DURING THE SUMMERS, WHEN WEEK-END ATTENDANCE WAS SEASONALLY DOWN (BUT WEDDINGS WERE AT THEIR HEIGHT), THE RENOVATIONS WERE CAREFULLY PACED AND DELICATELY HANDLED. IN THE FIRST SUMMER, A NEW NARTHEX WAS ADDED TO SERVE AS A GREETING SPACE AND ADDITIONAL LOBBY SPACE BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICES.



THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE FULL INTERIOR OF THE SANCTUARY WAS RENOVATED:

- THE EXISTING CORK FLOORING WAS REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH NEW CORK.
- THE ACOUSTICAL PLASTER CEILING WAS REPAIRED WHERE IT HAD BEEN DAMAGED DUE TO WATER LEAKAGE AND THE WHOLE CEILING WAS COATED WITH AN ACOUSTICALLY-TRANSPARENT COATING (PAINT).
- THE PEWS WERE REMOVED AND RE-FINISHED AND CUSHIONS WERE RE-UPHOLSTERED. THIS WAS DONE IN PHASES, SO NO CRITICAL PEWS WERE VACANT WHEN WEDDINGS WERE SCHEDULED.
- ALL CARPETING WAS REPLACED, AND ALL SURFACES, INCLUDING CUSTOM WOODWORK WAS RE-PAINTED.
- SUN SHADE SCREENS ON THE CLERESTORY WINDOWS WERE REPLACED.

THE RESULT WAS A BRIGHT, NEW LOOK IN A HISTORIC COLONIAL STYLE CHURCH WHEN THE "SNOW-BIRDS RETURNED IN THE FALL" WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTION OF THE SUMMER WEDDING SEASON.