

Upright Steeple Society, Ltd. Activity Summary
(June 1, 2021)

2009

- Nonprofit corporation formed
- 501(c)(3) recognition by IRS
- Tarp on roof
- Cribbing in basement and structural scaffolding insider to stabilize building
- Spire removed; temporary cap on building

2010

- Spire scraped and painted
- Temporary metal roof on east side
- Removed soggy cellulose insulation from ceiling

2011

- Jacked and straightened walls
- Ceiling opened and failed beam repaired

2012

- Spire returned to belfry
- Outside chimney removed
- Three double steel beams installed beneath floor
- Building lifted:
 - <http://cvtv723.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=e88e40594053817d34cff3610fd4fec3>
 - <http://www.wcax.com/story/19133988/saving-a-historic-vt-steeple>
- Excavation beneath and drainage installed
- Concrete foundation and floor poured
- Building lowered
- Vertical steel columns in basement to support new structure
- Two 18' spruce columns installed beneath south end of steeple
- New asphalt roof on main building and new metal roof on bell tower and belfry

2013

- Plaster and lathe removed from interior walls and ceiling
- 200 amp electrical service installed
- Window frames squared
- One 9' x 4' window repaired and reinstalled
- A second entrance (south side) and handicap access construction begun
- Spray foam insulation applied to the walls
- Handicap access door installed

2014

- Sheetrock walls erected, taped, mudded, primed and painted
- V-groove pine ceiling installed, with knots coated with BIN, primed and painted

- Frame for “diamond” window above the altar reconstructed
- Window under northern gable repaired
- Handicap access ramp completed, with roof over section near door
- Damaged trim around lower edge of clapboards replaced
- Damaged trim around southern gable replaced
- Seven remaining 9’ x 4’ windows repaired
- Structure, but not the plumbing, constructed for two handicap access bathrooms
- <http://digital.vpr.net/post/help-inmates-lyndon-church-gets-new-life>

2015

- Variance to construct new entrance applied for and granted
- Platform and new steps constructed off site and moved to church.
- Entrance doors and panel removed and taken to contractor to have paint removed.
- Negotiations with licensed plumber to connect plumbing to building and install and plumb fixtures in two handicap bathrooms; also discussing plan to install heat to building.
- Electrical contractor, installed six new chandeliers, emergency exit lamps, and outside lamps. To install bathroom lights after sheetrock work complete.
- Staymat base put at foot of handicap access ramp.
- Continued discussions with Caledonia Work Crew about scraping/painting the building and repairing floor. Plans to scrape and paint the building during 2015 were postponed because Work Crew supervisors were injured and unavailable during the summer.

2016

- Removed floorboards and laid Advantech subfloor and tongue-in-groove southern yellow pine floor in sanctuary, narthex and bathrooms; apply polyurethane finish; clean, sand and polyurethane dais
- prepare, paint and reinstall front doors and panel
- connect steps and platform to front entrance
- install Rinnai heating units, gas lines and supply
- install lights in bathrooms; mud, sand and paint bathrooms
- LI Sustainable Agriculture Class constructed new walkway and stone wall
- locate water and sewer lines and connect to municipal water & sewer; plumbing (and fixtures) installed in two handicap bathrooms
- certificate of occupancy issued by Vermont Division of Fire Safety

2017

- Construct and install acoustical panels
- Ecosmart insulating shades installed in the eight windows
- Floor edge trimmed to allow for expansion/contraction and trap door released
- Roof over handicap access extended to full length of walkway
- Interior of entranceway painted
- Remaining damaged trim around bottom of exterior repaired
- Western basement windows (leaking water) blocked in
- Work in attic to better retain cellulose insulation and plank walkway constructed

- Interior of sanctuary repainted to cover patch up
- Cracks in wooden columns filled, sealed and repainted

2018

- Purchase 161 York Street; inspect and remove asbestos; demolish building; seed & mulch lot.
- Scrape and paint church building (except for spire)

2019

- Restore washout from 5/19/19 deluge
- Obtained “subdivision” approval for transfer of Tolman 0.06 acres; had survey conducted and recorded in accordance with town conditions
- Tolman parcel south of East Branch Brook deeded to Society
- Steeplejacks primed and painted the spire and repaired defective flashing in openings to belfry
- Section of original railing reinstalled on east end of dais

2020

- Scraped and painted front steps
- Painted railing on the dais
- Repaired washed-out driveway