

Opus 414 Organ Restoration Project Update!

Our beloved Opus 414 E.M. Skinner organ was removed from the sanctuary in November 2025. It is now safely at the [Schantz Organ Company](#) in Orrville, Ohio being rebuilt and refreshed. We hope to have the restored organ returned to the church in the 4th quarter of this year.

The chief architect from Schantz Organ Company was at the Chicago Temple on January 21 to assess the now empty chamber where the pipes were housed. (You may have noticed the opening in the grill above the chancel!) He was remeasuring the organ chamber space and is in the process of finalizing a detailed space document in preparation for the installation of the restored Opus 414 organ.

In the coming months, you will learn more about the rededication recital being planned for early 2027, as well as other musical programs in the works for next year. We are eagerly looking forward to the return of our 102-year-old organ in its restored and no doubt glorious ability to make music for us again.

We are grateful for your generous donations, pledges and bequests made for this \$3.25 million project. As of early 2026, we have raised \$2.8 million! In addition to the congregation's gifts, we have also received an amazing \$900-thousand grant from the [Hampson Albert Sisler Foundation](#). The total \$3.25 million project fundraising goal includes \$2.45 million for the organ restoration and \$800-thousand for a maintenance and performance endowment fund.

We appreciate your continued financial support and prayers! This project would not be possible without your abiding vision of faith and generous gifts. You may make a one-time donation, a multi-year pledge or a legacy gift. More [information is available online](#) and in the Mabuhay space at the back of the sanctuary.

The Organ Restoration Committee

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