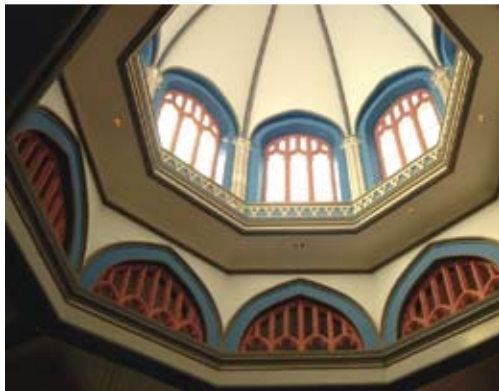


First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church has stood at the corner of North and Church Streets in the heart of Decatur, Illinois since 1893. An historic landmark, First United Methodist Church brings dignity and beauty to the neighborhood. It symbolizes perseverance in the midst of change and bears witness to the faith, sacrifice, and significant achievements of generations past.

"Fritsch was an important part of the First United Methodist Church renovation and restoration project. Their work, both for the interior plastering and painting and the exterior EIFS finish is of the highest quality. Their staff was most helpful in selecting colors to enhance the architectural features of the church. All the work was done in an extremely neat and timely manner."

—Erwin O. (Erv) Arends, Project Co-Coordinator



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Project Summary

During the mid-1990s, the First Methodist Church of Decatur was determined to restore their 100-year-old facility rather than build an all new facility, so the church board began their search to find a competent church restoration contractor. Based on their viewing other churches Fritsch had worked on in recent years, they ultimately selected Fritsch for their project.

Fritsch prepared the substrates for new finishes, including substantial plaster repair. Fritsch developed a new color scheme for the interior, which included adding a custom faux finish to columns to resemble stone masonry.

The project took about six months to complete with an average workforce of five men on site. This project is one of our proudest accomplishments.

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