

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY CHURCH



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As we kick off the 2025-2026 Stewardship campaign, we're reminded of the hymn by UU singer/songwriter Jim Scott, in which he says:

Gather the Spirit, harvest the power
Our separate fires will kindle one flame.

As we each look for ways to bring some kindness and peace into our troubled world, UUCC offers so many options for our separate fires to contribute to a greater good:

- Saturday morning breakfast builds community while helping our neighbors who are less fortunate.
- Sunday morning worship service that touches heart, mind and spirit.
- The choir, where our talented music director and accompanist help a group of musicians and non-musicians create heavenly harmonies.
- and so many other options—Seasoned Souls, Peaceful Heart Sangha, the Unitarian Universalist Community Church Occasional Orchestra, Read Learn Share Book Group, Small Group Ministry, fellowship luncheon, work crews, and more... There are so many ways for our separate fires to be a part of a greater flame.

Living into our mission and vision requires financial stewardship. The Board and the Finance Committee work together each year to develop a conscientious budget to make these many ministries possible. We strive to pay our staff fairly, to maintain our facilities for ourselves and future generations, and to continue to expand our work in the community and in the world.

The primary source of funding for our budget comes from pledges of financial support from members and friends of UUCC. This year the Board and Finance Committee came up with an ambitious pledge goal of \$198,000 to carry out our important work. Together, we can each bring our individual fire to kindle the flame. What will your one fire look like? We have enclosed the Fair Contribution Guide to help you determine the amount you would like to pledge. There is also a new and exciting link on our website for you to make your pledge and to track your pledge progress through the year.

We look forward to another amazing year at UUCC where we continue to grow as individuals and as a community, and where we provide a beacon of light and hope in our small corner of the world.

Your Stewardship Co-Chairs,

Betty Cairn – and – ***Terry Cairn***

Terry and Betty Cairn

PS: We have included the brand new *Guide to Holistic Giving* to outline other ways you can support the mission and vision of UUCC!