



Dear Friend,

Despite the many challenges of the past few years, **First UU is thriving** with increased attendance and membership and a growing Religious Exploration program. The energy on Sunday mornings is palpable and it is clear we are meeting the needs of many who are in search of an inclusive community dedicated to love and justice. The political chaos and inhumane government policies that surround us make it clear that there is great need for a community like ours!

As you may know, we are in a developmental phase of our ministry together with goals to build a new path for the future of connection, transparency, and relationship building. We want to connect people across generational and cultural boundaries and build a culture of service and generosity.

To maintain this momentum we need to build the financial security that will allow us to compensate our staff more fairly, maintain and improve our wonderful building, and support putting our UU values into the world. **The goal is to raise \$725,000.**

Over and over again we have seen that with everyone contributing generously according to their needs, we can meet our goals!

Please consider giving at a new level this year. If you are unsure of what to pledge, we have included a pledge chart which offers some guidelines. To continue our momentum please consider something substantial that reflects your commitment to building a community that makes such a difference in lives and in the world. Whether you can increase your pledge by \$10, \$25, \$50, \$500 a month it makes a difference.

Thank you for being a vital part of our growing interdependent web!

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