

Message from the Minister



Dear First Universalist,

Love calls us towards so many things—justice, relationship, attention—the list could go on and on. And right now, love is calling us towards generosity. The gift of our resources is an act of love. It shows what we value in the world. Your generosity matters to this community. It enables us to be able to support our community, to be able to support one another, and to be a presence for love in a world that could always use a little more love.

This year, we are dreaming what love can and could call our church towards. I encourage you to read about these dreams in the remainder of this pamphlet. Dreaming itself is an act of love. A love we hold not only for the present church community we are a part of, but also a love of the future community we are building for.

How generous is love calling you to be this year? We know that those of us in this community who can give at larger amounts do so and that those of us who can give at smaller amounts are just as valuable. That is the kind of generosity we are called to—to give in meaningful ways and to be held by one another, not in comparison, but in recognition that we are here as equals. Whatever you can give, let it be an offering in love.

On behalf of our staff and our congregation, you have my gratitude.

With Love,
Rev. Lane-Maíread

Love Calls Us On



Nurture our community and our beautiful building



Support racial justice – Black Lives Matter



*Support social needs –
Family Promise Adopted Family Gifts*



*Gathering for fun and fundraising –
2024 Service Auction*



Message from the Co-chairs

Dear Friends at First Universalist –

As we think about the theme of our stewardship campaign—Love Calls Us On—we are reminded of all the ways this wonderful church answers the call. We are a “gentle, loving people” who extend our values into the community by sharing our resources with social justice agencies, by addressing housing needs, and by searching for ways to achieve racial justice. We also nurture ourselves through uplifting worship, music and caring for each other.

These efforts are sustained by the church’s ministerial leadership, its clerical and maintenance staff, and its musical, technical and financial supports. These personnel structures and our beautiful building require money to operate. We are asking, unapologetically, for your financial support for all that we are and do.

This year, we are also asking you to dream about future directions and initiatives. Realizing our dreams will take an investment beyond maintenance. As you think about your pledge for the coming church year, please include thoughts not only about supporting what we have (and might take for granted) but also how **love calls us on** toward a robust future.

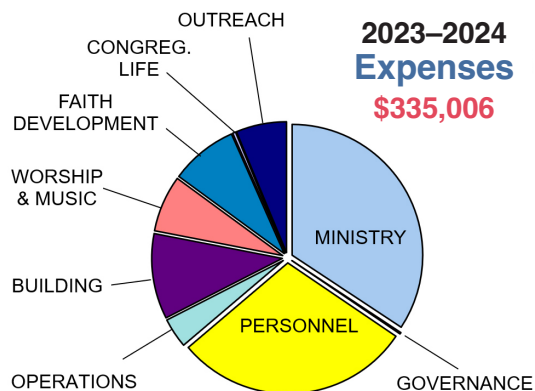
With thanks for your creative and generous support for our beloved community,

Theo and Steve Munson
Co-Chairs, Stewardship Team, 2024-2025

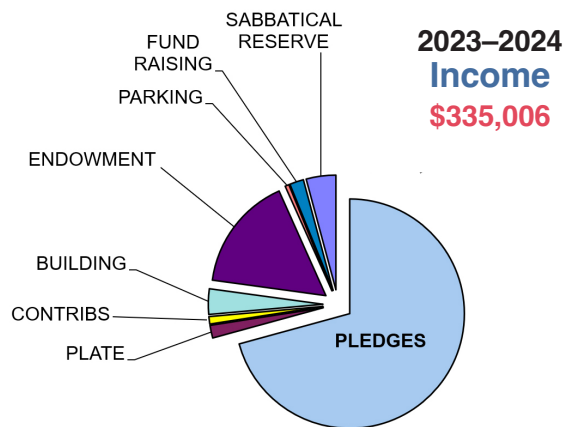
Our Budget

We run an annual budget of about **\$335,000**
(including salaries, building expenses, and programs).

Where the money goes to—



Where the money comes from—



EVERY pledge is important to our church's mission. Annual pledges range from \$50 (just a dollar a week!) to thousands of dollars. YOUR pledge, in an amount that is right for you, helps to make all of our work possible!

Love Calls Us On

Congregation members have big dreams for our church!

Many of our dreams center around:

- Creating a physical space that is comfortable, welcoming, accessible and inclusive
- Expanded opportunities for spiritual growth and exploration
- Social justice work that provides meaningful help to our neighbors in downtown Rochester
- Widely sharing our church's UU message of love and acceptance

Our church is the result of the dreams and commitment of our ancestors.

The church's annual budget reflects the call toward the future.

YOUR pledge will help to move us toward realizing our dreams!

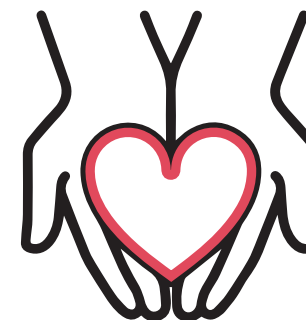
Scan here to pledge online.



We are pledging support for the year
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Annual Stewardship Drive

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