

## The Power and Privilege of Pledging

***Embrace Beloved Community!*** This is the theme for our Annual Pledge Drive which will commence in March. This drive is an opportunity for each of us – friends and members, youth and adults -- to demonstrate our commitment to and hopes for this shared community. The pledge drive month is an opportunity to ***imagine what is possible*** for ourselves, our families, and our beloved community: UUFRC. We all ***give AND receive*** from this community in a myriad of ways: volunteering, inspiring others, joining events, spiritual fulfillment, and yes...by giving our financial resources.

The pledge drive covers about 80% of our roughly \$300,000 operating budget! It is the success of this budget drive that will allow us to continue to enjoy inspiring Sunday services, world-class Religious Education programs, tasty MOCA (Ministry of Culinary Arts) refreshments, a dedicated and experienced staff, and much more. Furthermore, it will allow this proud and generous UUFRC congregation to give to the larger community beyond our walls.

Please, prepare for March by (step 1): ***Imagine what is possible*** at UUFRC – a dedicated youth minister?, dedicating the auction revenue to a special social justice cause?, sprucing up our buildings?, adding specific staff roles/hours? What do you imagine? Then (step 2!), please ***Imagine what is possible*** for you spiritually and financially. Each of you will be invited to join a small group chat after the service each of the five Sundays in March to discuss these “Imagine what is possible” questions.

In the meantime, please contact either of us if you are new to the fellowship and would like to make a pledge for the current operating budget (2014-15 fiscal year), or would like to discuss how money matters at UUFRC.

Your year-round Pledge Chairs,

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