

Great Things Are Happening

And You Are Part of Them!

Our beloved community supports us when we are hurting or in need, celebrates with us in our triumphs and joyous occasions, gives us a sense of comfort and belonging, helps us talk, think, and act together in pursuing social justice. In other words, UUCPA provides a valuable community.

UUCPA sustains our *minds*, supporting our intellectual curiosity and encouraging our search for meaning and understanding. UUCPA strengthens our *hands*, providing opportunities to serve others through social justice and engagement, and to enliven our own community. And UUCPA nurtures our *hearts*, helping engender wonder, delight, connection to others, and our own creativity and talents.

Many of us come to UUCPA seeking to fill one or two specific needs. Then we find additional nuggets among the richness here. Gradually we learn the incredible power of this group working together. Such a community nurtures us and also needs the contributions of our minds, hands, and hearts. Our time, our ongoing engagement, and our financial contributions make UUCPA possible, now and into the future.

Some great things

- Great reflections from Worship Associates.
- Beautiful music on Sundays – choir, guest musicians and Veronika Agranov-Dafoe.
- Henry Mollicone debuting his music here, partnering with our amateur composers, and presenting fundraising concerts with choir.
- Working for Green Sanctuary certification.
- Working with Peninsula Interfaith Action.
- Adult education and religion classes.
- Excellent sermons from Rev. Amy, Rev. Eva, Rev. Kurt and visitors.
- Office is smoothly organized.
- Nature outings for families.
- Terrific topics and lively discussions at Sunday Forum.
- Staff is friendly and responsive.
- Supporting the Opportunity Center.
- Saving energy by installing high efficiency furnaces & timed light switches.
- Repeating Welcoming Congregation class.

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- Space for your own favorites.
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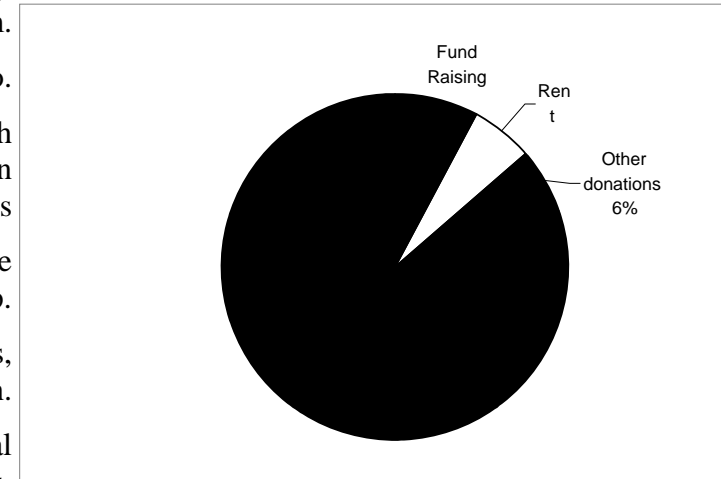
- Working together for affordable housing, environmental justice & health care reform.
- Caring network, baby café, get-well bistro.
 - Auction including a kids’ auction, with their own teenage auctioneer and lots of fun trading candy “cents” for toys and games
 - Church coffee is fair trade, organic shade grown by a Jewish/Muslim/Christian co-op.
 - Senior High Youth Group baking pies, babysitting little ones and having fun.
 - Second Saturday intergenerational potlucks and programs.
 - Two Family Chapels tailored to younger and older children.
 - Many special interest groups.
 - Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry and their advocacy work.
 - Buying renewable electrical power.
 - Recycling & buying recycled materials.
- Vibrant group active in the anti-oppression program Weaving the Fabric of Diversity.

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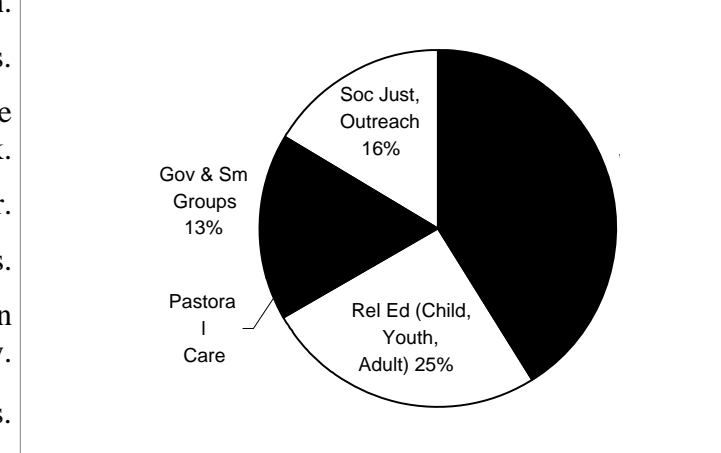
Our contributions make it all happen.

Budget for 2008–2009

Projected Income: \$569,000



Projected Expenses: \$569,000



Comments on these Projections

Please note the assumption that our pledge donations for the coming year will equal pledges plus the matching funds of the current fiscal year. Also these projections are for sustaining our current level of activity. Growing our programs will require more money than shown above.

- Cool Deeds Sundays.
- Campus is sparkling.
- “UUCPA: The Musical”
- Humanist Roots Group.
- Expanded child care.
- Great Decisions series.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a pledge?

A pledge is your commitment to UUCPA indicating the amount you plan to contribute during the current church fiscal year. You can make a pledge any time during the year.

Q: After I make a pledge, when do I pay?

You can pay your pledge any time during the UUCPA fiscal year, which begins on May 1, and ends on April 30. You can pay all at once, or monthly, or at any interval you choose. You can also pay your pledge when you return your pledge card and we will put it into a reserve for the next fiscal year.

Q: How do I pay my pledge?

You can drop off or mail a check to the office, or you can put a check (memo line – “pledge”) in the offering basket on Sunday. Stock donations are also accepted.

Q: Will I get reminders?

You will receive quarterly statements to remind you of your pledge amount and let you know how much you have already paid.

Q: Is there a minimum pledge amount?

No. We encourage friends and members to pledge generously, after considering their means and their support for this community. The amount is entirely up to you.

Each member needs to make a recorded financial contribution each year in order to remain a voting member. There is no minimum amount.

We welcome your pledge of any amount.

Q: Is my pledge tax deductible?

Yes.

Q: Can I change my pledge?

Yes. Most people pay their full pledge but sometimes people change their pledge due to changing circumstances.

Q: How much should I pledge?

We suggest ways to think about your pledge but you decide what feels right for you.

Generous pledges are vital as we seek to continue and expand our UUCPA programs. The enclosed table starts at 1.5% and we hope everyone can give at least that much.

The higher your income, the higher the pledge we hope you will consider. Some of our members give over 5% of their income and/or more than \$8,000 a year.

Some households make initial pledges at this level, while others work up to it over time.

Year by year, we hope you will review your pledge and increase it as your finances allow, and as your belief in the purposes and community of UUCPA grows deeper.

Q: Why does UUCPA look to me for such a high pledge, compared to other groups?

Our UUCPA community is smaller than the PTA or the Sierra Club, but we offer you worship, education, community, and opportunities for social justice every week.

We hope that you find great value here. Just as you make choices to enrich your life with vacations, music lessons and dinner out, we hope the value you find here will call you to generously support our UUCPA community.

Furthermore, UUCPA asks for less than some other churches, which expect a tithe or 10% of income.

Calculating My Pledge

Pledge now and please pledge generously

Please consider what UUCPA means to you and its importance in the larger world. Then choose the pledge amount that feels both right and generous. Thank you.

Pledge more than last year

To provide for staff raises and the growth of our congregation, our expenses increase every year. If you can increase your pledge – it helps!

Pledge a percent of your income:

The Unitarian Universalist Association recommends these guidelines as a baseline for pledging. First, reduce your income to reflect medical expenses, childcare, and education costs. Then consider pledging at the recommended Supporting Gift baseline or more, as your commitment and belief in UUCPA and Unitarian Universalism grows.

Suggested Share Giving Guides

The web site www.uua.org has additional charts and information.

Annual Income	Supporting Gift			Sustaining Gift		
	%	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	%	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month
\$10,000	1.5	150	12	2.0	200	17
\$25,000	2.0	500	42	3.0	750	62
\$50,000	3.0	1,500	125	4.5	2,250	188
\$75,000	3.5	2,625	219	5.2	3,900	325
100,000	4.0	4,000	333	6.0	6,000	500
150,000	4.5	6,750	562	6.8	10,200	850
200,000	5.0	10,000	833	7.5	15,000	1,250

Please respond soon

Please respond within a week of receiving your materials. Your timely response allows the finance committee to complete its budget development work in a timely manner and the Board of Trustees to review it thoroughly.

The budget town hall meetings will be on Sunday, April 6. The congregation will vote on the budget at the annual meeting on Sunday, April 20.

What more can I do?

There are many opportunities to volunteer – one time, committee, office, special event, teaching or something new you want to see at UUCPA. Volunteers get great personal satisfaction and help keep our beloved community strong. Please find the needs that match your talents by visiting our web site www.uucpa.org for the talent survey.

A brochure on Planned Giving is also available from the church office.

Additional information

For addition information please contact one of the membership renewal drive co-chairs, Don Brenneis and Bryce Perry, or the office.

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