

FAIR-SHARE CONTRIBUTING

How much should you pledge? Your contribution reflects both your commitment and your resources. The UUA notes that commitment and provides a guide to giving at a percent of income. They suggest adding all sources of income, then subtracting any large or unusual expenses, like medical or college tuition, to arrive at an adjusted annual income.

Supporter: Our congregation is a significant part of your spiritual life that you want to support. Commitment at this level is between 2% and 6% of adjusted annual income.

Sustainer: The congregation is your central community and you are committed to supporting its programs and ministry. Your contribution will be between 3% and 7% of adjusted income.

Visionary: Your commitment demonstrates the unique importance of the congregation

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2023-2024



**UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF SHARON:
GROWING TOGETHER
AGAIN**

*Stewardship enables us to
achieve our dreams.*

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Stewardship is about taking care of something we value and enabling it to grow. When we become stewards, we take responsibility and contribute our time, talent, and treasure. No doubt, the Unitarian Church of Sharon is a generous and grateful community. There is joy in giving and it enables us to put our faith in action. There is joy in working together to make our community a more loving place. There is joy in sharing our dreams and our visions, planting seeds for stronger and more resilient tomorrows. Over time, your passions and dreams are the sustenance our community needs.

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We will ask the following questions:

- Why do you give your time, talent and treasure to the Unitarian Church of Sharon Community?
- What inspires you?
- How do your contributions further your vision for our community?
- What are you grateful for?
- How does generosity make you feel connected to something greater than yourself?

We'll also review the UUAs FairShare Contribution Guide, which may help you determine an appropriate level of giving.

Please join the Stewardship Committee at one of the following meetings:

- Wednesday, March 8, 1 pm to 2 pm (In-Person at Colleen Tuck's residence in Sharon)
- Friday, March 10, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm (In-Person in the Church Library)
- Sunday, March 12, Noon to 1 pm (In-Person in the Church Library)
- Sunday, March 12, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Zoom-Virtual Library)
- Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Zoom-Virtual Library)

Please RSVP to Peter Raskin at Stewardship@uusharon.org. Use the Zoom Link available on the Church's online calendar at www.uusharon.org/calendar.

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SHARON: GROWING TOGETHER AGAIN

At a recent class for newcomers to our congregation, one of the participants asked, "How do I be a grown-up at church?" Though purposefully humorous, the question was also meant in earnest. The questioner could tell it takes time and effort from all the people who gather here to make this place work, and she was ready to learn how to help make it happen.

But stewardship season is not just about how to be involved at church. It's also a time to reflect on why we do this. Why do we volunteer our time and share our talents with the Unitarian Church of Sharon? And, why do we give our hard-earned money to our congregation?

We give to the Unitarian Church of Sharon because we care about this place. We care about this place because coming here offers us something we seek: a place to reflect, a place to question, a place to sing the praises and laments of this beautiful and hurting world. We care about this place because it offers a supportive and enriching community for our children and youth as they grow and ask some of life's biggest questions. We care about this place because we know it will care for us - when we are sick, when we are in need, when we grieve. We care about this place because we care about the people who fill its Sanctuary, its classrooms, its Zoom rooms. Sometimes our church refreshes us, and sometimes it challenges us; often, it gives us what we didn't even know we needed.

Over the last three years, the pandemic has amplified the normal ebbs and flows of congregational life. Now, we are so glad to be growing together again. Newcomers continue to find their way to us, and we welcome them with open doors and loving hearts. With our awesome Interim Director of Religious Education (DRE) finishing her third and final year with us, we are well-poised to find a settled DRE. It's a tough market out there for congregations seeking new DREs, and we need to offer a competitive salary in order to find a religious professional who will be a good fit for our growing RE program. And above all, our congregation remains committed to paying our staff according to the guidelines set by our UUA, to ensure our people are fairly compensated for their work.

We need YOU to make all this happen. Will you pledge your support to the Unitarian Church of Sharon, and help us grow together again?

Yours for the Unitarian of Church Sharon