

# The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville



FUUN Beloveds-

I have loved greeting you at the door each Sunday before service for the last six months. Welcoming you this way means I get an extra opportunity to get to know you and your families, and it also allows me to soak in the growing energy and excitement on Sunday mornings. I don't know about you, but to me this community feels poised to grow in big, impactful ways this year!

An essential way to help support this growth and the mission and vision of FUUN's ministry is to engage our personal generosity to financially fund it. As you likely know, FUUN receives no outside funding from the UUA or any additional organizations, and so it is solely our responsibility to care for one another and our beloved community in this way.

We have officially begun our annual pledge drive - the single largest effort to fund our operating budget each year. A donation of any amount is deeply appreciated and is used to keep our electricity on, pay a living wage to our devoted staff, fund our justice work out in the world, maintain our buildings and grounds, and invest in our programming which does the important work of making our ministry a reality.

While our Finance Committee helps us to remain responsible stewards of our resources, this year I asked the staff and the teams to dream of the future and help us develop a budget that ensures we go beyond merely surviving and live into a season of thriving. The proposed budget will be a thoughtful reflection of that dreaming. I have faith, as should you, that together we can fund this budget completely and have an incredible 2026/27 congregational year full of nourishing worship, enriching educational opportunities, joyful fellowship events, and much-needed social justice work, along with so much more.

On Sunday, March 1st, we have an invigorating pledge drive kick-off planned. The service will have some guest musicians and an invitation to pledge right then and there. When pledging, you will receive a key which, if you're the lucky winner, may unlock a special prize!

As we dive into this season of giving it is essential that you know this community is not whole without you in it. Your spirit, your care, your time, talents and your treasure sustain us and make us who we are. Thank you for being a part of FUUN- whether you've been here all 75 years, or are joining us for the very first month. You are important.

I am so grateful to be your minister,

Rev. Charlotte

As we begin our pledge drive, I invite you to reflect on our theme this year. Keys open doors, give access, provide security, and make it possible to move forward. In much the same way, our pledges will help unlock the future of our church and its ministry. Through your on-going generosity, we can unlock the hope, service and transformation we want for our community now and for generations yet to come. Together we hold the key to a vibrant and faithful future!

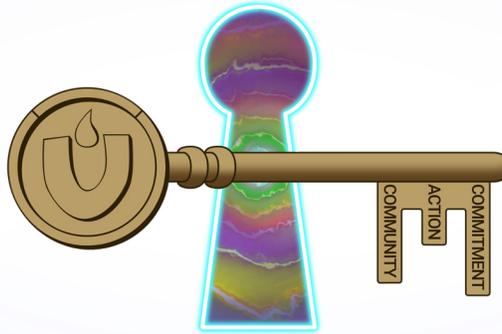
Barbara Snook, Board President



**If you could look through a portal into the future of FUUN, what would you hope to see?**

What characteristics of the community we share today would still be there?

How would the actions we are taking shape a more just and equitable world for that future FUUN?



In what ways would that community have grown and changed?

How will our commitment to the FUUN today lay a foundation for the FUUN you might dream of in the future?

**YOUR GIFTS TODAY UNLOCK THE PORTAL TO FUUN IN THE FUTURE.**

## **Our Vision for 2026: \$683,250**

The contributions we make today are the key to opening the portal to the future we hope for.

If we reach our aspirational pledge goal of \$683,250, we will be able to:

- ✓ Provide a cost-of-living adjustment for our dedicated staff
- ✓ Expand marketing and outreach to welcome new faces
- ✓ Increase resources to enhance the path to membership
- ✓ Add a part-time Youth Assistant to support our growing RE program

This is more than a number — it's a commitment to our values and our community

## **How to Make Your Pledge**



Scan the QR Code  
Click the Pledge Button



Complete Personalized  
form that will be emailed  
to you on March 1st



Paper Pledge Forms  
Available at Church