

# Join Our “Season of Giving”

Each autumn, during our “Season of Giving,” First Unitarian asks its members and friends to make a “Pledge,” a promise of financial support, for the coming calendar year.

These gifts fund the Church's ministries, staff, education, social justice, and more.

Our goal during this time is to give everyone an opportunity to reflect on the personal and communal commitments that hold us here and to engage in the spiritual practice of generosity.

A Pledged Gift is the intended amount you plan to give over the coming calendar year to support the church and our work.

Your Pledge can always be adjusted should your circumstances change.

You can fulfill your Pledge on whatever schedule works for you. Some give weekly or monthly, others quarterly, and some like to give the full amount all at once.



When you Pledge a gift for 2026 to “Weaving Threads of Generosity” you help fund what it takes for us to hold space for and actively build a spiritually alive, justice-centered, multigenerational community in the heart of Portland.



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to  
*Giving*

Season of Giving: 2026

# Ministry Highlights

## Worship and Music:

- In these difficult times, our services continue to make a space for us to bring our fears, our grief, and our hopes. We need community now more than ever.
- Through our collective plate share efforts, we raised just over \$40,000 for 15 different outside organizations whose mission is in concert with our own.
- Our music program is growing strong with Sunday music now including over 80 people across 3 ensembles and various guest artists from the Portland community.

## Member to Member Connections

- Our new Welcome Desk and re-imagined lobby space reflect our hope that everyone entering the main sanctuary feels immediately at home.
- Our lay ministry program offers ongoing support through one-on-one pastoral care, grief and caregiving groups, weekly vespers services, and on-call chaplaincy for the congregation.

## Family Ministries:

- We have had an increasing number of children and youth share stories and leading elements of the service. Now we are doing this every week. A happy way to live out our multigenerational identity!
- After some challenging years post-pandemic, we celebrated a reimagined *Coming of Age* program.

## Social Justice:

- Over 300 people attended a series of 3 forums on protecting immigrants in Oregon, co-organized by the Advancing Racial Justice and Immigrant Justice Action Groups.
- In 2025, we launched *Democracy in Action (DIA)*, a group to promote nonviolent action that strengthens democracy and opposes authoritarianism. More than 275 congregants have participated in DIA initiatives, including marches to pro-democracy rallies, postcard campaigns, a “Speaking of Democracy” series, and *Know Your Rights* trainings.

Annual Income	Supporter		Sustainer		Leader		Visionary
	2%	5%	6%	7%	8%	10%	20%
\$10,000	\$200	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$20,000	\$400	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,100	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$40,000	\$800	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,800	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$8,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$60,000	\$1,200	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$6,000	\$12,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,750	\$4,500	\$5,250	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$40,000

## Reflecting on What to Pledge?

*Some find this chart helpful, but your pledge should match your heart and your budget!*



# Looking Forward...

## Worship and Music:

- With Garrett Bond completing his Interim music position in June, we’ll begin our search for a new Director of Music Ministries in the spring. The Music Ministry Transition Team will be guiding this effort.
- This year our Board and leadership will engage the congregation in a visioning process to discern our congregation’s call in the coming years.

## Family Ministries:

- Our Whole Lives (OWL), the comprehensive UU sexuality education program for children and youth, continues to be part of our important offerings and now we are expanding it to include classes for adults of all ages and life stages.

## Social Justice:

- The good work of the shower project continues. To date, we have provided showers, clothing, food and community in a safe environment to over 1300 unhoused guests with the help of approximately 80 volunteers.

## Membership:

- From Welcome Circles to Souper Sundays, our programs continue to help newcomers and long-timers connect in meaningful ways. With more adult programs blooming, there are now more avenues than ever to grow in spirit and in community. Our vision is to weave every person – new and longtime – into the living fabric of First Unitarian.