

Dear UUFC Members and Friends,

***We are launching “Opening to Opportunity,” our 2026 stewardship drive for the UUFC.***

Stewardship is how we, UUFC members and friends, use our time, talents, material possessions, and wealth to maintain and build the *living* being that is the UUFC that includes our outreach for the betterment of our world.

***We are more than the sum of our parts***—more than a building, Sunday services, religious education programs, social activities, fundraising events, Chalice groups, and our social justice actions. We are a congregation committed to helping each other to bring spiritual light, personal health, and joy into our lives while reaching out to the wider world to bring health and joy to others. Contemplating *and committing* the time, talents, material possessions, and wealth that you bring to the UUFC for the good of all is the goal of our stewardship drive over the coming weeks.

***The UUFC is changing, as is always true.*** We are in ministerial transition. We employ new staff. Our fellowship composition continues to change, and we are growing in number. We have many new members. We’ve welcomed younger people, families, and people from diverse parts of our society bringing us new strengths. Some historic members have parted ways. Some of our legacy members have died. It’s time to gather for conversations about the directions we want to head, and what we each can bring to the work of building our community.

These are but a few of the conversation opportunities open to us:

- Our search for a new permanent minister
- Possible expansion of our social hall
- New safety features for our buildings - new outside doors that reliably close, security cameras, permanent walkway and parking lot lighting
- The possibility of placing micro-shelters on our property
- Exploration of adding 5-10 hrs/week assistant for RE and additional administrative staff to meet our growing needs

***Our stewardship drive will have a “soft” open on Sunday, March 15.*** The service will be dedicated to discussions of stewardship and the first of several town hall/informational meetings will be held after the service, but the website for donations will not be operational. We want people to have time to ponder before jumping into stewardship commitments. The stewardship website will be up and running on March 22, paper stewardship forms will be available after that service, and another town hall will be held. In the following weeks, stewardship team members will be available to answer your questions and work with you on your stewardship form after services.

***Please join one of these town halls:***

- Sunday, Mar 15 after the service – light refreshments provided, bring your own beverage
- Monday, Mar 16, 6:30 pm – dessert session with a newer member emphasis, bring your own beverage

- Sunday, Mar 22 after the service – light refreshments provided, bring your own beverage

If you know for sure that you will attend one of these sessions, please sign up at this link [Stewardship Town Hall Signup](#), or by e-mailing [office@uucorvallis.org](mailto:office@uucorvallis.org). Signups will help us in planning, but all are welcomed to attend these sessions whether you have signed up or not.

*We happily will provide childcare for those needing such and need at least one week's notice to do so, two weeks preferred. You can indicate childcare needs on the signup form as well.*

Most of our communications these days are electronic; for future communications if mailed hard copy works better for you, please let us know. We want all to be fully informed. Let Reverend Alex or a board member know of this need or call the office at 541-752-5218.

Thanks for all you have done, do, and will do to nurture and grow the UUFC.

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