

### **As Individuals**

It's often said that how we spend our money is the best indicator of what our values really are. By funding our budget you are making your UU values come alive.

### As a Congregation

After a 3 year interim period, we are starting an exciting new epoch in our congregational life with our new settled minister, Rev. Rachel Baker.

#### As Members of a Wider World

We want to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the new transit station and the flourishing new housing in our neighborhood. We plan to install solar panels and move to renewable energy. We hope to be a green sanctuary for our new neighbors.



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### Tending Our Future 2024

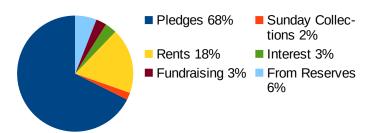


Stewardship Campaign

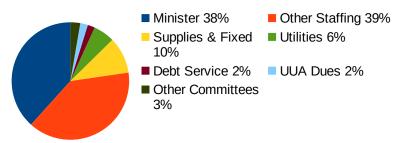


# 2024 Budget: \$357,067

### Income & Reserves



### Expenses



# What will my pledge help fund?

Provide Rev. Rachel's contracted salary and benefits

Allow Chris Pollina, our DRE, to offer an outstanding Children's Religious Exploration Program

Support the SUUC diverse music program, including our talented Choir Director, Wil Sederholm and Accompanist, Keva Vaughan-McMorrow

Provide 3.5% COLAs for all our staff

Expand our technology budget by \$4200 to enhance the quality and outreach of our hybrid services

# Getting onto a Solid Financial Footing

SUUC is entering an exciting time with a new called minister, looking forward to accelerated growth. As that growth begins to happen, our current members will need to stretch a bit this year to make sure we keep our momentum going. That means an average pledge increase of 10% to meet our budgeted needs. Not everyone can do that, but stretch yourself as much as you can this year, and invite your friends and neighbors to church to make our congregation grow!

# Pledge Goal: \$234,462

For the last several years, we asked for special gifts for the ministerial search, or to help us through the pandemic. This year, we are not asking for a separate, special gift, but are asking for people to increase their pledge by enough to cover our increased ongoing expenses. We will still need to rely on some reserves to balance the budget, but less so than last year. We hope to increase our membership and pledge income in 2024 so that in 2025 we won't need to use reserves.

# How much should I pledge?

Only you can determine the answer. Some of our congregants pledge 5% or more of their annual income. We are asking for a 10% increase in pledges over last year. Not everyone can do this, but perhaps some households can do even more. Here is some data that may guide your decision.

Last year, 100 households pledged an average of \$2,135 each.