

This year's annual pledge theme is **"Living Our Values."** In these challenging times, it is more important than ever to live by our **Seven Principles:**

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part



Reasons why we give

1. We give because we all matter
2. We give because we value our minister and our staff
3. We give to enrich the lives of children through religious exploration
4. As an inclusive congregation, we give because some others cannot
5. We give as a reflection of our values
6. We give to share our beautiful building with the larger community

What people say about UUCB

"I come here because of the community. If that weren't here, I wouldn't come."

"I come because I keep learning."

"It's a place of inspiration."

"You can feel people reaching out to you."

"The services are uplifting and thought provoking."

"I feel joy, peace and humanity here."



For 2017-2018, we anticipate it will cost over **\$292,000** to operate our church. After other sources of income, we need to raise **\$238,000** in pledges.

This will allow us to ...

- pay all our staff a fair wage according to UUA salary scales.
- prepare for unanticipated changes or events which will impact our budget.
- nurture our inclusive church community to make the world a better, kinder place.
- operate our building for all the growing purposes to which it is dedicated.

What is a pledge?

We make an annual financial commitment, or pledge, as a means of living our covenant with this church community. Our collective contributions allow us to support our staff, programs and building.

How do I pledge?

You complete a Pledge Form with your name, address, pledge amount and signature. The form indicates whether you are choosing to pay by check or automatic bank payment.

You may also pledge online at www.uubrunswick.org/online-pledging/

How much should I pledge?

The amount you choose is a very personal decision. It helps to think about what the church means in your life and how the spiritual and personal connections you make here align with your values and beliefs. Your giving should reflect your life priorities as much as your pocketbook.

When does my pledge need to be paid?

Your pledge may be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

Our pledges are the financial foundation for the coming year. Your commitment to full payment is as important as the pledge itself. Pledges must be received during the fiscal year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

What does it cost per month?

\$ 8,501 = Sunday worship services*

\$ 805 = music program

\$ 4,430 = religious education (RE)*

\$ 4,421 = administrative costs

\$ 988 = community outreach

\$ 1,286 = annual "fair share" UUA dues

* includes indirect costs such as utilities



UUCB by the numbers

16 = new members this past year

43 = participants in Chalice Circles

50 = children and youth in RE program

92 = new visitors this past year

109 = average adult Sunday attendance

199 = current members

846 = attendees at Concerts for a Cause

18,500 = dollars for Charities with Soul

Giving options

Your pledge helps cover budget costs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

You may give in the following ways:

Personal check: You may give by check weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. Be sure your envelope or check identifies you clearly.

Automatic payment from bank account: This method allows you to achieve your commitment consistently without any inconvenience, thereby paying your pledge before your other monthly bills.

Option 1: Complete an authorization form (obtainable from the office) and submit it with a voided check. The UUCB office will make an automatic withdrawal from your account on your behalf.

Option 2: You may set up UUCB as a payee (with the church name and postal address) on your online bank account and stipulate the amount and frequency of the payment. Your bank will send that amount to our office regularly.

Option 3: You may arrange UUCB as a payee on your bank account with your payment to be automatically deposited into the church bank account. Contact the Office Administrator to arrange this.

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2017-2018 PLEDGE DRIVE

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