

# UUC's 2022-2023 Stewardship Campaign

## Cultivating Our Community in 2022



Here we are mid-way through our Stewardship Campaign, and as of **March 29** we have received 90 pledges for a total of \$236,299 which leaves us with \$121,201 to raise toward our goal of \$357,500 by **April 30**. We hope everyone will pledge — no matter how small or how large your pledge — every little bit helps us towards our goal. We can all work together and continue to cultivate this wonderful UUC Community!

One of my favorite parts of our Stewardship Campaign is the **pulpit testimonials**. Missed any? All are easily accessed via our [stewardship webpage](#) along with much other information. Last night I listened to them all again, including my own. I was struck anew by the many different aspects of our UUC community that is meaningful to each of us. Victoria Taylor spoke of how our theme of *Cultivating Community* spoke to her, and that the idea of “cultivating” refers to the care and keeping of growing things such as UUC. Cynthia Baute, a new member, spoke gratefully about all she has gained through her

recent joining of UUC including participation in meditation and small group ministries. I spoke about how meaningful Religious Education was for my kids from birth through YRUU, and how excited I am about our future with a full-time Director of Lifespan Faith Development. Marilyn DuPont spoke about her experiences working with ministerial interns in a previous congregation, and how much our new intern will not only help launch a brand-new UU minister but will lift up our congregation in so many ways. This past Sunday, Denise Martin spoke about how joining our Grounds Ministry has benefitted her so much, while she in turn helped the grounds by chopping down invasive vines.

We hope people have enjoyed (and will enjoy) the many fun [Stewardship activities](#) being offered throughout the month. If you haven't yet signed up, do so via this [link](#). I am looking forward to meeting some folks at Moon Hollow Brewery this week and then building a campfire next Saturday as we gather around and listen to my husband, Jim, play classic rock on his guitar under the stars. That same day there will be a walk through a local park with Rev. Pam, a grounds' workday with pizza, and a hike to a new local hiking trail with Lisa Evanylo. Check out these and other awesome, fun activities and build some community with your UUC friends and neighbors. We would love you to join us. If you have questions about any event or anything related to stewardship, please [email me](#) or call (540) 357-1918.

**Most importantly, please don't forget to pledge via this [link](#) or email [administrator@uucnrva.org](mailto:administrator@uucnrva.org) with your pledge. To everyone that has already pledged, thank you very much for giving to our beloved UUC Community!**

**May 1: Stewardship Celebration Sunday, watch for more info**

With gratitude,  
Carol Kern UUC Stewardship Chair