



Dear Members and Friends of OBUUC,

May we begin with gratitude. Members and friends of Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist church, you have shown up time and time again in so many ways. It has been another year of uncertainty and, from sending cards, to meals, to working in the community, you have continued to show up! Our numbers in worship have remained consistent on Zoom, our families and

Leann have kept their commitment to religious education, ensuring our children and youth continue to have spaces for connection to our OBUUC community. And you have honored your financial pledge commitment. Last year 65 of our 132 pledge units, or pledging households, increased pledges! You are the heart of OBUUC. We are brought together by hope, held together by love, and together we support our church. We are grateful for all of the ways you are contributing to the life of our church and your financial contribution helps make Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church possible!

In the Joy of Giving, a resource on congregational stewardship, all members and friends of a church are invited to be good stewards. We are invited to be good stewards of self, family, community, congregation, and our Unitarian Universalist Faith. Being good stewards not only protects the resources that exist, but also nurtures growth to ensure the future, our future. With stewardship, each person is encouraged to balance spiritual development with good works in the wider world, enabling us to put our faith in action. AND money touches every portion of our lives. Money is no more or no less important than talent or time; all are related, and all can be shared.

A word from Andrea Bumpurs, the President of our Board of Trustees,

When I consider the many things in my life for which I am grateful, finding OBUUC is high on the list. OBUUC is a spiritual community where questions are invited, and searching is encouraged. Our UU principles, and the people in this congregation, have challenged me to be a better person and do better in the world. I feel privileged to have found this place and honored to be a member. I want OBUUC to continue to be here for me and all the other members and friends, and to be a beacon calling everyone to build a fairer society on a planet we are caring for. It is a wish I gladly support with my pledge. If OBUUC is a vital part of your life, join me. If you have never before pledged, please do so this year. If you are a long-time pledger, please increase your pledge. If not us, who? If not now, when?

**Our 2022-2023 Pledge form is now available to be completed online!**

Please follow this link to complete the form: <https://forms.gle/qhQoGVfPQoF8ZKYs9>.

If you would like to speak to someone more about pledging or about our community, please reach out to Rev. Danielle, [minister@obuuc.org](mailto:minister@obuuc.org)

With faith and gratitude,

Rev. Danielle, Minister

Andrea Bumpurs, Board President