



**Unitarian Church of
Montpelier**
130 Main St, Montpelier VT 05602

*We welcome all
as we build a loving community
to nurture each person's spiritual journey,
serve human need,
and protect the earth, our home.*

March 20, 2022

Spring is coming and we are 'Emerging with Hope.' We will gather together again, bringing all of our selves with us: broken-hearted, angry, joyous, thankful ... However you emerge, you are held in love here.

We open our doors in an imperfect world; one in need of more justice and more hope.

It is Spring. We are
"Emerging with Hope."
We have to. We must.
Despite all the traumas.

For the earth, for the world,
Our hearts are broken, cracked open.
Love and light can enter.

UCM is a deep well of love and light.
We must sustain it.
It is our spiritual home.
It nurtures us and
it's well past time for more Beloved Community.
We need it!

What can we do?

We can jointly support the budget of UCM to enable the staff and volunteers to extend our Beloved Community. The Board seeks funding for ongoing operations and the following priorities:

1. Fair compensation, of both salary and benefits, for our UCM staff,
2. Facilities and staffing to support robust in-person and virtual church programming, and
3. Ministry to support all ages in connection and spiritual growth.

Our Annual Pledge Drive is the main method for supporting the budget and the church from 7/1/2022–6/30/2023. For the congregation to approve the budget at the Annual Meeting in May, the Board must know the amount we are all pledging to cover next year's expenses.

As always, we each have the challenge of discerning how to balance our desires to make a difference with our resources for doing so. The enclosed Suggested Fair Share Contributions Guide can be a very helpful reference for most levels of income. Please deeply engage with the Guide and pledge as generously as you possibly can!

We look forward to receiving your pledge (instructions enclosed) by April 15. If we don't hear from you, we will email and/or phone you in follow-up. Meanwhile, please contact us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely, the Stewardship Committee's members:

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