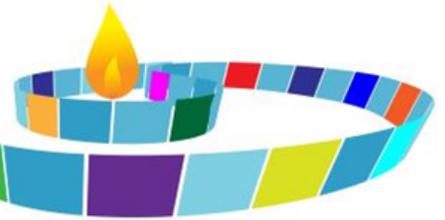


Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato

Love Beyond Belief



Dear Members and Friends of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mankato, as we journey through this time of daily events upending the world around us, we find ourselves feeling on edge, maybe even with a feeling of despair and worry over what we can do. It becomes difficult some days to maintain any focus, to know that what we do matters. But the work here at UUFM continues and becomes even more important at times of social uncertainty.

This brings us to the purpose of this letter- the kick off of our annual pledge drive. This past year we have transitioned to a lay-led fellowship. This has been not without a few hiccups in the process. But with the diligence and faithful attention from staff and volunteers within the fellowship, we have maintained the vibrancy and commitment to our community we have become known for. Our theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "We will find a way together." It is an invitation to us, individually and collectively, to dream about what we want UUFM to be at this moment in history, and then consider how pledging supports those dreams.

Each week in worship, we say, "Generosity is one of the spiritual qualities we aspire to, and one of the practices we nurture in this community." Here are just a few of the things your generosity has supported so far in the 2025-2026 congregational year:

- Weekly Sunday services with a range of guest speakers- some from within the fellowship, others from the community at large, and others yet from the pool of UU ministers willing to travel and share their talents with us. These services continue a long tradition at UUFM of seeking out a variety of views and spiritual paths.
- Continued commitment to providing fair pay for all of our dedicated and talented staff members.
- Hiring Jo Breckenridge as Sunday service accompanist
- Hiring Dan Possin as our technician for sound and audio
- Hiring Joci Follmuth as our new choir director and re- starting the choir.
- A double booth at SCMN PrideFest
- A Winter Solstice Celebration service
- Second Collections every month to support local organizations aligned with our values
- Multigenerational activities and outreach to young adults led by Macey Forsyth, Director of Lifespan Faith Development in addition to Children's Chapel and Nursery

- Hosting UU musician Peter Mayer for a concert and Sunday service.

We've done great work together, continuing UUFM's long tradition of ministry to each other and to the wider community. We want to continue to grow that ministry in the years ahead and continue to reach out to the community! This will require that we continue to fund this work while also keeping our budget as balanced as possible:

As we do each week with our offering in worship, we ask that you give as generously as you are able. Thank you for all the ways you support UUFM. The fire of your commitment burns bright, and with it we can do great ministry together!

In gratitude,

The UUFM
Board of
Directors