

## Words from our Members

"Over the last six years UUS:E has become like our extended family in Connecticut. I am especially grateful for the vibrant Religious Education Program at UUS:E where our daughter Anya is free to be herself, explore ideas, grow spiritually, relax, and have fun!"



*Tammy Stolzman, Religious Education Chair*

"For me, this beloved community extends beyond our four walls. The grounds, the memorial garden, and the organic garden speak our truth to care for the earth and each other. When we gather on Sundays, we feel the sacred connection not only to our building but to our grounds and know that we are one."

*Deb Gould, Building and Grounds Chair*



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# Building Beloved Community Through Generosity

## 2020/21 Annual Appeal

Unitarian Universalist Society: East

Rev. Joshua Pawelek, Minister

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At Unitarian Universalist Society: East we share many ideals and passions. We support one another in our common pursuit of making the world a better place. We draw strength from one another and welcome newcomers to join with us to enrich our community. It is through the generosity of members and friends that we are able to continue to build our beloved community, seeking justice and compassion in a complex world. We hope you will support the 2020-21 Annual Appeal as generously as you can.

*The Stewardship Committee – Adam Bender, Louisa Graver, Larry Lunden, Stan McMillen, Phil Sawyer*

## Words from our Minister, Rev. Joshua Pawelek



Though the years I've heard so many testimonials about the value UUS:E holds in members' and friends' lives. This is my spiritual home, my second family. UUS:E helped me discover myself anew when it was time to make a change. So many of you can point to life-affirming experiences at UUS:E. These experiences indicate to me that we are successfully building beloved community within our congregation. As you prepare to make your financial pledge for the coming year, I ask you to consider two things. First, like any growing congregation, our annual costs continue to rise and thus we continue to rely on your generous spirit. Second, please consider how UUS:E has been valuable in your life. Please pledge in response to that value. And as always, thank you for your generosity. Let's continue to build our beloved community through our generosity!

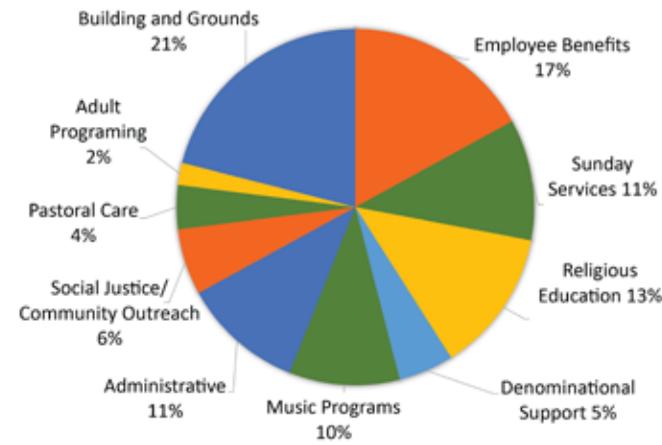


## Accomplishments in 2019/20

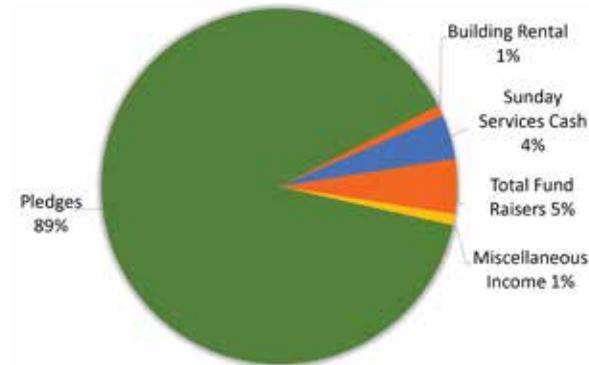
- We joyously celebrated the 50th Anniversary of UUS:E in a variety of ways.
- We launched a program of Legacy Giving in order to enhance our Endowment Fund.
- We continued to support of our sanctuary program.
- Our youth program is growing and several teens plan on attending General Assembly in June.
- We participated in the founding of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA).
- Our successful fund raisers continue to be important community-building activities.

## Goals for the 2020/21 Annual Appeal

- Support initiatives to enhance building security
- Fund our dues to the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance
- Better align staff compensation with the UUA guidelines
- Build for our future by funding a Membership Coordinator position



## Budgeted Expenses



## Budgeted Income

## Why Your Pledge is Important

- Your pledge is a commitment to provide a specified amount of financial support for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Your pledge, combined with those of our members and friends, provides the foundation upon which our leaders can build a reliable budget for the coming year.
- Your pledge contributes to strengthening our ministry, programs, outreach and service.
- Your pledge assures that UUS:E will continue to build a strong, vibrant, and forward-looking community.



## Words from Giina Campellone, Director of Religious Education

There are so many lessons I wish to provide the children and youth of our congregation. I want them to learn and embody the Seven Principles, to understand the sources of our faith, to recognize inequality and work for justice. Most importantly, I want them to know they are loved. I want them to know that here at UUS:E they are valued members of a Beloved Community, one that will support them in times of challenge and celebrate with them in times of joy. And what is the best way to foster this understanding? We just need to be here for them – and for each other – week after week, month after month, year after year. Doing so requires generosity of spirit, as well as generous financial gifts. When considering your financial pledge this year, please know that your gift helps us continue to build, grow, and sustain our Beloved Community. Thank you for pledging as generously as possible!



Did you know...



\*The difference made up from other income (fund raisers, rentals, gifts, etc.) and our reserves.