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Dear Members and Friends of the Union University Church,

Our church's fiscal year ends on April 30th and once again, we are pleased to report that the church's finances are healthy and we are ending the year in the black. Given the challenges of the past year and our inability to rely on in-person weekly offerings, our financial health is a testimony to the dedication and generosity of our members and friends. We want to express our deepest thanks to everyone who made the continued ministry of this congregation possible even in the most trying of times.

Although we hope that the restrictions of the pandemic will be easing in the next year, the church will be facing new changes that make your pledge increasingly important.

- Due to the positive response of the availability of online worship, we will continue to livestream worship in some form even when all Covid restrictions are lifted. This will bring exciting opportunities to expand the reach of the church and it will mean re-defining how we think about ourselves as a "congregation."
- The church hopes to acquire ownership of the church building before the end of the calendar year, giving us the freedom to renovate and improve the sanctuary facilities to better fit our needs.
- With some sadness, we will say farewell to Reverend DeMott who will retire at the end of 2021. The pastoral search committee has been at work for several months and hopes to have an interim transitional minister in place by January 1, 2022. The transitional interim will lead us through the process of long-term planning and selection of a new permanent pastor.

Although change is never easy, we hope that with your financial and spiritual support, we can remain a strong and vital church able to meet these challenges, and that in the coming years the Union University Church will be a continuing witness to inclusion and compassion, and be a source of strength and help to its members near and far.

In this packet, you will find:

- **a chart to show you the current distribution of pledges** so that you can see that we have quite a range of giving. Every pledge, small and large, will help with our future planning.
- **a brief summary of the projected budget** (recognizing that the ministerial budget in 2022 is unknown at this time)
- **our yearly volunteer sheet** to assist our Boards in organizing responsibilities for the 2021-2022 church year. Please take a few minutes to fill it out. If you have questions about any of the volunteer opportunities, feel free to contact a member of the Stewardship Committee.

Please return your pledges and your volunteer sheets to the church office by **April 30th**, either by mail or in person, or, you can email your pledge directly to our financial treasurer, Joan Bowden, at Joan_Bowden@yahoo.com

On behalf of the entire congregation, we thank you for your continuing support of the work of Christ through our church and look forward to another wonderful year of ministry. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email any of us at any time.

Sincerely,
The Stewardship Committee

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Projected UUC Budget 2021-2022

Ministry	\$74,770
Fringe & Benefits	20,257
Boards & Committees	1,325
Worship Expenses	13,583
Church Office	16,284
Church Center Expense	19,206
Sanctuary Expense	14,963
Transfer to Capital Fund	2,000
TOTAL	\$162,388

Current Pledge Distribution

Amount /Week	# of Pledges		Amount /Year	# of Pledges
\$10-19	7		\$550 or less	5
\$20-29	6		\$501-1000	2
\$30-39	1		\$1001-1500	6
\$40-49	2		\$1501-2000	3
\$50-59	9		\$2001-2500	9
\$60-69	2		\$2501-3000	10
\$70-79	2		\$3001-3500	2
\$80-89	2		\$3501-4000	1
\$90-100	3		\$4001-4500	1
\$100+	4		\$4501-5000	3
			\$5000+	2