



The Community Church of Chapel Hill

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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Dear Fellow Congregants,

What brought you to this beloved place? What holds you here in this beloved place?

I came to The Community Church looking for a place where I could grow and grow old, where I could explore spiritually, be in a multi-age community with people I loved, and be a part of doing good in the world; I found all that.

What holds me here is finding all of the above, plus joy. The joy I feel

- ❖ dancing around my yard as I listen to the Sunday service on my iPhone while Bianca Rodriguez solos with our heavenly choir
- ❖ thinking about the congregational meeting where we came together to vote on Sara Gush's ordination, the happiest, most enthusiastic, and best attended congregational meeting since we called a new minister
- ❖ seeing what our Religious Education program does for our congregation's precious children
- ❖ meeting on-line with our Lectio meditation group every Friday
- ❖ seeing faces I love in the Sunday morning on-line coffee hours
- ❖ participating in our church's commitment to social justice
- ❖ working with other Board members for the well-being of our beloved community

My joy is boundless.

I hope everyone of you knows you belong in our beloved community and has a sense of joy being here.

You all know how important this pledge drive is in terms of compensating our superb staff, keeping the lights on, and maintaining the programs in our church that serve our mission to provide spiritual growth, support and care for each other, and effect change through our love for the world. Please consider what joy this church brings you, what gifts it has brought into your life, and what good work we do in the world. I know you will be generous. I know you will do all you can to financially support our church.

And, wouldn't it be the best gift ever for Rev. Thom if all pledges were in when he returns from his sabbatical, if the Annual Pledge Drive were over and the staff had no follow-up contacts left to make? Let's do it! I know we can.

With love and joy,
Barb Chapman, President
Board of Trustees