

# A Stewardship Message from Mary Beth & Bill

On Saturday, March 7, more than 300 members of our church community will perform over 800 hours of service to the wider community. We'll do spring cleaning at Charles House, help feed needy families by working at TABLE, sing at senior centers, paint at El Centro Hispano and in Hillsborough at Habitat homes, and participate in more than a dozen other projects!

This Day of Service represents just a tiny fraction of the impact our church has in our lives and in the wider world every single day of the year. The Our Whole Lives program transforms the lives of our young people. The Insch Leadership Program helps our young people develop as leaders. Our Campus Ministry is a home away from home for so many young UUs. Our choirs provide a truly transformative community. Our small groups, like Women's Circle, the Mental Health Ministry, Covenant Groups, and so many more help us to create deep, impactful relationships. We show up to support one another during the hardest times in our lives, and honor life in the face of death. We lead powerful conversations in the wider community across divisions. We make our voices heard for social justice. We help each other live with greater environmental sustainability. This list just begins to scratch the surface.

As we serve the community on March 7, and as we reflect on everything the church makes possible in our lives, we will make our annual pledge to support the operating budget of the church through the Annual Pledge Drive.

Please pledge generously! The Operating Budget is the heartbeat of everything the church does day after day, week after week. Your pledge compensates our hard-working, devoted staff. Your pledge funds all of our programs from music and worship to caring and membership to our justice teams. It funds the operating costs and upkeep of our buildings.

Here is how to pledge:

- We will hand out pledge packets at the Day of Service on March 7 and on Sunday, March 8. All packets that are not picked up will be mailed on Monday, March 9.
- Online pledging will go live on March 7. It is easy to pledge online. There will be a link on the front page of the church website.
- Please make your pledge by Saturday, March 15.

As we serve the community, let us be mindful of all the ways the church serves us!

We feel so lucky to be a part of this caring community and we trust that you do, too. Thank you for being an important part of it. We couldn't do this without all of you!

With gratitude,

Mary Beth Powell & Bill Rote

