



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ARLINGTON VIRGINIA

A Place to Connect, Grow and Serve

LET US BE GRATEFUL...

Every week in church service we almost reflexively recite these words at the offering. We profess our covenantal and personal gratitude “when we are able to give”, “for the generosity of others”, and “even in our need”. Pledge month is the time to “walk the walk” of our gratitude.

Last week, Chad Ohlandt summarized the ways in which we at UUCA are privileged to be able to give to our community and our world with our support and service--PAG, AFAC, ASPAN, ALIVE*, Appalachian youth mission; VOICE**; Equality UUCA; Dreamers; Allyship training, Peace Camp just to list a few. We can do this because this church offers us a place to gather, to know one another’s minds, to organize, and to act in ways far magnified from what many of us as individuals could. That’s a privilege that many do not have.

We are seeing a remarkable demonstration of generosity and commitment from our congregation. Over the week between Celebration Sunday and through last Sunday, the number of pledges received doubled and pledged income exceeded \$700,000. This pace far exceeds that of previous years at the same point in time and we are approaching 50% of our goal as we approach the midpoint. This generosity enriches our spirits and encourages us forward in our own personal commitments, in appreciation and solidarity with the others in our congregation.

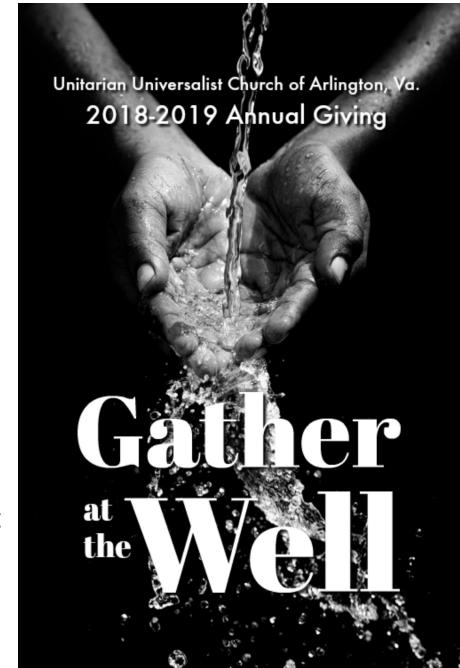
We have much to be grateful for in the generosity of support we have received from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) over the last year. This is all the more reason that we hope this will be the year UUCA can budget to pay it’s unreduced “fair share” to the UUA, something we haven’t done for a number of years. The UUA has reformulated its calculation of “fair share” this year resulting in a significant decrease of UUCA’s share, making the gap between what we have been paying and our share more easily achievable this year. UUCA’s current share calculates to \$85.47 per member for the year. There is much to be learned from the generosity of the UUA even when we may have fallen short.

Let’s all be grateful, thoughtfully consider our fair share of the financial support for our congregation, and act upon that gratitude.

If you have questions regarding pledging you will likely [find answers here](#).

You can ask an individual question at pledge@uucava.org.

If you are ready to pledge, you may also do so [online here](#).



We are at almost 50% of our goal, but “almost” is not 50%, and 50% is not 100%. Will we walk the walk of our gratitude and of our commitment? Will you?

*PAG-Partners with Arlington and Guatemala
AFAC-Arlington Food Assistance Center
AS PAN-Arlington Street Peoples's Assistance Network
ALIVE-Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically.

** VOICE – Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement