

‘TIS THE SEASON FOR FA-LA-LA-FINANCE

OPPORTUNITY

Deck the Halls With Bows of Bluegrass

Here we come a wassailing among the grass so blue. With December upon us, we all know it is the time of year to gather ‘round the fiddle for old time tunes and upbeat bluegrass. So come one, come all, to the concert in First Universalist’s beautifully renovated sanctuary on Friday, December 8th at 7pm with Old Eleven. Featuring Ted DeMille, Lincoln Meyers, Taylor Smith, Chris Dombrowski, & Eli Gilbert, Old Eleven is made up of some of the best bluegrass musicians around. Come hear them in our beautiful space and support the projects and programs of First U. \$12 tickets at the door.

CELEBRATION

Away in Gyepes, Yes Beds For ‘Our’ Kids

Have yourself a merry little schooling. All students in Gyepes are sponsored! On Nov 5 we succeeded in raising \$2,580 from 15 families to provide education support to 13 students in grades K through 12, plus one in Seminary. Our gifts provide about half of the education costs to provide safe transportation, housing, and food for these kids. They must board away to continue education beyond 8th grade, and those younger travel daily to schools in neighboring towns. The families are so committed to educating their kids (just like us), but in some cases it would not be possible without our participation.

TRANSPARENCY

It’s Beginning To Look A Lot Like A Balanced Budget

Silent budget, holy budget. All is calm, all is bright. Budget forecasts show a star, a star, shining in the night, that will bring us goodness, light, and a healthy half-way point in the fiscal year. (P.S. You’re the star! Yes, you!) Marge Titcomb, who unfortunately did not convey her thanks in carol form, nevertheless said, “Thanks to all who are signed up with their banks to send in regular checks to honor Annual Campaign pledges. It’s working! It

smooths out our cash flow, making my life as Treasurer so much easier.” With your Evergreen Holiday Fair participation on December 2 (and before and after!) and your December purchases of United Scrip Gift Cards, we will be exactly at our half-way point on both income and expenses as of 12/31/2017. Here’s to the financial health of 2017 and to continued fiscal health in 2018. Mazel-tov!