Second Congregational Church, UCC

Whoever you are, or wherever you are on life's journey, **You are welcome here!**

October 18, 2026

Reference: ***Our Community Thrives with Generosity***

Dear Fellow Congregation Members and Friends,

Today we embark on the theme which encompasses our congregation, our community and how we serve each other and our community. We will transition our traditional fall Stewardship campaign to a year round effort to draw attention to ways we serve each other and our community. You will see how we carry out this year round effort every month beginning today, October 18th. During our service on the third Sunday of each month the Seeds of Generosity will be initiated during which congregation members will provide a short example of how "Our Community Thrives with Generosity".

The graphic shown at right merges our logo with the theme for the year round effort. The tree of the Second Congregational Church with its branches reaching outward illustrates the focus we place on our community and how it thrives with generosity. As the year progresses we will explore the meanings of community and generosity and how our various types of support make our community thrive.



At this point you would traditionally be reading about how the cost of operations and benefits have increased, some dramatically. Looking at this from a slightly different perspective, consider what our theme would be if we did not have our building available and what each of us would then experience along with our community. Pledges account for 58.4% of our total income. Consider your generosity whether it is your time, skill or financial support; it is a vital aspect of how we help our greater community thrive! Please reflect on this as you experience the Seeds of Generosity during the coming year.

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Seeds of Generosity will be part of the services on October 18th, November 15th, December 20th and January 17th. Following the service on October 18th Stewardship packets will be handed out to those in attendance. For those not in attendance that Sunday the packets will be mailed on October 19th. We ask you return the Estimate of Giving by Sunday, November 15th at the latest. Updates on our progress will be provided in the weekly Open Door.

Also, please be on the look out in November for updated information on a new online giving platform that will be easier and more reliable to work with.

In anticipation of your continued commitment to the theme of "Our Community Thrives with Generosity" we say ***Thank You, Thank You, and Thank You*** for both your current support and your anticipated support in 2026!

Our Respectful Thank You,

The Stewardship Committee
Rev. Mark Riversong, Kathy Clark and Michael Day