

## A Message from our Minister Rev. Jennifer Kelleher



**Explore Spirituality.**  
**Engage Community.**  
**Transform the World.**

These action-inspired phrases, adopted by UUCSH as its mission at the close of 2015, spell

out what we hold at the upmost importance. It is the foundation of our faith community. Our hope for the coming years is to align our precious resources to best serve this mission. We will strive to deepen our personal spiritual growth, to enhance our ministry in the wider community, to provide vibrant and engaging faith development, worship, fellowship, service and justice-making opportunities.

It takes each of us: member, friend, and regular visitor, to further our mission by way of showing up, taking part, and by giving to our fullest capabilities. We are incredibly thankful for your generosity of spirit and substance. As we begin this year's Stewardship drive we invite you to look closely at the "Fair Share" giving chart. We ask that you make a financial pledge that reflects our shared commitment to our mission and our shared longing to be a strong, sustained presence of Unitarian Universalist values in Somerset County. In turn, we in leadership pledge to steward your funds with integrity and gratitude. Every contribution is essential. Together may we foster a legacy for future generations."

## Just the Facts

- Nearly 90% of our budget is funded by annual pledges from members & friends
- The cost to sustain our congregation is about \$3,000/family/year.
- Everyone is asked to become a **Fair Share** supporter of our spiritual community.

Fair share giving is a financial commitment to the congregation consistent with guidelines provided by the UUA. The Suggested Fair Share Giving Guide sets out a range of practical pledge levels, balancing income against financial responsibilities. Full details of the fair share categories and a description of how to determine your fair share pledge accompany this brochure.

### UUCSH Giving Recognition Program

- ★ All who pledge are listed
- ★ Chalice Level Recognition:
  - Bronze: \$2400+
  - Silver: \$5000+ or Fair Share Sustainer
  - Gold: \$8000+ or Fair Share Visionary
  - Platinum: \$12000+ or Full Tither

For more information, and to discuss your pledge see your visiting steward.

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## UUCSH 2016-2017 Stewardship Campaign:



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## Explore Spirituality



"One of the things I enjoy most about singing in choir is the depth and breadth of the music we get to sing. We've sung everything from Bach and Brahms to spirituals and other traditional choir music to Pharrell, Queen, and other pop artists and back again. You never know what you're going to hear next, and it's all relevant spiritually."

**-Scott Kitchen**



Neighboring Faiths Class Members Visit a Buddhist Temple

## Engage Community



Our Community Grows with the addition of new members!

"As recent newcomers to the area but longtime UUs, we are finding UUCSH a welcoming community with many avenues of involvement. Members have reached out and included us in various activities and we are grateful for the friendliness we find each time we attend a service or participate in other offerings."

**-Thalia Sudnik**

"I moved a few years ago from my UU Fellowship in Chapel Hill, NC. Now that the wonderful elevator is installed, I can worship weekly with you."

**-Jean Arlow**



The congregation helps our children create prayer flags

## Transform the World



UUCSH Volunteers for Stop Hunger Now

"I take part in social action initiatives for hope: by volunteering for the Giving Network, I try to give hope to those who may be struggling to find it; by learning how to be an ally to those who suffer discrimination, I hope to help make a more just world. This is at the heart of my UU faith."

**-Laura Meerovich**



UUCSH attends Friends of Nepal-NJ Awards Ceremony