

(OWL), Choir, Music, Pastoral Programs, Membership, Congregational Health, Canvass, Finance, Library, Sound, Volunteer Development, Volunteer Training, Unicamp, United Nations Office, Board and Management Discretionary Fund, Canadian Unitarian Council Program Fund, Capital Maintenance and Development, One Time Long-term Expenses, Unitarian Universalist Association Dues

• Pastoral Care:

Shared Ministry Groups, Joys and Sorrows, Benevolent Fund, Caring Outreach

• Fellowship:

Adult Potluck, Young Adult Potluck, Book Group, Sunday Fellowship Hour, Speakeasy Salon

• Social Justice:

Hamilton Out of the Cold, food donations to Neighbour to Neighbour, Housing Emergency Loan Program, Courage to Change Narcotics Anonymous, Green Sanctuary, Hamilton CarShare, Land's Inlet Nature Project, Hamilton350.org, tree planting, Plan B Organic Farm depot, Haiti Cheri, Grandmothers to Grandmothers, fair trade products, natural cleaning products

• Staffing:

All of these programs rely on the efforts of both volunteers and staff support, some of which are: Settled Ministry, Children's Religious Education Support, Music Director, Choir Director, Office Manager, Program Director, Cleaning Services, Accountant

• Administration:

Supplies and services, printing and copying, postage, telephone, copier lease, equipment purchases and rental

• Property and Grounds:

Interior and exterior maintenance and

renovation, house supplies, heat, insurance, electricity, water.

WHY SHOULD I PLEDGE?

Only you can answer this question, but here are some responses from people in our congregation:

- * Because it matters - to me, to my family, to all of us.
- * Because of the opportunities available here.
- * Because I can. After all, if I don't, who will?
- * Because of the person I am - and can be - in this church.
- * Because our church promotes values that are much needed in this world.
- * Because it's the fair thing and right thing to do.
- * Because I feel like I belong here.
- * Because the words and music of Sunday Service feed my spirit.
- * Because it is empowering.
- * Because it is as a result of past pledges that the church exists today.
- * Because it feels good and does good.
- * Because it is a sign of faith and trust in our church.
- * Because by pooling our resources we can make a big difference.
- * Because I love this place!

ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

Chair: Mary Eve
Pledge Sunday "Stone Soup"
Lunch Coordinators:
Gordon Beckett, Sue Stewart-Greene,
Ann Craig Howarth
Potluck Presentation Dinners
Coordinators: Doreen Knol and
Joanne Dear
Trainers: Gail Rappolt, Linda
Thomson, Michele Corbeil

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday October 18

- Pledge Sunday Service
- "Stone Soup" Lunch after the Service
- Sign up to attend Potluck Presentation Dinners

October 18 - October 28

- Potluck Presentation Dinners

To sign up for a dinner, please contact Doreen Knol or Joanne Dear

Please submit your response form by November 8.

Volunteer callers will contact non-responders beginning November 16.

Please deliver your pledge payment to the church by December 31, 2009.

ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2010

From you I receive, to you I give. Together we share, and from this we live.



The First Unitarian Church
of Hamilton

www.firstunitarianhamilton.org

WE ARE THE CHURCH
What does this mean?

We have entered into a covenant to build and take care of this spiritual home, to care for and commit to one another, and to carry out our mission into the wider community.

Just as we have benefited from the efforts of those who came before us, we are charged with ensuring the continuation of this church for future generations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our operating budget for 2010 is \$301,000 or about \$25,000 a month. We need to raise \$251,00 from pledges. This works out to almost \$1,000 for every Member and Adherent.

In 2009, fees of \$91 per member (not per household) were payable to the Canadian Unitarian Council. This means that it wasn't until the ninety second dollar of a member's pledge that it became available for our own church's needs.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. ED BROCK

The Hamilton Congregation is at a very important juncture in its history. Very soon the Search Committee will send out information to potential candidates for settled ministry at your church. The figure for salary package they will send off to those who are interested in being settled ministers at Hamilton will have a direct impact on how many candidates will show an interest in Hamilton. The larger the number of people who express an interest in Hamilton, the greater the possibility of your congregation finding a right match for your needs and potential. The amount you give right now will have a direct and far reaching impact on the future of the

congregation. The need for generosity is now. Please take time to consider your commitment to the congregation. Your congregation needs your generous support.

Best wishes on what I am sure will be a successful campaign.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT KATHRYN McINTYRE

I want you to think about a \$20 bill. I think of \$20 as being the \$5 of bygone days. Think how easy it is to spend \$20 a week—on daily coffee, a single lunch, a movie and popcorn. \$20 each week for 52 weeks is about \$1000.

Please increase your pledge if you can. You are giving to yourself.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TEAM

Like all Unitarian churches we are self-supporting. We do not receive any funding from external sources and must raise the funds necessary for the continued existence of all aspects and activities. Our ministry/worship services, our building and grounds, staff, administration, and internal and external programs.

When we sign our Member or Adherent cards, we commit to supporting this church. Once a year, during the annual Pledge Campaign, we ask Members, Adherents and others who share in the life of this church, to make a promise of financial commitment (a "pledge").

PLEDGING FOR 2010

All Members, Adherents and Participants in the life of this church will be sent Pledge Campaign information either by email or postal mail. Additional copies will be available on the

Pledge Campaign Bulletin Board, at the Information Stand, or online.

You are encouraged to attend an informative presentation and Potluck Dinner held in a congregant's home or at the church between October 18 and October 28. Sign up by contacting Doreen Knol or Joanne Dear.

Everyone is asked to complete their response form by November 8.

Completed response forms can be:

- placed in the Offertory basket on any Sunday between October 18 and November 8, or
- mailed to the church

You may also fill out and submit a response form online: go to the www.firstunitarianhamilton.org home page, click on Financial Support, and then click on Online Pledge Form.

A GUIDE TO GIVING

Is this your first time making a financial commitment to our church? Know that all pledges, regardless of the dollar amount, are of value and welcome.

Thank you for your support and faith in our spiritual home. Based on tax benefits that reduce the actual cost of your pledge, won't you consider increasing your pledge? If you were thinking of pledging \$1,500, why not pledge \$2,000 which will have a net cost of \$1,240?

OR

If you were thinking about pledging \$2,500, why not pledge \$4,000 which will have a net cost of \$2,430?

Here's how it works:

Family Income	%	Pledge	Tax Credit	Net Cost
20,000	3%	600	200	400
	5%	1000	360	640
30,000	3%	900	320	580
	5%	1,500	560	940
40,000	3%	1200	440	760
	5%	2,000	760	1,241
50,000	3%	1,500	560	940
	5%	2,500	970	1,530
60,000	3%	1,800	680	1,120
	5%	3,000	1,170	1,830
70,000	3%	2,100	805	1,295
	5%	3,500	1,370	2,130
80,000	3%	2,400	930	1,470
	5%	4,000	1,570	2,430
100,000	3%	3,000	1,170	1,830
	5%	5,000	1,970	3,030
120,000	3%	3,600	1,410	2,190
	5%	6,000	2,370	3,630
150,00	3%	4,500	1,770	2,730
	5%	7,500	2,970	4,530
175,000	3%	5,250	2,070	3,180
	5%	8,750	3,480	5,270

YOUR PLEDGE IS IMPORTANT

Your pledge will allow us to know in advance how much funding to expect. It is an essential part of determining a realistic budget. Pledges allow us to plan for possibilities in the life of this church - in all its forms. Here is a partial list of what is funded:

- Lay Chaplaincy
- Worship Services
- Programs and Activities:
Adult Education, Children's Religious Education, Youth, Our Whole Lives