

Where does our money come from?

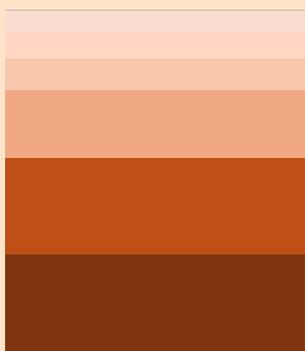
- 95% Pledges
- 5% Plate



2025 Income

And where does it go?

- 29% Ministry
- 28% Administration
- 20% Building
- 9% RE
- 8% Sunday Services
- 6% UUA



2025 Expenses

WHY PLEDGE?

Through your pledge, UUFB will continue to move forward together with the resources to meet our needs and carry out our mission. The Sunday morning offering provides only a tiny percentage of our income. Income through the Stewardship campaign funds nearly all of our operating budget.



2025 Pledges

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|----|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 20 | \$0-\$499 | 14 | \$3,000-\$3,999 |
| 14 | \$500-\$999 | 5 | \$4,000-\$4,999 |
| 14 | \$1,000-\$1,499 | 7 | \$5,000-\$5,999 |
| 6 | \$1,500-\$1,999 | 7 | \$6,000+ |
| 4 | \$2,000-\$2,999 | 91 total pledges | |

FULFILLING YOUR PLEDGE

You can pay your pledge through

- a single lump sum donation (a check sent with your pledge form or in a labeled envelope in the offering plate). If you pay by check, please put "pledge" in the memo line.
- a regular (monthly, quarterly, etc.) payment either in a labeled envelope in the plate, a monthly check you mail, or a payment directly from your bank, using its bill payment service. Again, put "pledge" in the memo line.
- Contact our Office Administrator if you wish to make a stock transfer or a direct transfer to UUFB as your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA. This reduces your taxable income, even if you don't itemize deductions.

As the year goes on, you may adjust your pledge up or down by contacting the Treasurer or Office Administrator.



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Gather the Spirit

2026 Annual Pledge Drive
Supporting our Fellowship

Harvest the Power



Our theme this year, “Gather the Spirit, Harvest the Power,” comes from one of our Fellowship’s favorite hymns. The lyrics capture the strength and resilience of our Fellowship during the gathering challenges that face our country and community. As we enter a time without a settled minister, it is more important than ever that all of us gather our spirits and harvest our collective energy, talent and generosity to keep our beloved community vibrant.

Our Fellowship has remained strong over decades of change and challenge, never diverging from our core values expressed in our UU Purposes and Principles and our own mission statement. So with this theme in mind, let us Gather our Spirit and Harvest the Joy as well as the Power this fall with a very successful pledge campaign.

THE GOAL FOR THIS YEAR IS \$267,000

It’s a very ambitious goal. These funds will enable us to Harvest our Power and strengthen our ties to one another. We have actually exceeded our pledge goal in the last two years. Can we do it again?

Let’s meet this pledge goal so we can:

- Attract a full-time minister to serve our congregation and be a leading voice for UUs in Montana.
- Increase our visibility in the Bozeman community through local radio and advertising efforts.
- Continue to offer inspiring Sunday services with stirring music, engaging religious education for all ages, and social activities that foster belonging.
- Live our values by supporting our staff with cost-of-living raises and other pay adjustments, including a meaningful salary increase for our knowledgeable, veteran Office Administrator, Christy, who has been instrumental in supporting our Fellowship through ministerial transitions and lay-led times.



Making your Pledge



When you fill out the pledge form - whether on paper or online - you make a good faith estimate of an amount that balances your commitment to the Fellowship with the resources you have to share. A pledge is a promise to contribute during 2026.

You may complete the *paper* form in the pledge packet, seal it in the envelope provided, and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail it in. Or use the “stewardship” button on our home page (uufbozeman.org/pledge) to securely pledge online. *All pledge information is confidential.*

The deadline to return forms is *November 14, 2025*, allowing the Board to use our known pledge income to plan UUFB’s expected expenses in the 2026 budget, which Fellowship members will vote on in January.