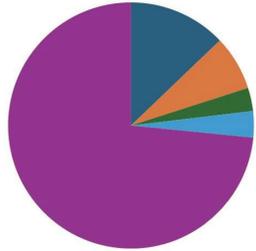


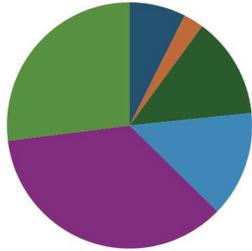
# Your Pledge Sustains Our Future

*Steward this moment with intention. Shape a spiritual, sustainable future rooted in love and justice.*

2025-26 Income



2025-26 Expenses



- RENTALS
- ENDOWMENT
- COMMITTEES
- PROPERTY
- FUNDRAISING
- PLEDGES
- ACTIVITIES
- STAFF
- DONATIONS
- ADMIN
- MINISTER

In the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027), our congregation’s expenses are projected to increase 4% or more. As a handy guideline, please see the table below for projected average weekly or monthly pledge increases based on last year’s average pledge of \$181/month or \$2,176/year.

As always, every pledge will be gratefully received no matter the amount. Please give what feels right for you. If you are able, please consider a pledge increase between 5% and 10%.

## Pledges of Members & Friends Last Year 2025/26

Numbers Based on Average Annual Pledge* of \$2,176 (\$181/month) for 2025/26	5% Increase for 2026/27	10% Increase for 2026/27
Average Annual Pledge for 2026/27:	\$2,285	\$2,394
Average Monthly Pledge for 2026/27:	\$190	\$199
Monthly increase over last year	\$15	\$18
Weekly increase over last year	\$3.47	\$4.14

\*Pledges come from “pledging units”, i.e., Family, Couple, or Individual

## There are Two Ways to Pledge:

- ◆ To pledge using the enclosed yellow pledge card, simply fill it out and return to the office via mail or in person by Friday, April 3rd. You can also put it in the Sunday collection basket.
- ◆ To pledge online, go to this link: [uupeterborough.org/stewardship](http://uupeterborough.org/stewardship)

If you have questions or wish to discuss your pledge, please send an e-mail to Stewardship Chair, Sarah Dengler at [sarahjdengler@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjdengler@gmail.com).



## Covenant of PUUC

As Unitarian Universalists, we embrace covenant as our foundation and love as our guiding principle. We strive to:

- ◆ Welcome, include, and appreciate a diversity of people and ideas
- ◆ Listen respectfully, speak honestly and directly, and assume good intentions
- ◆ Make decisions and take actions that promote justice and equity
- ◆ Support our community through generosity, service, and compassion
- ◆ Nurture our spiritual connections to nature and the sacred

When we fall short of our aspirations, we will accept feedback and work to heal harm. We will practice forgiveness and welcome it.

## Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Together,  
We Celebrate Our Legacy  
and Look to a Future with  
Love at the Center



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, April 23, 1973

This year is the 200th anniversary of our historic meetinghouse. With gratitude to those whose hard work and dedication built and maintained PUUC, we look toward sustaining our congregation, our meetinghouse, and our programs for those who follow us.



The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.

– MITCH ALBOM



The Governing Board and Rev. Lane pay a final visit to the high pulpit.

## The Living Tradition

PUUC has served many generations. Our congregation and meetinghouse are living testaments to our shared history and ever-evolving hope for the future.

During the past two centuries, both the meetinghouse and the congregation have changed with the times. Mid-20th-century growth brought a thriving church school, parsonage renovations, and ongoing maintenance of the bell, steeple, clock, and organ as well as restoration and accessibility improvements through late-20th-century capital campaigns, including an elevator and expanded office and education space.

In this century, the congregation strengthened its community mission by launching our free, weekly community supper, restructuring its endowment to support meetinghouse preservation and social justice, and embracing shared ministry in 2021.

Recent years have focused on accessibility, congregational identity through the “Who We Are” initiative in 2024, and the adoption of a new covenant in 2025, reflecting the church’s ongoing commitment to inclusion, service, and stewardship of its historic home. The most recent changes, such as accessibility and chancel remodeling, were developed to reflect who we are now and how we want to grow.

## Showing Up with Love

*Live our values now by building beloved community for generations to come:*

**Spiritual Ministry:** Sunday worship, monthly vespers, small groups, meditation, and dance fulfill spiritual needs for our members, friends and an increasing number of visitors

**A growing congregation:** Since September 2024, we have welcomed 20 new members, and 54 members have joined since the end of the pandemic, for a total of 138 members!

**A welcoming, accessible building:** Accessible pews; fully accessible chancel; sound panels and assistive hearing devices; large-print orders of service and hymnals

**Music Ministry:** Marybeth Hallinan has brought together a welcoming and enjoyable choir (no commitment or note-reading required!), special singing services, such as the Winter Solstice, and offers a peaceful reset with monthly vespers

**Community & connection:** Weekly community suppers; fUUn events – games nights; dinner with El’nu Abenaki; Hanukkah celebration, Valentine’s Day sock hop; The Harbor Coffeehouse; Muusic 4UU

**Families & intergenerational life:** The Nest and drop-in play group; Intergenerational Support Team; Sunday childcare

**Justice, compassion & outreach:** Immigration justice rooted in the dignity and worthiness of every person; response-ready for immigration enforcement actions; vigils for human rights and peace; renewed anti-racism work

**Caring:** Active ministry provides meals, cards, visits, and other support to members in times of need

**Special collections with matching funds:** Local non-profits supported through monthly collections, matched to \$500 from social justice endowment fund, including Project Home (support for asylum seekers); local food pantries; End 68 Hours of Hunger; MATS and Shelter from the Storm; Grapevine Family and Community Resource Center

What will love demand of us?

– REV. LANE



**Climate & renewable energy leadership:** Hosted Sun Week & Sun Day for renewable energy, and Window-Dressers for energy savings and economic justice.

## Looking to Our Future

*What we nurture today becomes the community we will cherish tomorrow.*

- ◆ Grow our Intergenerational Support Team, strengthening intergenerational ministry and community outreach identified in our exploration of “Who We Are”
- ◆ Sustain and support our dedicated staff who nurture congregational life: Rev. Lane, who inspires us at Sunday worship and offers loving pastoral care; Marybeth, director of music ministry, who leads our choir and vespers with soul and grace; Morgan, our talented and dedicated administrator; and Paul, on-site custodian who provides behind-the-scenes magic
- ◆ Open our newly renovated chancel for community performances
- ◆ Provide reliable Sunday childcare so parents can fully participate in worship
- ◆ Continue offering spiritual and ethical growth opportunities such as small group ministry
- ◆ Offer Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes for early primary grade children
- ◆ Maintain our historic meetinghouse and grounds including reviving aging gardens
- ◆ Continue participation in UU Sun Day and Sun Week environmental initiatives
- ◆ Offer welcoming rental space for community groups (12-Step programs, support groups, rehearsals, yoga, karate, LGBTQIA+ programs, and more)

