



Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this finds you well. I write with joy in my heart. I am mindful that the last two years have been exhausting and challenging for many of us. I am joyful because we will be **together again** in person for Easter Sunday Services on April 17.

Despite the profound challenges of the pandemic, UUFEC remains a home for Unitarian Universalists in the Emerald Coast. Through generous sharing of time and talent, we held weekly services, hosted children's events, cared for members with medical and other challenges, tended to our building and finances... **AND** we hired our fabulous minister, Rev. Ruth! Our open-hearted faith brought newcomers to our virtual Sunday Service.

We need each other and the Emerald Coast needs us.

I am grateful for all your gifts that made it possible to sustain UUFEC over these last two years. I invite you to offer a gift of treasure by making a pledge to our annual canvass. This year's canvass theme "**Together Again!**" reminds us that our community matters.

Please give as generously as you can to help UUFEC transition to in-person gathering. We have many exciting projects in the works! Hiring a new Director of Religious Education, continuing our Ministerial support, rebuilding our playground, making our building more accessible, sustaining and expanding our virtual presence, and much more!

We understand the pandemic has taken a financial toll on some members. The guidelines on the attached pledge form are a good place to start; some of you can give more and others less than suggested. We trust members to give as generously as their situation allows.

I can't overstate this: Every pledge matters.

Please return your pledge form by Monday, April 1. You can use the attached stamped envelope, or you can email me or Denny Lauer ([canvasschair@uufec.com](mailto:canvasschair@uufec.com)) an image of the form or simply the amount of your pledge. Feel free to contact either of us with any questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with thoughts, ideas or anything as we prepare to open our doors.

With gratitude and joy,

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