

## A Message from Rev. Mary

Participation in our annual Stewardship campaign is not only a way to fund our congregation, it is also a spiritual practice. Especially in these challenging times of war, partisan divisions, and the rise of so much hate and intolerance. It's a way to push back the weight of worry and despair that can whisper that nothing we do matters.

What we do together matters very much, as we can see from our celebration of OUUC's achievements and activities. And what we do individually makes up an essential part of what helps our congregation thrive. Each of us is a person with something to give, and each of our gifts makes a difference. Pledging together matters even more in times like these when spiritual sustenance and a sense of community are crucial.

As you make your pledge this year, please ask yourself: "What pledge would help me remember that I CAN make a much-needed difference?"

This is a time when our life-saving faith is needed more than ever. Please join me in making a one-time donation or on-going pledge to support all that we love at OUUC.

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