

Dear Members and Friends of FUUN,

As a congregation, you stand on the threshold of new beginnings while being firmly rooted in three-quarters of a century of history. I am filled with excitement and gratitude for all that lies ahead for the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville. May 2025 will mark the congregation's 75th anniversary, which will coincide with the calling of your next settled minister. These are indeed exciting times, brimming with promise and possibility. As I watch you embark on this next chapter of your collective journey, I am keenly aware of the vital role that each one of you plays in ensuring the continued vitality and vibrancy of your church community.

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is: Guided by Love, Transformed by Our Gifts. There is a transformative power in the collective act of giving. Together we can do what no one of us can alone.

It is with this understanding in mind that I reach out to you today, inviting you to join in supporting FUUN's mission and vision for the years to come. Guided by love, your generous gifts are integral to the ability to create and sustain a thriving community, one that serves as a beacon of hope and compassion in an often tumultuous world.

Your contributions enable everything you do as a congregation: maintaining your physical home, the sacred space where you gather in fellowship and worship; empowering and nurturing spiritual growth; living into your values in the wider world; and supporting your hardworking staff who labor tirelessly to craft meaningful worship services and educational programs that enrich lives and deepen a connection to the divine.

Moreover, your support will enable FUUN to extend its reach beyond its walls, striving to embody Unitarian Universalist values and make a positive impact in local and global communities. Together with others, guided by love, you can effect meaningful change, embodying the principles of justice, compassion, and love in all that you do.

It is my privilege to stand with you on the brink your next 75 years. Let us lean into the possibilities with confidence and conviction, knowing that we are supported by the collective strength of a shared commitment and generosity. Together, guided by love and transformed by our gifts, we can create a future filled with hope, love, and possibility.

Yours in the interim,

Rev. Diane Dowgiert
Developmental Lead Minister