Dear Beloved Friends,

We have weathered the challenges of the past together and we are thriving, transformed, in our community life. We have exciting things on the horizon, and to do them well we need to fund them well. To fund them well, we are asking everyone to seriously consider pledging for the first time or increasing their pledge.

I find myself holding anxiety in one hand and hope in the other hand. Every time I am at church – at every choir rehearsal, every Board meeting, every worship service, every team meeting – I find the hand holding hope is more full. Our congregation is on the threshold of new beginnings: in May of 2025, we will celebrate the <u>75th anniversary</u> of our congregation and, soon after that, the arrival of our new settled minister.

We have so many exciting things on the horizon and we need your gifts to make our mission a reality. Your gifts will help us create community through caring for each other and our church home; help us nurture spiritual growth by rewarding our hardworking staff for their creation of meaningful worship services and religious education programs; and provide support as we work together to act on our values here and in the larger world.

And I'm inspired by the Transformation Trust! Please take advantage of the commitments that have been made to match your pledges. Together, we can meet our goal.

Transformed by all of our gifts, our beloved community can step forward confidently into our next 75 years.

In love and faith.

Jessica Moore-Lucas President, FUUN Board of Directors