

Funding First Congregational UCC's Ministries:

How do I decide how much?

All our ministries happen because of members like you! We have friends who pledge everything between \$150 and \$20,000 each year. Your pledge is the *only* way we can plan each upcoming year's ministries. Here are some ideas that might help you think about weekly, monthly, or even yearly amounts to give:

- The music ministry (choirs, instrumentalists, organist) might inspire an amount that is equal to what you'd pay for a concert each week.
- Can you give a dollar for every 100 dollars your family earns in a year? How about 3? Or 5? Or maybe you are ready to tithe 10!
- Coffee hour might motivate a weekly pledge equivalent of the cost of a pastry and beverage from your favorite coffee shop.
- Would you increase your pledge by how much you pay for a subscription to Netflix or Amazon Prime?
- If your budget allows for a portion that you use for play or vacation, could you put a percentage of that play money toward the church? Or match the play money dollar for dollar?
- You might look over the 2018 ministry funding plan and pledge an amount that would end up supporting one board's ministries.
- If you are a member of a museum or a gym, maybe match the amounts you spend on those memberships.
- Perhaps you could increase your current donation by one of the amounts on this list.

Consider how First Congregational Church's ministries support peace with justice, compassionate caring, personal renewal, the arts, education across the lifespan—so many of life's treasures which help bring about the Shalom of God in the world!

Where else can your giving mean so much?

