

Why pledge?

As a covenanted congregation, we believe that a financially healthy church is our shared responsibility. We are self-sustaining and our primary source of financial support comes from our pledges.

Our members approve the budget and raise the money to support it. Our pledges allow BRUU to be a safe community for seeking and service and a voice of love and social justice in the larger community.



Back in the Middle Ages, a steward was responsible for managing a noble estate. This tradition has come down to us today, as we seek to be stewards of our cherished BRUU home. I hope we all take advantage of this stewardship opportunity by thinking about what we want for the future of BRUU and by contributing through our actions and our financial support.

--Art Muirhead, Past President
Board of Directors



What are the FY25-26 pledge priorities?

The Board is proposing a FY25-26 pledge drive goal of \$351,000, a 11% increase from last year. This increase is needed to

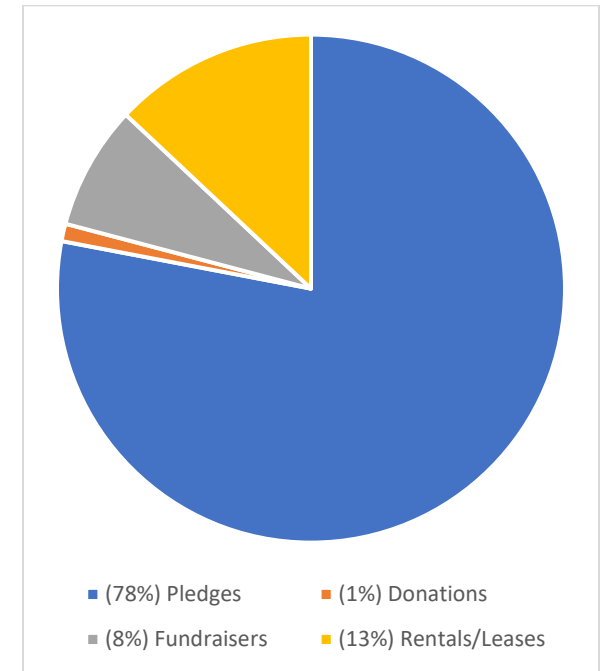
- (1) fairly compensate our salaried positions and provide benefits per UUA guidelines.
- (2) fund our programmatic and outreach activities without relying too heavily on fundraising and rentals.
- (3) cover needed repairs to our building through our operational budget rather than capital funds. We have tapped our reserves too often in recent years, and we need to make sure that our expenses are balanced by income.

During this coming fiscal year we want to ensure that we do well in our basic programming, support the maintenance needs of our building, and be a good employer to our staff.

What's our FY25-26 proposed budget?

The Board is considering a proposed budget for FY25-26 of \$450,000. Pledges are projected to account for 78% of income, with the remaining coming primarily from fundraising and leases/rentals.

FY25-26 PROPOSED INCOME BY SOURCE



How do I submit my pledge?

For maximum flexibility, there are a number of ways to submit your pledge:

- Pledge online at <https://www.bruu.org/www2/donate-to-bruu/donate-online/>
- Give the completed form to your canvasser.
- Put your pledge form in the collection plate during a Sunday service.
- Drop your pledge form off in the office with the administrative assistant.
- Turn in your pledge to the treasurer (either in person or via mail slot).
- Scan and email your signed form to treasurer@bruu.org.

*THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!*



2025 stewardship events

We will strive to make stewardship a year-round focus of the congregation rather than simply a concern at pledge time. We will stress to both current and new members that stewardship is not only a financial pledge; it's a commitment to leadership and offering of time and talents to the congregation throughout the year.

February 20: Board approves proposed FY25-26 Budget

February 22: Canvasser Training

March 2: Stewardship Sunday and Stewardship Stew

March 2 – March 31: Pledging Period

April 12: Celebration Dinner

June 1: Annual Meeting

FY25-26 BRUU ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

