



Unitarian Universalist Community of Casper

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Merry Meet Members and Friends,

It is with extreme gratitude that we thank all of you who have been donating so very generously this fiscal year (July 2023 – June 2024). Our new Board of Trustees, after all the changes last year, has remained true to their vow to return to our roots of a congregation governed community with transparency in leadership.

Since becoming a lay-led spiritual community once again, the Programming Committee under the guidance of chair Megan Jessup continues providing us with beautiful, quality services. Their efforts are inspiring many of our members and friends to step up providing a wide range of topics and service types.

Through your generosity we are able to continue providing a home for our beloved spiritual community. These funds go to maintaining and improving our beautiful building and grounds. They also help us remain inclusive and accessible by providing Zoom broadcasting of Sunday morning services allowing members and friends to attend from home or while traveling. This virtual setting gives nervous guests the opportunity to check us out in a less intimidating manner and for us to welcome guests from all across the country and around the world! Finally, the funds help us further our mission in being a visible UU presence in Casper through our Care N Share program and the Justice & Equality Group supporting local non-profits like personal care items for the homeless, Special Olympics, Casper PRIDE Fest, Seton House, and more.

Being a small, independent UU community we rely not only on the time, knowledge, and talents of our volunteers but also the generosity of all those who give financially. Living in these chaotic times, many of us don't have as much to give. *That's okay*, being here and participating *is giving*. This has given us fewer funds to work with. Realizing this, the Board proposed and we as a community agreed at the 2022 Annual Meeting on June 30, 2022 to run a deficit budget this fiscal year reducing funds where possible and using some of our savings instead of cutting programs. The Board estimated we would be slightly under budget this year (2023-2024). At the end of our 2022-2023 fiscal year, our operating savings fund balance was \$29,845. As of March 3, 2024, the balance is \$29,094. As you can see, we have been.

This year as the Trustees continue planning for UU Casper's future, it is still very important to know how much revenue will be coming in. The biggest way we can learn this is through our annual Spring Pledge Drive. This is where you can help. We are enclosing a pledge form for you to complete and return in the next couple weeks. Please return the form even if you can't make a financial commitment. It still helps with our planning. You can return the form by dropping it in the collection basket, handing it to Treasurer Elizabeth Jo, e-mailing it to admin@uucasper.org, or mail it to UU Casper, Attn: Treasurer, 1040 West 15th, Casper WY 82604.

You are welcome to contact Treasurer Elizabeth Jo Otto (307-247-4407, elizabethjo@uucasper.org) with your questions or comments. **All such communications, pledges, and donations will be kept strictly confidential.**

With love and extreme gratitude,
UU Casper Board of Trustees

Cindy Wright, President
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Pledge payments can be made by dropping cash/check (don't forget to designate it) in the collection basket, by check sent to UU Casper's address, or online (uucasper.org/ donate).

Reminder:

My operating fund pledge to the Unitarian Universalist Community of Casper for the fiscal year July 2018 through June 2019 is:

\$_____, to be paid \$_____ per _____