Top Ten Reasons to Pledge!

1. Because YOU matter
2. Because our wonderful staff matters
3. Because our children and youth matter
4. Because our beautiful sanctuary building matters
5. Because everyone we serve matters
6. Because the more we give, the richer we feel!
7. Because Radical Love in Action requires financial as well as spiritual commitments
8. Because CVUUS matters in our community, and
9. Because CVUUS is self-sustaining
10. Because “Together we share, and from this we live.”

“We were originally drawn to CVUUS for the Our Whole Lives program, which we wanted our children to experience. Once we started attending services, though, we realized that there were treasures to be found for our entire family. We’ve been attending since shortly after the election of 2016 and have found that the sense of community and social justice abundant at CVUUS has been essential to our wellbeing as a family during an incredibly challenging time in human history.”

Amy Mason

“In CVUUS we found a spiritual place where we did not have to reinterpret what was said. We could develop and experience our own spiritual growth within the UU framework, supported by thoughtful fellow travelers. We found camaraderie in groups that worked well together, whether formal or informal. And we found valuable activities in which to use our time and talents. We sincerely value CVUUS, our spiritual home.”

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#RadicalLoveInAction
**Worship = $98,630**

We come together on Sunday mornings for congregational worship, in a weekly Buddhist sangha on Sunday evenings, in small group ministries, and with worship rituals like chalice lightings and opening words on numerous other occasions. In so doing, we deepen our connections with ourselves and others, and with the Spirit of Life. We invent new forms of communion, sing and perform diverse forms of music, testify to personal beliefs, and share the joys and sorrows of our lives.

- Our Minister, Rev. Barnaby Feder
- Our Choir Director, Lucy Tennenbaum
- Our Accompanists, Kate Gridley and Chuck Miller
- Our lovely sanctuary building
- Beautiful flowers
- Guest speakers and musicians

**Community = $128,220**

Our congregation is a living and growing community, within a living and growing community. We create a culture so open that all who step through our doors are welcomed, accepted, supported, and encouraged in their spiritual journeys. We provide multiple pathways to strengthen and deepen our connections and commitment to personal growth, to one another, to CVUUS, and to Unitarian Universalism.

- Our Caring Network extends help to all who need it.
- Our Hospitality ministry provides food and drink to draw us together
- We gather for common interests, e.g. women’s group and writers’ group.
- Events like the Service Auction and the Rhubarb Festival bring us together.
- We gather to memorialize the lives of friends we’ve lost.
- We participate in General Assembly and regional UU events and programs.
- Our beautiful building provides a community “home.”

**Learning = $55,890**

We enable people of all ages to grow and flourish as human beings and as Unitarian Universalists through education, action, and reflection on their experiences. Under the leadership of our Director of Religious Exploration and the RE Council, we have a strong, diverse and fun Religious Exploration program for kids aged 3-18, and nursery care for the little ones, as well as Summer RE activities for all ages.

- We run OWL (Our Whole Lives) sexuality and spirituality programs in three age groups.
- The Neighboring Faiths program introduces older kids to religions both local and from around the world.
- The Kids for Kids program involves RE students in service projects to benefit kids in need.
- Our Youth Group helps social service agencies in the area do their work.
- Our Youth Choir and No-Rehearsal Pageant help kids participate meaningfully in worship and even run services themselves.

**Social & Environmental Justice = $46,028**

Through our worship, our classes, and our shared personal experiences, we recognize where oppression, greed, and ignorance bring inequality, exploitation, and needless destruction to humans, animals, and the environment in which we live. We build homes for the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe those lacking suitable garments, and sponsor justice-related educational opportunities.

- We connect immigrant workers with government and social service agencies.
- We participate in protests against gun violence and environmental destruction.
- We participate in the Green Sanctuary Program.
- We provide a safe haven for youths with socially-challenged sexual and gender identities to meet.
- We donate tens of thousands of dollars annually to organizations working against injustice in all its forms.

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**“We come here to learn more about being in relationship together; how to listen, how to forgive, how to be vulnerable, and how to create trust and compassion in one another.”**

Erika A. Hewitt

**“A vast encompassing universalism has ever been the condition of our world… Beyond the orbit in which we move is the pulsating, ever-changing universe. Individually we grow with the growing awareness of our relatedness to all that is.”**

Clinton Lee Scott

**“We are often called to do the difficult, if not the seemingly impossible, and it is vital to our spiritual growth that we not ignore these challenges.”**

Janice Marie Johnson

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**“I have been going to CVUUS my whole life. Participating in every RE program shaped my childhood and my current belief system. In my early years in Chalice Children, I met many other kids that I then grew up with and with whom I still remain friends. I still think back to my wonderful experience in RE because I know my exploration of truth has and never will end.”**

Silas Conlon, lifelong UU