



The Stewardship Committee and the Board of Trustees at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Brazos Valley would like to invite you to dinner on Saturday, April 13 from 6pm-9pm. We'll be serving dinner and sharing our dreams for the year ahead. As a part of this evening, we will solicit your generosity and investment into the future of this growing and vibrant church home as a part of our Stewardship Drive for 2024. Childcare will be available and will include pizza and a movie, but we welcome anyone of any age to participate if they are interested in being a part of the discussions about how our families can support our church.

We are excited to come together in the upcoming 2024-2025 year as a congregation that is ***Growing In Service.***

We have so many exciting activities happening at the church, and we are depending on the members and friends of UUCBV to help steward these ministries into reality. Join us as we are:

Growing in Service to our **Values** - as a church that is growing steadily, with new faces joining us each Sunday, we remain committed to our Unitarian Universalist values. Faith development for both our youth and adults needs our support to ensure that we maintain a thriving, covenantal community that honors inclusive, welcoming, and multicultural ideals.

Growing in Service to our **Ministries** - as we settle into our new church building, the church calendar is full of exciting opportunities for connection and spiritual growth. From fiber arts, homeschooling support, and gardening groups, our ministries need our financial commitment to foster community-based ministries in our faith home.

Growing in Service to our **Staff** - Our Unitarian Universalist values call us to maintain fair wages and benefits for our employees and contractors. We are blessed as a church to have an exceedingly competent and motivated staff. Our faithful stewardship of UUCBV will allow us to meet fair compensation recommendations and retain our valued staff.

Growing in Service to the **Community** - UUCBV continues to make connections in the Bryan, College Station, and the wider Brazos Valley communities and is becoming recognized as an important justice partner among both secular and spiritual allies. When we are able to gather the generous resources

of our community, we are able to make an exponential impact on the Beloved Community that we are building together.

Our Board of Trustees has asked our community to raise \$180,000 in pledges for the coming fiscal year. Last year, our annual pledges ranged from \$60 to over \$10,000 with the average pledge being less than \$4000 per year. Regardless of what level you are able to pledge, every form returned will give the Board important information as they plan for the year ahead. Last year, more than half of our members increased their pledge from the previous year; if it's possible for you to do that this year, we would be very grateful.

Please go to our website at brazos-uu.org/stewardship where you will find information on how UUCBV has spent its funds in the past, how we plan to spend our funds in the upcoming year, and information on recommended giving from the Unitarian Universalist Association. A copy of the Pledge Form is available to download on the Stewardship page. Pledge Forms will also be available at the church office. If you are unable to attend the dinner and would prefer a home visit, we will arrange a time to bring you a Pledge Form and answer any questions you might have about our Stewardship Drive; please call the church office at 979-213-8789 or request a home visit through the Stewardship Page at brazos-uu.org/stewardship.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Brazos Valley is grateful for your presence in our church community. We're looking forward to deepening our connections, making a difference in the world, and *Growing In Service* with you in the year ahead. Please join us on April 13 for fellowship, food, and framing the coming year. Help us plan ahead and spend wisely on this event by RSVPing by April 8 to brazos-uu.org/stewardship.

In faith,

Darbi Lockridge & Carolyn Clark *Rev. Kiya Heartwood* *Joyce Langenegger*
Stewardship Co-Chairs Minister UUCBV President