



## Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula

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February 6, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of UUCMP,

One of the things we appreciate about the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula (UUCMP) is the variety of interests and life stories we bring together, in a shared search for spiritual connection. This is one of many aspects of UUCMP worth treasuring – please see the next page for some thoughts in that regard.

This church thrives, thanks as much to the active engagement of our members, friends and visitors, as to the professional contributions of our ministers and staff. We depend on each other for the attention, effort and financial support that make our church programs possible.

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) provides an organizational framework and thought-provoking thematic suggestions for use by member congregations. What it does not provide is any set of mandatory beliefs required of UU members. Nor does it provide regular funding to member congregations – quite the contrary, the member congregations contribute funds each year so the UUA can operate on our common behalf. This is very much a member-driven enterprise.

Is your financial commitment important? Think of it this way: if financial resources are the fuel which keep our church going, which enable the professional staff and volunteer efforts, then the amount pledged for the coming year let staff and volunteers plan where and how far we can go on our shared journey. Pledges reduce the guess-work of proposing a budget for congregational approval.

To help you with this prospect, elsewhere in this packet you will find:

- A graphic depiction of UUCMP's finances;
- "How can I..." procedures for submitting a Financial Commitment (pledge)
- A "How can I..." list of available methods for donating to UUCMP
- "How can I..." procedures for seeing your personal Giving history at UUCMP

We encourage you to consider what UUCMP means to you, and how your generous contributions of time and financial commitment can make a difference in the world. Please keep an eye on the weekly "e-news" emails, and an ear on Sunday pulpit announcements, for information about this year's budget drive. Our formal campaign kickoff will be on Sunday, February 15. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Your UUCMP Stewardship Committee:      Robert Brunson, Carol Collin, Katie Hamilton,  
Gretchen Hausmann, Steve Johnson,  
Jo Ann Novoson, Rev. Axel Gehrmann



## Why do we believe UUCMP is special?    How does UUCMP call to us?

Serving as a spiritual sanctuary in a turbulent world – shelter from the storm – UUCMP’s community of curious, supportive fellow travelers offers a place to:

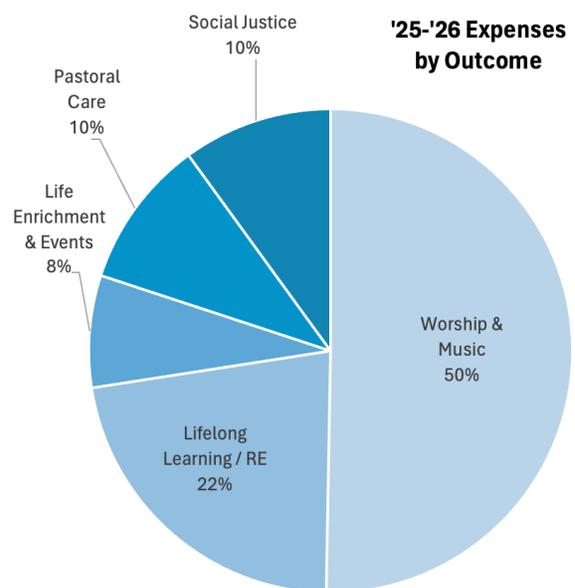
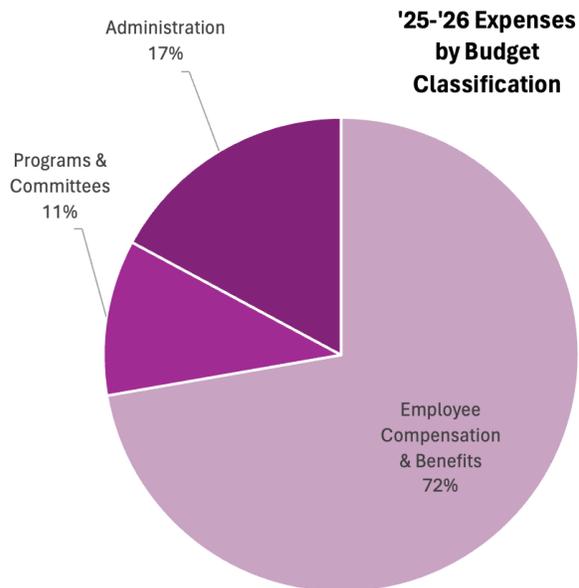
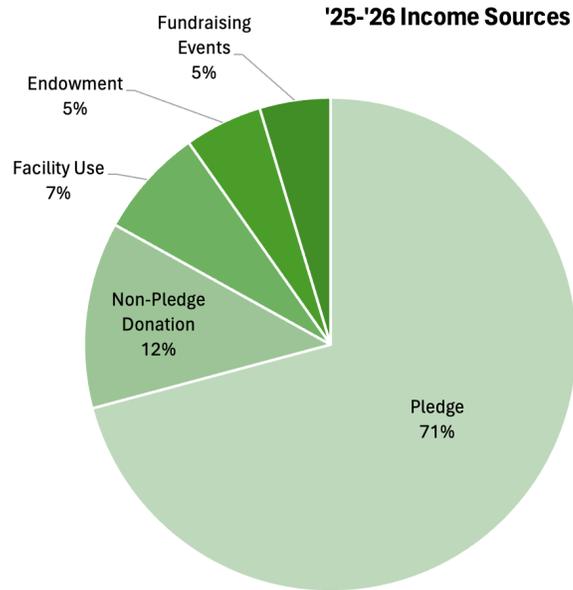
- **Belong** – to a “church home,” where we receive acceptance, care, and comfort, and give the same to others, knowing that we are safe here to be ourselves.
- **Cultivate** personal meaning and purpose in life – to find spiritual inspiration, via many paths, and without dogma.
- **Be reminded** of our influence in and responsibilities to society and our shared planet, as individuals and as part of a larger whole.
- **Consider** moral and ethical perspectives, as we each work on becoming a better person.
- **Act** together for compassion, equity and justice, fulfilling our covenant to “demonstrate love in all we say and do.”
- **Encourage** children to learn; show them how to grow into thoughtful, caring, confident adults
- **Grapple** with the prospect of our own mortality
- **Laugh**, sing, play, create – to have fun!
- **Share** our good fortune with others – to exercise generosity of time, effort, wisdom and wealth
- **Celebrate** the daily miracles of existence in this vast universe

How do these ideas resonate with you? Would you add other experiences to the list? Our Mission Statement encapsulates the various themes: “Welcoming all, we worship together with loving hearts and open minds, promoting peace, equality and respect for the Earth. Questioning, reflecting, learning, leading ... we change ourselves as we change the world.”

**Our collective generosity powers UUCMP.** We are all partners in this enterprise – to apply a show business analogy, we are committed producers, rather than an entertained audience. Consider that most of UUCMP’s annual income (projected to be \$696K in the current church year) comes from financial commitments – pledges – declared and fulfilled by members and friends of the congregation; that is, by each of us. Your share in this ongoing effort is vital. Thank you!

## UUCMP'S FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

For the balanced budget of \$695,918 approved by the congregation on May 4, 2025:



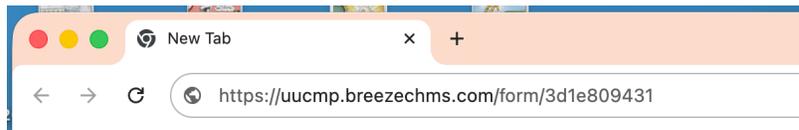
# HOW CAN I .... ??

## How can I register my financial commitment for the upcoming church year?

1. You can connect to the online Financial Commitment form for the 2026-2027 fiscal year by copying or typing this link into your web browser address field and pressing Enter or Return:

<https://uucmp.breezechms.com/form/3d1e809431>

This is how that would look with a Google browser, for example:



You can reach the same online form by using this QR code with your smartphone camera:

(Note: this is a *different QR code* than the one given below for Online Giving.)



Financial Commitment: UUCMP General Fund, 2026 - 2027

**THANK YOU**

for committing to financial support of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula. Your contributions to fulfill this commitment will be credited to the church's upcoming fiscal year, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Today's date: \*

Submitter's Name (just one name, please; for multiple names, use the "Acknowledgement listing" below) \*

First Name

Last Name

Email \*  
This address will receive a confirmation email

Description

Please fill out this form and click the green "Submit" button at the bottom.

If you need to make a change later, please fill out a replacement form and check the box near the bottom that says, "This form replaces one I/we submitted earlier."

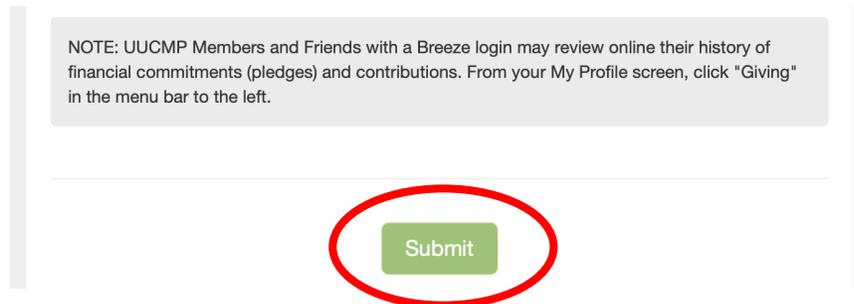
***You do not need to have a Breeze login to use this online form!***

It is available for anyone, anywhere.

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## VERY IMPORTANT!!

Be sure to scroll down and click SUBMIT at the bottom of the form, when you are ready.



If you exit the form page without clicking “Submit”, then any data you have entered on the form will be lost.

Want to change a form you submitted earlier? Please complete an updated form, and check the box that says, “This form replaces one that I/we submitted earlier.”

OR, IF AN ONLINE FORM DOES NOT APPEAL:

2. Complete a printed paper form – one is included elsewhere in this packet.

You can either mail the completed form to the church office (the address is at the top of the form), put it in an envelope in the Sunday service collection basket, or give it to one of the Stewardship Committee members at the Welcome Hall table, after Sunday services.



## FINANCIAL COMMITMENT to UUCMP General Fund 2026 – 2027

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<https://uucmp.breezechms.com/form/3d1e809431>



TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SUBMITTER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(just one name, please; others can be listed in "Acknowledgement" below)

YOU CAN REACH ME AT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a mobile number? Y / N \_\_\_\_\_

THIS COMMITMENT IS FOR (please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ My Family \_\_\_\_\_ Just Me

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – please show as \_\_\_\_\_  
(for example, "Mary and John Smith" or "The Smith Family")

I / WE PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE A TOTAL AMOUNT FOR 2026-2027 OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*A commitment to UUCMP of 5% or more of your annual income ("AGI" from your tax form) represents a noteworthy and much-appreciated level of support for our church.*

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_ The commitment amount is 5% or more of annual income [circle Y or N below]  
You may publish my / our name as a UUCMP Five Percenter Y / N

\_\_\_\_\_ I / we plan to increase our commitment to the 5% level within 3 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 5% is beyond my / our reach right now

Would you like to discuss donation or bequest of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other property? Y / N

\_\_\_\_\_ (please check if applicable) There is something else I / we would like the church to know about this financial commitment, or I / we have a question. [Please write your comments on the back of this form.]

NOTE: UUCMP Members and Friends with a Breeze login may review online their history of financial commitments (pledges) and contributions. From your My Profile screen, click "Giving" in the menu to the left; adjust the start date.

## How can I give to UUCMP, to fulfill my commitment or otherwise donate?

1. Put cash, or a check payable to “UUCMP”, in the Sunday collection plate. If you want a cash donation to be recognized as coming from you, please put it in an envelope with your name on the outside. If it’s for a special purpose (like a pledge payment, or I-HELP donation), write that on the envelope, too. Use a check’s memo line the same way – let the church know if it’s for something other than a general donation.
2. Mail a check to the church office (UUCMP, 490 Aguajito Rd, Carmel, CA 93923).
3. Use your bank’s “Pay Bills” feature to have the bank print and mail a check to UUCMP. You can set that up to be a recurring payment, if you like. There is usually no charge for this service. Please use the “note” feature to print the intended use of the donation on the check.

*[Methods 4 through 7 incur service fees, typically around 3.5%. Fees are deducted from the funds transferred to UUCMP by the transaction processor. You may have an option to add payment for transaction fees to your electronic donation, to provide the church with the full amount of your intended contribution.]*

4. If you have a PayPal account, you can use the PayPal app on your mobile device to send funds to [paypal@uucmp.org](mailto:paypal@uucmp.org). You can also use the link to PayPal on the church’s website, <https://uucmp.org>. Please add a transaction note to explain the intent of your donation.
5. You can use Breeze Online Giving, whether or not you have established a Breeze login ID, by connecting your browser to <https://uucmp.breezechms.com/give/online>. You can also open Breeze Online Giving by using this QR code:



The first time you use this, you will be prompted to enter credit card information. If you have a Breeze login ID, you can activate this feature by clicking “Give Now” or “Give a Gift” on your Dashboard page. Please select which Fund will receive your donation – you will see a list (such as “2025-2026 Pledge Payments” or “KAZU”).

6. With Breeze Online Giving, you can choose to send funds directly from your bank account via Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) transfer, rather than using a credit card. You will need to provide your bank account information to set this up.
7. You can use Text-to-Give, another Breeze service. Text a dollar amount to **(831) 525-0490**. The first time you use this, you will be prompted for credit card information. Funds are treated as general (unspecified) donations unless you add one of these keywords after the amount: **Pledge, SharedPlate, I-HELP, KAZU, Campout, Endowment, Building**.
8. If you would like to donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or property, please contact the UUCMP Treasurer. Instructions are available on the Donate page at <https://uucmp.org>

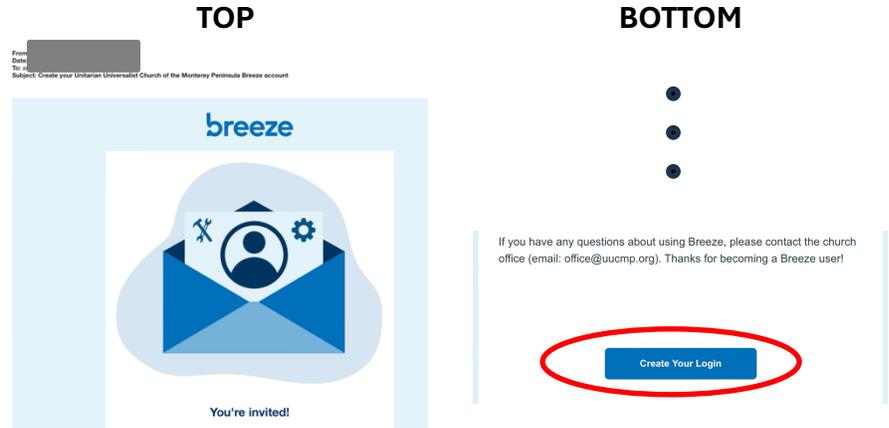
## How can I see my financial support profile at UUCMP for last year, or earlier?

If you have ever donated money to UUCMP, you have a financial profile in the church's online database, the Breeze Church Management System. Members and Friends of UUCMP can request their own logins for Breeze access by emailing a request to [office@uucmp.org](mailto:office@uucmp.org).

You will receive an email that looks like this:

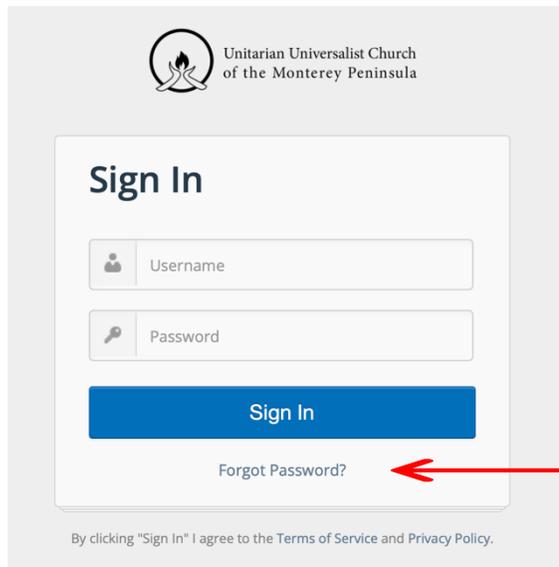
Please read the entire email before clicking anything. Click "Create Your Login" only once.

The email is unique to you. Please do not share it with anyone else – they will need to request their own.



Once you have established a Breeze login ID and password, follow these steps to check your financial history (including pledges) at UUCMP:

1. Sign into Breeze ( <https://uucmp.breezechms.com/login> ).



[Note the "Forgot Password?" link here, just in case]

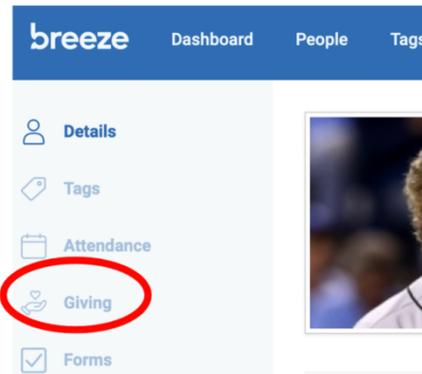
2. When your Dashboard page appears, click either "My Profile" link.



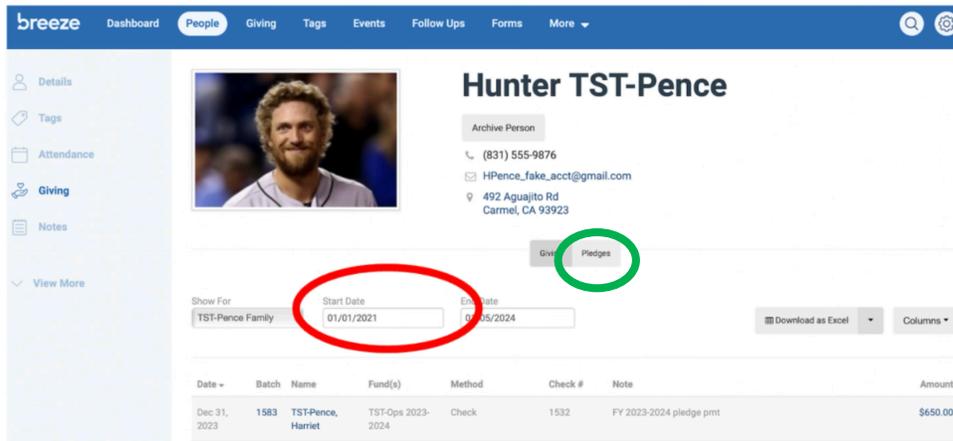
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3. When your Profile page appears, you will see a menu listing on the left side of the page.

Click “Giving” on this left-side menu.



4. Your Giving transactions at UUCMP will appear, for the date range shown in the “Start Date” and “End Date” blocks. “Start Date” defaults to January 1 of the current year, and “End Date” defaults to today’s date. Change the “Start Date” (circled in red below) to see history earlier than this calendar year.



5. To see your history of financial commitments – pledges – click the light-grey “Pledges” box right below your name and address (circled in green above). For each fiscal year in which you made a financial pledge, you will see the total amount paid to fulfill the committed (pledged) amount. Click “Details” on the left side to return to your Profile page.

