

## OUR HUMAN NEEDS APPEAL

FOR MORE than 55 years the Human Needs Appeal has distributed funds from University Temple members' pledges to organizations that work to solve social-justice problems and serve the needs of people in the University District.

IN 2020, the Human Needs Appeal has aided the Country Doctor Free Teen Clinic, the Elizabeth Gregory Home, the People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Teen Feed, the United Churches Emergency Fund and the University District Food Bank.

OUR SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTORS SAY:

*"The generosity of University Temple over the years means the world to us. Your faithful support helped build our confidence when we decided to add Sunday as an additional day of service provision — a day that our unhoused women declared as the most difficult to access essential services."* – Ruth Herold, executive director, Elizabeth Gregory House.

*"We will apply your University Temple donation to our food budget, funds we can use for Packs For Kids, Walk-In Food Bank, Home Delivery, and our off-site pantries."* – Paul Yunker, Food Bank development director

*"We use each donation we receive from you to pay for medications and medical supplies that go directly to the homeless youth and young adults we serve. Thank you, University Temple, for all you do."* – Amy Wesner, UW Youth Clinic manager

IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, please help us continue our tradition of reaching beyond our church boundaries to those in need. Please consider a generous pledge to the Human Needs Appeal.

## HOW MUCH DO I PLEDGE?

Make a pledge that is meaningful for you. Consider how University Temple impacts your life. Look at the Human Needs Appeal to see some of the ways it impacts others. Another way to look at it is that University Temple spends about \$2,500 per person on our ministries.

Estimated Income	\$1000 (month) \$12,000 (year)	\$2500 (month) \$30,000 (year)	\$5000 (month) \$60,000 (year)	\$10,000 (month) \$120,000 (year)
2%	\$20 (month) \$240 (year)	\$50 (month) \$600 (year)	\$100 (month) \$1,200 (year)	\$200 (month) \$2,400 (year)
5%	\$50 (month) \$600 (year)	\$125 (month) \$1,500 (year)	\$250 (month) \$3,000 (year)	\$500 (month) \$6,000 (year)
7%	\$70 (month) \$840 (year)	\$175 (month) \$2,100 (year)	\$350 (month) \$4,200 (year)	\$700 (month) \$8,400 (year)
10%	\$100 (month) \$1,200 (year)	\$250 (month) \$3,000 (year)	\$500 (month) \$6,000 (year)	\$1000 (month) \$12,000 (year)



*Christ has no body but yours—no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

--St. Teresa of Avila.



On the first Sunday as your pastor, I got the opportunity to meet many of you and celebrate Communion during our Zoom coffee hour. I saw us rethinking church (someone joyfully mentioned using coffee as part of the elements we blessed). That morning, I saw a glimpse into our future. Communion has always been understood as a foretaste of what is to come. Where have you recognized a glimpse of God's future for our city and our church?

More recently, I heard from several people who saw a glimpse of the art glass that will hang in our new building. They referred to it as potentially serving as a "future destination point" in Seattle. Tasting the bread, seeing the aesthetically beautiful glass, empowers us to look forward into the future.

In all these things, I see glimpses of what God is calling us to become: a community that relates to our neighbors in new ways, shares our space with a café and performance space, becomes anti-racist, multi-ethnic, intergenerational, and so much more than just a building. As your pastor, I'm personally excited to partner with you and lead us into this.

At Communion, we not only receive the elements, but we become what we eat—the body of Christ for the world. As St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." You are integral to God's future vision coming to fruition. May you see the glimpses of this future now and may God bless you as you prayerfully consider giving boldly into that future!

--Rev. Paul Ortiz

## TESTIMONIES

Since childhood, I've always preferred the Christian understanding of the mystery of being alive and being human. Because I've especially felt the presence of God here at U. Temple, I've been a supporting member for over 65 years. I fully expect that the U. Temple ministries of sacred music, the spoken word, and saving lives will continue to help me deepen my faith and become closer to God.

--Gary Wedemeyer

I grew up in a household of faith, a faith that taught me that my life is a gift to be spent on behalf of all people, all creatures, all that is; a faith that pushed and pulled me to seek justice, show mercy and love kindness; a faith that has been a guide throughout my life. I give financial support to my church community, which continues to nurture and challenge me on this path. My life/gift is given in hopes that others will experience justice in their lives, be shown mercy, and be treated kindly. I trust the witness of this church community will be a catalyst for others to boldly seek justice, show mercy, love kindness in ways I cannot imagine.

--Michael Shaw

As a girl, I remember extended family gatherings for Thanksgiving at Grandma's with my Dad and his 5 brothers and their families. It was a noisy crowded time infused with the smells of cooking turkey and pumpkin pie. There was a lot of teasing and boisterous laughter. That was also where I learned the derogatory terms for every single ethnic group. Those terms seemed harsh and cruel. As an adult, I understood that there was deep seated racism in that family and I often wondered why I was not a racist. I have come to realize we all need something shaping us which is much broader than our families. The church with its teachings and community give us that expanded view of life and that is why I support University Temple with my prayers, presence, and gifts, service and witness.

--Phyllis Holzworth

## THE OPERATING BUDGET

### *Preliminary budget for 2021*

<b>Pastoral Staff</b> including health insurance, retirement, and other benefits	\$81,000
<b>Worship</b> including staffing of music program and Sunday school	\$75,000
<b>Apportionments</b> to UMC Pacific Northwest Annual Conference:	\$71,000
<b>Administrative expenses</b> including office staff and accounting	\$52,000
<b>Taxes and Insurance</b> (includes payroll taxes):	\$21,000
<b>Miscellaneous expenses:</b>	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> \$305,000

In 2021 we will no longer have the substantial expenses associated with maintaining a huge church building. However, we will also not have the substantial income that we received from our numerous tenants.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee respectfully asks you to prayerfully consider maintaining and, if possible, increasing support of the operating budget, perhaps by the amount of previous pledges to the building fund.

We are very grateful for your past generosity and welcome whatever you feel called to give!

