



November 12, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of The United Church of Rowayton Family of Faith,
It's that time of year when we must address our church's forecasted 2026 operating expenses presented at the November 9, 2025 Congregational Meeting.

To keep UCR vibrant, vital and growing, we need to collect **\$385,200** from the Congregation in monetary gifts.

Like all UCC churches, our operating budget is funded solely by you. There is no "Mother Church" that sends us money. Your pledge (promise) will pay for:

1. Salaries and benefits for our wonderful, hard-working staff who make our church wheels turn every day.
2. Electricity, oil, and general maintenance to run our three buildings – the Sanctuary, the Meeting House and the Parsonage.
3. Faith-based spiritual development programs and opportunities for kids, youth and adults, an enhanced music program and so much more.

4. Local outreach and support to worthy community entities such as Family & Children's Agency, Appleby School-based Health Clinics, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, The Red Cross and the Nami support Group.
5. General administrative expenses.

All of this is made possible through your generosity.

In order to meet the coming year's Operating Budget, please let us know how much you can pledge to help fund our expenses for the forthcoming 2026 fiscal year

There are three easy ways to do this:

- **Pledge by mail using the Stewardship form sent to your home**
- **Pledge online by clicking the button below**
- **Pledge in person by picking up a form at church and dropping it in the Sunday collection plate.**

Our objective is to reach our Stewardship Goal of \$385,200 to finalize UCR's 2026 Operating Budget as soon as we can. Therefore, please make your promise by December 15th. Please consider a 5% -10% increase in your 2026 gift.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Most Gratefully,

The Board of Household Concerns