

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF LAWRENCE



Giving Guide



SPARKS \$1-\$120

Every fire needs a spark! Your pledge at this tier signals your desire to be part of this community and supports our goal of 100% participation from members and friends.

Who is a Spark? Folks who have visited UUCL, found themselves returning, and who are now feeling like they may have found a community to call their own. This contribution usually amounts to anywhere between \$1-\$10 per month, around the cost of a latte at Barker.

Burn Brighter: If you're at this tier now, can you consider doubling your pledge? For the cost of two lattes a month or a lunch out, you can deepen your commitment and help us maintain the programming that makes you feel welcome when you walk through the doors of our building.

Your Pledge in Action

Sunday coffee and tea. Art supplies for all-ages activities. Our website and newsletter.

KINDLING \$121-\$600

You can't start a warm fire without kindling! Your contribution at this tier helps light the proverbial hearth-fire of our congregation, supporting maintenance of our building and staffing our programming.

Who can provide kindling? Students, early-career adults, fixed-income households, or those in tight financial seasons deepening their habit of stewardship. This usually amounts to anywhere between \$10-\$50 per month, around the cost of a casual weeknight burger and beer at Free State or your monthly Netflix subscription.

Burn Brighter: Do you wish we had a few more movie nights or other social events at UUCL? Consider increasing your pledge by \$5-\$10 per month as circumstances allow to contribute to our ability to build more community for kids and adults alike.

Your Pledge in Action

Snacks and material for RE. Small grants for community service. Music licensing fees.

HEARTH-BUILDERS \$601-\$1200

Once the flame is lit, hearth-builders ensure it stays warm.

Who builds the hearth? Working households balancing expenses or modest fixed-income retirees who feel committed to supporting UUCL's core missions. This looks like \$50-\$100 a month, around the cost of celebratory brunch at the Roost or a family pizza night at Johnny's.

Burn Brighter: Community programming and social justice activities--like renting busses for trips to the Capitol--are fed by these contributions. Consider crossing the \$1000 a year pledge mark to support this work.

Your Pledge in Action

Utilities. Guest speakers or visiting musicians. Ongoing maintenance of our building.

CHALICE-LIGHTERS \$1201-\$3000

Chalice-lighters feed the fire of commitment by fueling UUCL's programming and staffing stability.

Who lights the chalice? Established earners or retirees with stable income who have made UUCL a regular line item in their budget. Households in this tier give between \$100-\$250 a month, averaging around the cost of monthly class at the Lawrence Arts Center, a night out at the Lied Center, or a monthly date night at 715.

Burn Brighter: Consider a 5-10% increase this year. Even \$20 per week significantly strengthens congregational stability.

Your Pledge in Action

Monthly salary and benefits for our staff. Programs like OWL. Streaming for hybrid services.

FIRE-KEEPERS \$3001-\$5000

The bigger the fire, the more people we can keep warm. Fire-keepers help us grow.

Who keeps the fire? Mid- to late-career professionals or households with meaningful discretionary income who prioritize stewardship. Impact Members give between \$250-\$420 a month, averaging around the cost of season tickets to Allen Fieldhouse.

Burn Brighter: Households in this tier might evaluate whether increasing by \$250-\$1,000 annually is possible.

Your Pledge in Action

Insurance premiums. Annual dues. Sabbatical funds for our staff.

LUMINARIES \$5001-\$7000

Luminaries project our light outward. They help us serve the community as a beacon of love and justice.

Who spreads the light? Senior professionals, business owners, or financially secure retirees with established stewardship commitments. Luminaries give between \$420-\$580 a month, averaging around the cost of a Sporting KC season ticket or a weekend escape to Kansas City.

Burn Brighter: Even a 5% increase at this leadership level acts like a reflector for our flame, casting our light further into Lawrence.

Your Pledge in Action

Marketing and outreach. Discretionary funds for crises. HVAC and ADA upgrades.

ETERNAL FLAMES \$7000+

Eternal Flames are not just supporting our current operations; they are modeling a transformative generosity that ensures our hearth stays warm for generations yet to come.

Who makes the flame eternal? Households with substantial earning capacity or investment income who see supporting UUCL as central to their personal mission and legacy. Eternal Flames give over \$580 a month, roughly the cost of season tickets to Arrowhead Stadium.

Burn Brighter: You provide the essential financial stability that allows UUCL to lead with boldness. Those who pledge at this level often review their contributions to make sure they align with their intentions. A 1% increase at this level has an enormous impact.

Your Pledge in Action

"Flexible capital" to launch initiatives and grow our congregation.