



Imagine Together

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36



Bearing in mind that we are God's hands, feet and face, the 2025 CCSM budget is based on four conceptual pillars. They are:

- **Faith** – Christian spiritual community
- **Justice** – Open & Affirming, Inclusive, Progressive
- **Community** – Caring for each other and bonding through collective activities
- **Generosity** – Giving of our time, talent and treasure to ensure our community stays strong.

These pillars reflect our core values as a spiritual community and connect the funding to various ministries that carry out our community vision.

A pledge is an estimate of giving that allows the church to anticipate income and plan expenses. It can be changed or canceled at any time by contacting the church bookkeeper, Cheryle Matteo, at 650-343-3694 or Cmatteo@ccsm-ucc.org. We ask that you plan your pledge to the General Fund without diminishing your plate offerings.

If you have any questions about the budget, please reach out to any member of the Finance Committee or the Board of Directors. Thank you for your thoughtful approach to your pledge to CCSM.

Enclosed you will find a pledge card. Please fill it out and return it to the CCSM office. If you would rather give online, please scan the QR code found on the pledge card, or go to www.ccsm-ucc.org/give.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

☐ I / We plan to give in 2025 an annual total of \$ _____
☐ I / We will pay: _____

☐ Increase my / our 2024 pledge by _____
☐ Renew my / our 2024 pledge
☐ I / We plan to give online at ccsm-ucc.org
☐ A gift to CCSM is in my / our will or trust

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☐ quarterly ☐ annually
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CCSM 2025 Stewardship Campaign Imagine Together

Beloved Community,

Several years ago, after a particularly challenging season in a different congregation, someone asked me, “What are your hopes for this community? What are your dreams?” That question took me by surprise, and I didn’t have an answer. We had been in such a season of reacting, running from one “fire” to the next, that we hadn’t had a chance to **Imagine** what our future might look like **together**.

We have been through a similar season here at CCSM. Many had doubts moving into 2024, and with so many surprises during a time of transition, we had to focus on the “fire” in front of us and take each day one step at a time. Yet we have been blessed with a thriving multicultural congregation, dedicated volunteers, and many new beginnings. Your gifts, along with other revenue sources, help fund the important community work of CCSM. **Imagine Together**, what our ministries might look like a year from now?

Because of your generosity and dedication, and with God’s help, we are flourishing, healing, and building up the beloved community of CCSM. As we look to 2025, we invite you to **Imagine Together** what God can do through us and with us in the year ahead.

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Jessica Vacketta, *Senior Minister*
Don Ruthroff, *CCSM Board Moderator*

A Thriving, Loving Community



This Spring, our Latino Ministry led a congregation-wide discernment process, *Nuevos Caminos*, where we focused on “Who God was Calling us to Be” in the next chapter of life together at CCSM. This expanded into a broader effort of reconciliation and community building. The church’s multicultural ministry is growing, supported by gifts and grants. As always, CCSM is actively engaged in various initiatives:

- LGBTQ+ inclusion, participating in Pride events;
- Environmental justice, receiving a UCC “Creation Justice Congregation” designation;
- Community service, partnering with Samaritan House to provide meals.

These efforts aim to create a welcoming, inclusive community that transforms lives. The mission and activities of CCSM are made possible through the spiritual and financial contributions of its members and supporters.

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Imagine Together: Your Gift

God calls us into community. We follow Jesus as siblings in faith. United with other believers, we form a Christian movement. Faith is not a solitary life, but one that brings our hearts close to others.

The spiritual practice of generosity arises from imagining all that God calls us to do as a community. Our gifts to CCSM make it possible to turn what we imagine into a reality. **Through our annual pledge commitments, we take one step closer in imagining together all that we can do.**

As we look towards 2025, we invite you to Imagine Together how God’s liberating love will work through us and with us in the season ahead, and we invite you to prayerfully dream how you might be part of this work. Your pledge is more than a financial commitment; it is a response of gratitude for all that God has provided for you and it’s a declaration of trust in what God is building here at CCSM. **We hope you’ll join us as we step into our exciting future together.**

