



## **GIVING BACK**

**Dear Members and Friends,**

**We are a part of OCUUC for many reasons:** Rev. Sian's sermons, Religious Education for our children, our youth and ourselves, opportunities to have our voices heard through Faith-in-Action and to be with like-minded religious liberals to name a few.

**We all know that visitors often come to our church when they are at a crossroads in their lives.** They come looking for a community to help them through a difficult time or for support as they build a new life for themselves. Many of us can look back to our first visit to OCUUC and remember what a joy it was to find a group of people with whom we could journey through that period of our lives and feel welcomed and safe.

**Now is a time when your contribution can make a difference in someone's life as they seek out and explore our community.** This is a time for all of us to give back to this community that welcomed and supported us and still does. *If every member and every friend makes a pledge during this pledge season, it will make a tremendous difference in the services we provide for our members, our friends and offer to our visitors.*

**UUA Guidelines suggest a minimum pledge of \$20 per month, which amounts to about ½ tank of gas for your car.** We do have a few members or friends who can afford to make only a small pledge and those pledges are received with the same warmth and gratitude as the pledges of members and friends who pledge thousands of dollars annually. Many small pledges add up.

**If you are a member of this church, you are expected to make a pledge.** It is part of your responsibility as a member of this church, as we have no income other than what our members and friends give us. If you are a friend, we hope your experiences at OCUUC are meaningful enough for you to be willing to give back financially so others can share the benefit of our religious liberal message.

**To find an online Pledge Card for 2016 – 2017, go to [ocuuc.org](http://ocuuc.org), find **SUPPORT** and click on **PLEDGE NOW** from the drop menu.**