

October 2021

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We are writing to you today regarding your membership at First Unitarian Church of Des Moines. As we do each year, we are reviewing our membership list to make sure we are communicating with those who are members, and not overcommunicating to those who no longer consider themselves to be members of the congregation.

One way of counting membership is through financial commitment to the church. Our by-laws require that all members make an annual gift of record to the church, and we especially encourage a regular annual pledge. We are contacting you now because our records show you have not made such a donation in the past two years (since 2019). If you wish to continue to be a member of the church – and of course we hope you do! – you will need to make a contribution, or request a waiver due to financial hardship. We've enclosed a pledge card if you'd like to make an ongoing gift, or you can send a check or donate online at [ucdsm.org](http://ucdsm.org). If you would like to request a waiver, or discuss your membership, please contact Shelly Kaldenberg, Membership Ministry Team (515) 705-8686, email [kaldenbergs@gmail.com](mailto:kaldenbergs@gmail.com).

We hope that you will continue to think of First Unitarian as your church home, and will continue your membership. We are hopeful for renewed energy within the congregation as we build toward the future beyond the pandemic.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are fine with your membership ending as of December 2021.

In gratitude –

Rev. Amy

Stewardship Ministry Team

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