

Join Us for Celebration Sunday

*Celebrating Our Resilience
and Building Our Future!*

Sunday, March 7

Worship online at 11:00 a.m.



Special Guests:

Rev. Carlton E. Smith, Regional Lead for the Pacific Western Region of the UUA

Melissa James, Congregational Life Field Staff and FUCSJ Liaison to the Region

Pledge Parties—Online!

- Friday, Feb. 12, 5:30 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 20, 7:30 pm
- Sunday, February 21, 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Feb. 28, 5:30 pm

Join us for fun and friendship online as we renew our pledges for the coming fiscal year. Let us demonstrate our Resilience by gathering with Rev. Nancy and other members and friends for a time of reflection and joy! Then let's wrap up with a real celebration with special guests on Sunday, March 7!

RSVP for a Pledge Party!
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Let's Finish Our Pledging Before
Celebration Sunday, March 7!

Other Questions? Please contact Jan
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We Are Resilient!

2021-22

Annual Stewardship Celebration

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We Are Resilient with Our Finances!

In the current challenging fiscal year, our Finance Committee—Jean Rivers (Finance Officer), Jim Rumbaugh (Treasurer), Dena Dickinson, and Bev Harrison—have monitored our finances, onboarded a new bookkeeper, obtained a Payroll Protection Plan loan/grant, and reported on our financial situation speedily and transparently to the Operations and Management Council and the Board.

And our financial news is good!

In December, Jim Rumbaugh reported: “We are encouraged that pledge payments and other contributions have continued strong over the first half of the current fiscal year. If this trend continues, in next year’s budget we may be able to restore some of the cuts that were made this year.”

We Are Resilient as We Make Love Visible—Virtually!

Last spring, we

- transitioned overnight from an in-person congregation to a virtual one, with worship, small groups, and other gatherings thriving
- held an amazing Stewardship Campaign under extraordinary circumstances
- passed a brave austerity budget that still reflected our mission and vision
- hired jo mosher as our new Director of Faith Formation

This year, we’ve

- held live online worship services every Sunday—and they continue to grow and deepen
- supported our children, youth, and parents with online weekly gatherings
- called for justice with Black Lives Matter
- helped Get Out the Vote
- enjoyed two online Open Mic Nights hosted by jo
- honored the long career of custodian Edgar Cruz
- strengthened our connections with most of our members and friends, while adding new ones in the process
- celebrated our High Holy Days with creativity and meaning
- connected with our Partner Church kindred in worship and on quarterly Zoom calls
- started this January to explore the Capital Campaign process—a long-held dream

How Has FUCSJ Helped YOU to Be Resilient This Year?

- Have you drawn hope, comfort, and inspiration from our weekly online services?
- Have you been uplifted by the music we offer in worship every week, thanks to our extraordinary musicians and creative choices from many sources?
- Have you felt supported by your small group in our Small Group Ministry?
- Have you felt seen and heard, through meetings with jo and in worship or small groups, as you tackle the challenging tasks of parenting during a pandemic?
- Have you found companionship in times of grief, loss, or stress through conversations with Pastoral Associates, Rev. Nancy, and other members of this congregation?
- Have you attended one or more of the weekly coffees and lunches hosted online by Rev Nancy, done a virtual garden tour, or shared in a Circle Supper?
- Have you found purpose, strength, and the relief of being able to DO something for justice through activities such as our UU the Vote letter-writing campaign last fall? (We sent out 6,184 letters and postcards!)

Together, We Are Resilient!