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Dear UUTC Members

What an amazing and exciting time at UUTC!

We are welcoming our ministerial candidate the Rev. Ilene Gillispie to become our settled minister and are wishing well to the Rev. Ian White Maher as he completes his time with us. We purchased the adjacent properties on Varsity Street, ensuring we can grow in place when we need, and provide some income for our near future. Many opportunities are being presented and discussed as we explore the potential for ministry with this acquisition.

And we have seen membership growth this past year. The new members class this spring was the largest we've ever had; from it we received 14 new members into our congregation and added some friends.

And our programs have grown. Children's Religious Exploration served 63 children this year, nearly double last year. Loving Hearts and Helping Hands made 75 visits to sick and hospitalized people, wrote 290 encouraging notes, prepared and delivered 33 meals, and provided occasional transportation to those in need.

Through the kind and generous donations of members and friends we completed many of the Sponsored Projects we listed last year. Among them are additional ceiling insulation, a new alarm and fire alert system, new kitchen appliances, lovely new cabinetry in the large classroom and the lobby, and new flooring in both classrooms. The Sponsored Projects program is so successful that we will continue it in the new fiscal year.

The initial renovations to numbers 46 (the yellow house) and 74 (the grey house) were also funded by generous donations from the congregation. The purchase and renovations to date did not require any expenditure from the operating budget, other than the mortgage payments. The number of people willing to get their hands dirty as they cleaned these properties saved us many thousands of dollars. This is a tribute to your dedication to this congregation and its future.

As we grow, so do the financial needs of the organization. Because of the property acquisition and providing for a new settled minister, this year's budget is also large. It is manageable with your generous pledges and the projected rental income from our new properties. Due to initial cash flow shortages getting ready for rental income, we expect to use some of our reserve cash this fiscal year. The Board and Finance Committee are confident this a temporary solution.

From Dave Roberts, Treasurer, and the Board