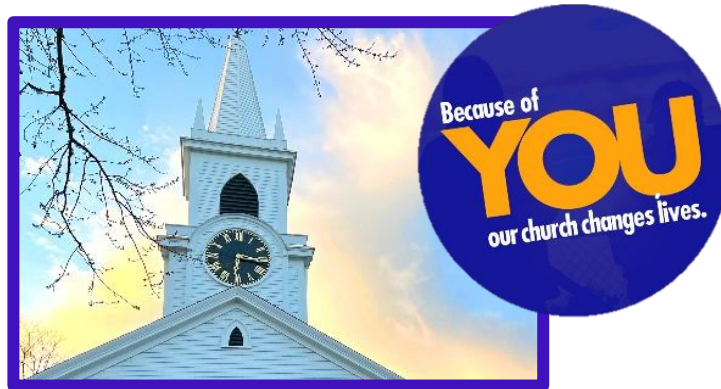




October 22, 2025

Dear Members and Friends of Dennis Union Church,

Warm Fall greetings to you from your Stewardship Committee! This year our Stewardship theme is "Because of YOU our church changes lives." The many ministries of our church would not be possible without YOU and your faithful financial support.

How does our Church change lives? We invite you to spend some time reading more about our ministries with the information provided in this mailing. Throughout the year we have clearly seen changed lives in so many areas. Faith Formation was a special focus this year and we are thrilled to see the growth and energy of our Youth program and Sunday school, with youth retreats and other events that build relationships and offer opportunities for our young people to discuss their faith. There were other educational efforts to build relationships across the generations and empower us to be the church in the world, including our program with the Connecticut Center for Non-Violence, the "Icons of the Civil Rights Era" exhibit and the "Tales of Transatlantic Freedom" concert that benefitted the Rose Conservatory's efforts to help underprivileged children become engaged in music and art.

We continue to support missions both far and near. It is heartwarming to see the photos of smiling children in Ararca, Columbia, a low literacy, impoverished village where DUC members continue to support library and literacy programs to enrich and change the lives of many children. Closer to home, our donations of food and grocery store gift cards to the Hands of Hope Outreach Center in Harwich positively affect our neighbors, as do sales of DY-ECH cards that support the Housing Assistance Corporation's efforts to keep local families in their homes. In addition to our Missions Committee support for local and international projects, DUC has raised funds for World Central Kitchen to provide meals in war-torn areas and regions ravaged by severe weather like Asheville, North Carolina. All of these efforts change people's lives. Jesus calls us to care for one another, to love as we are loved. Our compassionate efforts are a faithful response to the call of Christ.

Your financial support also helps us to maintain our beloved Church facilities and our steeple shines for all to see each night. Our outreach to the community includes welcoming many of our neighbors into our buildings for meetings, support groups, musical and theater performances, as well as for our yearly Auction and Bazaar.

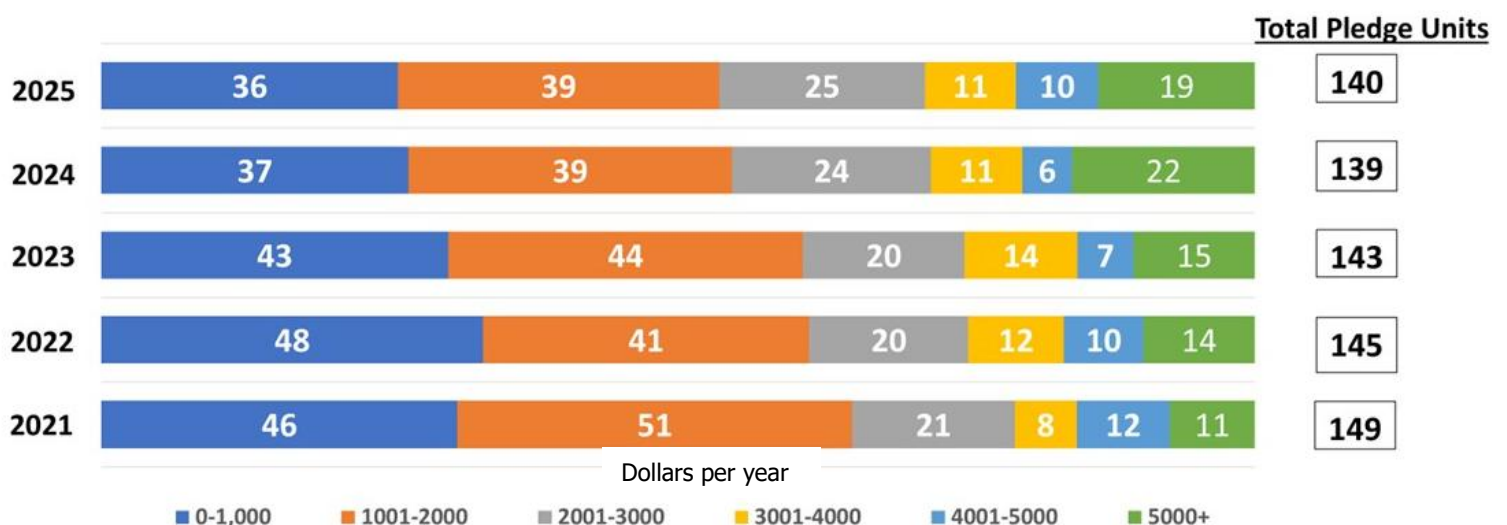
And here is something also very important for you to consider...how has Dennis Union Church changed YOUR life on a personal level? Many have told us DUC provides a loving community of faith for them that they can rely on in good times as well as in more difficult times when they need prayers or perhaps a good ear for listening and a kind voice of support. The list of how DUC has changed our lives goes on...our weekly Sunday worship service prepares us for the week ahead with powerful sermons and insights into scripture; our chancel and bell choirs fill us with joy and inspiration, and we join with them in singing and ringing praise to God. Our many social activities give us opportunities to interact with others and make new friends.

As you consider your pledge for 2026, you may want to consult the bar graph of pledge ranges. It is provided for you as an informative tool as you think about your own pledge, all of us giving as we are able. Your timely response before the end of 2025 is greatly appreciated and aids your leaders as they fashion an accurate budget for 2026. We encourage you to read your monthly Steeple Bell newsletter and This Week at DUC emails for more helpful information and updates on our 2026 pledging program. Additional updates can be found on the Bulletin Board across from the Church office and there will be a member from Stewardship Committee at each Fellowship gathering after church in November to answer questions.

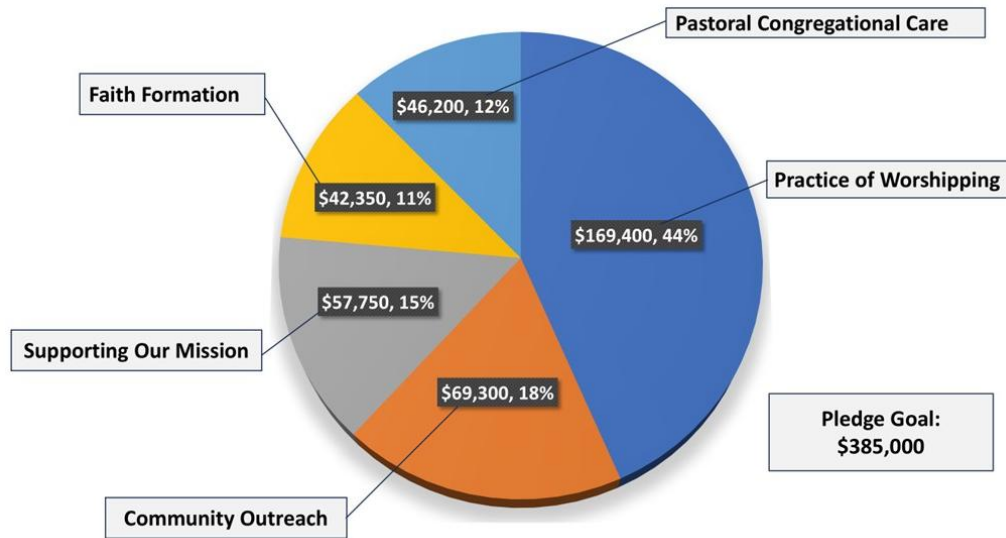
We close with our great thanks to you for the many contributions of your time, your talents, and your treasure throughout the year.

Your Stewardship Committee,
Margaret Housman, Kate Lazarovich, Judy Livingstone,
Peggy McAloon, Bev Miller & Barbara Wynter

DENNIS UNION CHURCH PLEDGE RANGES YEAR OVER YEAR



OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES



FAITH FORMATION

- Church school for children and youth during Sunday worship and nursery care during worship
- Youth retreats and other activities offering fellowship, insight, and opportunities for community service.
- Confirmation classes provide an opportunity for high school youth to further explore their faith journey
- Adult education, reflection, and discussion through Bible study, book groups, guest speakers, and prayer groups.
- Adult Inquirers class for those who want to explore DUC becoming their church home.

PASTORAL CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Ongoing care and support to members and friends of our congregation and beyond living out their faith journey
- Help for individuals in times of crisis, illness or bereavement
- Communication with those who are unable to attend church physically
- Visits to hospitals and senior facilities, as well as letters, cards, and phone calls.
- Living out God's love by care for our community and providing a team effort from the Pastor, staff, care teams and all of our members.

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

- Reaching beyond our Church to provide support and funding to organizations as needs are identified.
- Participating in both local and distant projects to provide financial help, goods and services, or facility space.
- Living out our commitment to address issues of injustice: environment, racism, and LGBTQIA+ concerns.

PRACTICE OF WORSHIPPING

- Offering a sacred space for vibrant worship, fellowship and celebration of all that God has provided.
- Weekly worship services on Sunday as well as other special services coordinated by our Pastor, Director of Music and Diaconate with involvement by greeters, ushers, lay members, readers, and Fellowship hosts.
- Maintaining a beautiful and comfortable facility, quality musical instruments, a robust vocal choir, and a wonderful hand bell choir.
- Live-streaming is available via our website of all Sunday services as well as some special services.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Opening our doors to provide a safe and comfortable space for numerous community organizations to meet; including Community Connections, AA, FORWARD, civic groups and yoga classes.
- Further outreach to the community in the form of numerous music and educational programs, and public events such as Eventide Theatre performances, Hyannis Sound, and the annual DUC Auction & Bazaar.