



SALTWATER CHURCH, A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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Dear Saltwater Members and Friends,

March 9, 2022

Thank you for the ways that you help Saltwater Church thrive! Thank you for your generosity of spirit, for your creativity and innovation, and for the time, talent, and treasure you give in service to our mission. Every gift makes a difference. Those gifts ripple out, to each of us, and to the communities and people we are connected to.

This month marks two years since we worshipped together in person. This pandemic journey has been winding and uncertain, filled with loss, and moments of possibility. What has been guiding us through this challenging time is our commitment to embody our mission, online and in-person, to practice love, foster connection, nurture spiritual growth, and act for justice. We are amazed at the ways this community continues to serve as a site of care, nourishment, healing, and transformation through so much upheaval.

We are in a time of emergence when we can more safely gather in-person. The Reopening Task Force is at work for the launch of an in-person worship option in April. We are committed to embracing a multi-platform future, creating meaningful ways to connect both virtually and at our physical church home. And it will take all of us to make it happen!

This year, during our pledge drive, we are celebrating “The Power of Us!” The pledge drive launch is on Sunday, March 20 with a service called “The Butterfly Effect.” Throughout the pledge drive, we will be offering small group connection circles over zoom so that we can share stories and begin to dream together about who we are becoming as a church community. There are more details on the back of this letter, and we encourage every member and friend to sign up for a circle. We need your voice and your vision for our shared future!

In this packet you will also find a brochure, which celebrates our strengths and programs over the past year, with details about our budget and sources of income. We ask you to consider giving as generously as you are able, to help us emerge from this pandemic vibrant, strong, and powerful!

You can return your pledge card through the mail, or by completing an online pledge card on the church website: <http://saltwaterchurch.org/stewardship/pledge/>. We will celebrate the end of the pledge drive on Sunday, April 10 and we ask that all pledge cards be returned by that date.

We look forward to the ways that we will flourish and take flight in the coming year!

Blessings,

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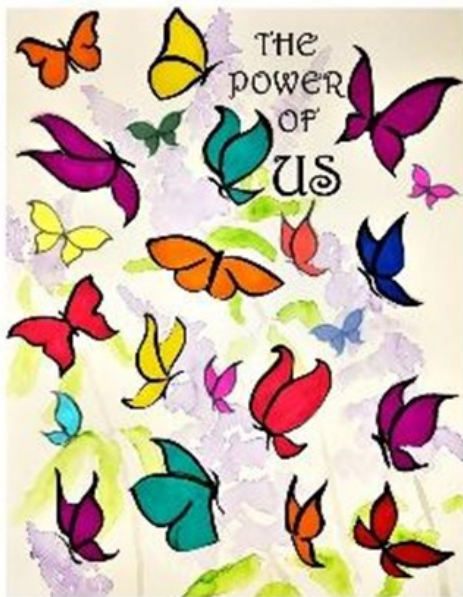
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Connection Circles—March 20 through April 10!

Please join the Board and Pledge team in a small group opportunity to connect with one another, share stories, and live out our mission at Saltwater Church. We hope that all members and friends will sign up for one session to celebrate our resilience as a congregation, dream our emergence from this protective cocoon, and fund our mission into the future to fully express “The Power of Us!” All connection circles will be offered through zoom. You can see the full list of available dates and times below.

Thursday 3/24, 7-8:30 pm	(church zoom room)
Saturday 3/26, 10-11:30 am	(minister’s zoom room)
Monday 3/28, 10-11:30 am	(church zoom room)
Wednesday 3/30, 7-8:30 pm	(church zoom room)
Saturday 4/2, 10-11:30 am	(church zoom room)
Sunday 4/3, 12-1:30 pm	(minister’s zoom room)
Thursday 4/7, 7-8:30 pm	(church zoom room)
Friday 4/8, 10-11:30 am	(church zoom room)

In order to keep the groups small, registration is required. Pick the opportunity that fits your schedule and sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AAAD2BA7FFC34-saltwater>. The link can also be found in the church newsletter, or you can sign up by calling the church office: 206-651-7358



“The delicate, flapping wings of a butterfly have the power to set molecules of air in motion, in turn moving more molecules of air—a tiny act that is eventually capable of affecting weather patterns on the other side of the planet. This notion comes from a concept within Chaos Theory called the Butterfly Effect. Simply, the Butterfly Effect refers to a phenomenon in our world in which a small change in one place can result in equal or greater changes elsewhere.”

--from “The Butterfly Effect,” by Dana Capasso