

Heartland Chalice Lighter Program Strong and Growing!

Heartland District Chalice Lighter Grant Recipients

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| All Souls Community Church-Grand Rapids (\$39,096.00 - 3 grants) | Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church (\$12,835.00) |
| Emerson Church Unitarian Universalist (\$8,000.00) | UU Church of Bowling Green (\$4,446.40) |
| Epiphany Community Church (\$6,079.98) | UU Church of Bloomington (\$17,643.00) |
| First UU Church of Detroit (\$7,290.00 - 2 grants) | UU Church of East Liberty (\$6,079.97) |
| First Unitarian Church of Louisville (\$3,334.80) | UU Church of Indianapolis (\$11,000.00) |
| First UU Congregation, Terre Haute (\$7,580.00) | UU Church of Lexington (\$11,000.00) |
| Harbor UU Congregation (\$6,800.00) | UU Church, West Lafayette (\$4,726.47) |
| Harmony UU Church (\$12,562.41 – 2 grants) | UU Community Church of Hendricks County (\$3,334.80) |
| Heartland UU Church (\$2,000.00) | UU Community Church of SW Michigan (\$5,711.00) |
| Heritage UU Church (\$6,461.52) | UU Community of Frankfort (\$3,000.00) |
| Hopedale UU Community (\$7,728.00) | UU Congregation of Columbus (\$24,594.50 – 2 grants) |
| Miami Valley UU Fellowship (\$8,285.00 - 2 grants) | UU Congregation of Fort Wayne (\$37,695.92 - 4 grants) |
| Northern Hills UU Fellowship (\$3,956.99) | UU Congregation of Owensboro (\$13,000.00) |
| Northeast Cincinnati UU Community (\$1,000.00) | UU Fellowship of Central Michigan (\$19,801.47 – 2 grants) |
| People's Church of Ludington (\$3,500.00) | Community UUs in Brighton (\$15,000.00) |
| St. John's Unitarian Church (\$14,375.50 - 2 grants) | |

Recent Chalice Lighter Grant History

Winter 2009: Grant awarded: \$10,704.00 *UU Fellowship of Central Michigan in Mt. Pleasant, MI* will use their Chalice Lighter grant to fund the hiring of a Worship Director (60%) assisted by the RE director (40%) as they embark on their Weave Our World Growth Initiative.

Spring 2009: Grant awarded: \$10,750.40 *Miami Valley UU Fellowship, Dayton, OH* requested a Chalice Lighter grant in the amount of \$12,000 to install new sound and visual presentation systems in the sanctuary to enrich the quality and extend the range of congregation and community events.

Fall 2009: Grant awarded: \$2,000.00 *UU Community of Frankfort, KY*; **\$3,000.00** *Heartland UU Church, Indianapolis, IN*; **and \$1,000.00** *Northeast Cincinnati UU Community, Cincinnati, OH* - grants for growth for emerging congregations.

Winter 2010: Grants awarded: \$4,726.47 *Northwest UU Church in Southfield, MI* for better signage to help people know who they are; **\$4,726.47** *UU Church, West Lafayette, IN* will staff a newly created position of Building Caretaker to help ensure that they are more attractive to their members, visitors, guests and rental clients.

Spring 2010: No grant awarded.

Fall 2010: Grant awarded: \$8,298.92 *People's Church of Ludington, MI* While they own their own building, and have a full time minister, People's realized that their space on Sunday morning was a bit too tight and that it would take a number of years before they could expand their space. They decided to offer an alternative style and form of worship. This fall they began a Sunday evening worship service for all ages.

Winter 2011: Grant Awarded: \$9,097.47 *UU Fellowship of Central Michigan, Mt. Pleasant, MI* Founded in 2002, this band of about 60 UUs has taken the giant leap of purchasing their first home! However, there are some repairs that are needed: a new roof, better signage, better accessibility, and other safety features. These changes will help sustain their building, and now they will have 24/7 access, better allowing them to reach out to the community.

Spring 2011: Grant Awarded: \$9,562.41 *Harmony UU Church, Cincinnati, OH* This group began meeting in the fall of 2009 and in less than two years, they now have over 70 adults and children at worship. This Chalice Lighters grant helped them complete the refurbishing and retrofitting of their 1835 space. This grant will help buy new chairs, furnishings for their religious education space, and new carpeting and flooring. They also want to replace the solid wood doors in the classrooms with doors that have windows, thus helping them create safe congregation practices.

Fall 2011: Grant Awarded \$13,026.50 UU Congregation of Columbus, IN This congregation, founded in 1966, took a big leap forward in 2004, when they brought in Rev. Dennis McCarty, their first minister. Since then, they have grown by over 50%. In order to be attractive to and provide what younger families want, they decided to hire their first paid Director of Religious Education. When the right person came along, they leaped at the chance to bring her on board, hoping that they would be successful in their Chalice Lighters application. This new position is part of a larger plan to facilitate growth: this is the centerpiece of a plan that includes purchasing the neighboring property to reduce their parking limitations, refitting the Sanctuary, and restructuring their “path to membership.”