Sharing the Plate

Each month, our congregation makes it a tradition to share our Sunday offertory with various charities and non-profits whose values we support. Our hope is that, by sharing our generosity, we can help to make our community and world a better place.

2026 Recipients		
January	Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice	**951.00**
February	United Theological Seminary UU Scholarship Fund	**1096.50**
March	Interfaith Alliance of Iowa	**732.00**
April	RAICES (Refugee & Immigrant Center for Education & Legal Services; *K-12 selection)*	**692.00**
May	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Central Iowa	**909.00**
June	LGBTQIAmes	**586.75**
July	UUFA Minister's Discretionary Fund	**2260.00**
August	Home Allies	**781.00**
September	KHOI Community Radio	**878.91**
October	Church of the Larger Fellowship Worthy Now Prison Ministry	
November	Food at First	
December	The Bridge Home	
	2026 TOTAL	**8887.16**
OTHER GIVING		

Slate of recipients is subject to change at the discretion of the Board, upon presentation of immediate community need.

On months where a 5th Sunday occurs, that week's offertory will be to the UUFA Minister's Discretionary Fund.

2025 Recipients		
January	Food at First	**920.77**
February	NAACP, Ames Chapter	**1217.50**
March	Interfaith Alliance of Iowa	**1372.42**
April	Iowa Safe Schools *(Youth 9-12 selection)*	**958.50**
May	Undue Medical Debt *(relieving debt at a 1:100 ratio = $80,665!)*	**806.65**
June	One Iowa	**786.18**
July	UUFA (retained)	**180.00**
August	Home Allies	**1094.39**
September	Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa	**1014.20**
October	Iowa Abortion Access Fund	**947.76**
November	IMPACT Community Action Partnership *(K-8 selection)*	**1006.38**
December	The Bridge Home	**941.50**
	2025 TOTAL	**$11,246.25**
OTHER GIVING		
April 2025	UUA Living Tradition Fund (Clement Installation recipient)	**1170.00**

2024 Recipients		
January	UUs for a Just Economic Community	**443.00**
February	The Buxton Initiative	**448.00**
March	Saving Suds	**454.50**
April	All Aboard for Kids *(Youth 9-12 selection)*	**510.50**
May	UU Ministry for Earth	**448.08**
June	The Community Academy	**5706.66**
July	UUs for Social Justice	**90.00**
August	Planned Parenthood (North Central States)	**705.50**
September	Iowa UU Witness & Advocacy Network	**459.19**
October	Iowa Abortion Access Fund	**1024.50**
November	Iowa Wildlife Center *(K-8 selection)*	**722.00**
December	UU Service Committee	**561.00**
	2024 TOTAL	**$11,572.93**

2023 Recipients

January	Youth & Shelter Services' Ember Campus Project	362.47
February	Please Pass the Love	284.50
March	Ames Community School District HOPE Pantry (Youth 9-12 selection)	556.00
April	Story County Conservation Board	565.75
May	Iowa Arboretum & Gardens' Treehouse Village Project	728.08
June	NAACP - Ames Chapter	432.37
July	Prairie Flower Children's Center	445.00
August	Ames Community School District's Lunch Hero Program	507.61
September	Project Koru	654.38
October	American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Program	380.71
November	Bailing Out Benji (Central Iowa Pet Food Pantry) (K-8 selection)	318.68
December	Partner Church	726.13
	2023 TOTAL	**$5,961.68**
Jan-Dec	Partner Church (non-budgeted, non-monthly-recipient)	2,100.00
	2023 TOTAL (OTHER)	**$2,100.00**

2022 Recipients

January	Mid-Iowa Community Action Food Pantry	450.00
February	Bethesda Community Food Pantry	600.00
March-May	The Community Academy Microschool*	11,633.50
June	Prairie Rivers of Iowa^	1,318.66
July	Planned Parenthood	75.00
August	Iowa Watch (formerly Iowa Center for Public Affairs Journalism)	598.78
September	RIP Medical Debt	534.68
October	Ames Community School District HOPE Pantry (RE selection)	738.12
November	The Bridge Home	568.00
December	Food at First	689.80
	2022 TOTAL	**$17,206.54**
Jan-Dec	Black Lives Matter - BLUU	150.00
Jan-Dec	Partner Church (non-budgeted)	11,116.50
	2022 TOTAL (OTHER)	**$11,266.50**

** Gifts given March 1 through May 31, 2022 were matched by a generous grant from Sue & Larry Koehrsen. Figure shown represents total collected plus match (passed through).*

^ Gifts given June 1 through June 30, 2022 were matched by a generous grant from Erv Klaas. Figure shown represents total collected plus match (not passed through).

2021 Recipients		
January	COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Story County Immigrants	$1030.00
February	Citizens' Climate Lobby	285.00
March	Creative Vision Human Development Institute	605.00
April	Able Up Iowa (formerly Iowa Able Foundation)	210.00
May	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	250.00
June	Ames High School Prairie through The Nature Conservancy	515.00
July	Prairie Rivers of Iowa	140.00
August	Ames Pridefest	100.00
September	Youth & Shelter Services	321.50
October	Ames Animal Shelter (Religious Education selection)	226.00
November	Friends of the Ericson Public Library (Boone)	134.00
December	Boone Area Humane Society	161.50
	2021 TOTAL	**$3978.00**
Jan-Dec	Black Lives Matter - local movement through DSM BLM Rent Relief Fund	3500.00
	Black Lives Matter - local movement through Prairielands Freedom Fund	1495.55
	Black Lives Matter - national UU movement through BLUU	1339.45
Jan-Dec	Partner Church (non-budgeted)	525.00
	2021 TOTAL (OTHER)	**$6860.00**

2020 Recipients		
January	Planned Parenthood	$508.35
February	United Way of Story County *(Secret Friends Recipient)*	289.00
March	Reggie's Sleepout	186.12
April	The Community Academy	440.00
May	National Alliance on Mental Illness (Central Iowa)	357.00
June	No More Deaths	455.00
July	Equal Justice Initiative	900.00
August	Ames Pridefest	525.00
September	Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support	145.00
October	Ames Public Library Friends Foundation *(RE Students' selection)*	210.00
November	The Bridge Home (formerly Emergency Residence Project)	830.00
December	KHOI Community Radio	700.00
	2020 TOTAL	**$5545.47**
June-July	Black Lives Matter - local movement through Des Moines Mutual Aid Bail Fund	1295.00
Aug-Dec	Black Lives Matter - local movement through DSM BLM Rent Relief Fund	1000.00
March-Dec	Partner Church (non-budgeted)	4775.00
	2020 TOTAL (OTHER)	**$7070.00**

- *As of 2020.11.30 - Board has allocated an additional $3775 YTD from reserve funds that has been sent to our partner church, in addition to the individual donations listed above and our annual budgeted amount of $1000 (not listed above).*
- *2020.06.10 - Ames High School Prairie (originally scheduled for July 2020) moved by board action to TBD 2021 date.*

2019 Recipients		
January	Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance	$355.23
February	Iowa Rapid Response Network	172.00
March	Reggie's Sleepout	349.05
April	Friends of Marshalltown Public Library	500.02
May	Central Iowa Community ID	252.36
June	Mid-Iowa Community Action	333.75
July	No More Deaths	379.00
August	Ames Pridefest	299.75
September	One Heart Equestrian Therapy	571.62
October	CROP Hunger Walk	308.00
November	Food at First	486.50
December	Emergency Residence Project	626.50
2019 TOTAL		**$4633.78**

2018 Recipients		
January	Mid-Iowa Community Action (heating assistance)	$500.38
February	Mid-Iowa Community Action (food assistance)	222.00
March	Ames High School H.O.P.E. and Middle School food pantry	312.26
April	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Central Iowa	577.30
May	Story County Community Housing Corporation	329.15
June	Bethesda Community Food Pantry	222.50
July	Food at First	236.68
August	Boys & Girls Club of Story County	276.00
September	St. Mary's Hispanic Ministry (Marshalltown disaster relief)	569.45
October	Maria Fund (Puerto Rican disaster relief)	439.24
November	Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa	405.00
December	SunSmart Ames	449.82
2018 TOTAL		**$4539.78**

2017 Recipients		
January	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Central Iowa*	426.77
February	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Central Iowa*	773.23
March	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Central Iowa (undesig.)	360.65
April	Iowa Environmental Council	457.63
May	Iowa Interfaith Power and Light	217.17
June	Iowa UU Witness & Advocacy Network (IUUWAN)	208.81
July	Outdoor Alliance of Story County	314.07
August	Primary Health Care (Crestview Mobile Home Park crisis)	238.25
September	Story County Community Housing Corporation	389.50
October	SunSmart Ames	565.77
November	Iowa Immigrant Rights Program, AFSC	357.43
December	Unitarian Universalist Association Disaster Relief Fund	341.05
2017 TOTAL		**4650.33**

**Suicide prevention awareness campaign, partnership with Leadership Ames*

2016 Recipients		
January*	Center for Creative Justice	$431.00
February	Equal Justice Initiative	269.75
March	Women's Prison Book Project	366.76
April	Raccoon River Watershed Association	415.85
May	Prairie Rivers of Iowa	383.15
June	Primary Health Care (Crestview Mobile Home Park crisis)	228.50
July	KHOI Community Radio	276.50
August	Resolve Iowa	261.71
September	Mid-Iowa Community Action	341.97
October	Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa	379.51
November	Bethesda Community Food Pantry	334.20
December	Mid-Iowa Community Action (food pantry)	255.00
2016 TOTAL		**$3943.90**

**Regular 50/50 split reinstated.*

2015 Recipients		
January	Mid-Iowa Community Action (food pantry)	$379.30
February	Iowa Interfaith Power and Light	410.76
March	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	576.07
April	Primary Health Care, Ames	367.50
May	Center for Creative Justice	512.08
June	Bethesda Community Food Pantry	267.50
July*	Farm to Folk	656.97
August	Food at First	1031.15
September	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Central Iowa	921.87
October	Beloit Residential Treatment Center, LSI Ames	730.65
November	Boys & Girls Club of Story County	762.81
December	Justice for Our Neighbors, Iowa Chapter	642.00
2015 TOTAL		**$7258.66**

**Budgeted amount for UUFA-retained portion of offertory was reached as of 6/30/15. Beginning 7/1/15 and until 12/31/15, the entire offertory went to external recipient.*