



First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

Geisenhainer Music Fund



Establishment of a Geisenhainer Music Fund

The UUAA Board of Trustees has authorized the establishment of a *Geisenhainer Music Fund*. This fund will support current and future music programs and music community outreach, in tribute to Rev. Gail Geisenhainer's eight years of lovingly nurturing UUAA's outstanding music ministries.

The first goal of the fund is to purchase a much needed new piano for the Phifer Sanctuary. The present instrument is increasingly fragile and requires constant maintenance to be serviceable. The new piano will allow expanded music program possibilities. It will be christened the Geisenhainer Piano.

Longer term, the fund will support music lessons for children from the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor communities who could not otherwise afford them. Money from the fund could employ music students from local universities to provide piano lessons on the Geisenhainer piano.

Our Director of Worship & Music, Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout, had his first opportunity to study music through affordable piano lessons offered at his neighborhood church in South Baltimore. He has been inspired by the W.O. Smith Music School of Nashville (see wosmith.org), which has made affordable, quality musical instruction available to thousands of young people from low-income families for over 30 years.

We are launching this fund by asking you, the congregants and friends of UUAA, to contribute toward purchase of a piano that would be unveiled before Rev. Gail's departure. Continued funding will be through benefit recitals and ongoing donations. We hope future recitals might feature students from the program, as one measure of the program's success.

About the Piano

We plan to purchase a Steinway Grand piano. The list price is \$102,550, but when we put a deposit on an instrument two years ago, we locked into a price of \$88,790. Less the deposit we made at that time, the price is \$76,590. The redeployment of money now in the Congregation Organ Fund decreases our fundraising goal to \$47,500.

Contributions

We invite all who can do so to contribute to this fund as your farewell tribute to Rev. Gail. Please complete the form on the opposite side and deliver it to the church office. If you wish to contribute but are unable to do so now, you can pledge money that you will donate by July, 2017. These contributions and pledges would be in addition to your operating pledge. You can donate on-line from the uuaa.org web site.

We plan to solicit funds until the end of May and hope to have our new instrument in the sanctuary by Sunday, June 19th, the date of our formal farewell to Rev. Gail.



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Contact Information:

Name(s):		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

I / We make a total Geisenhainer Music Fund Commitment of \$_____.

Payment Schedule:

- I/We will fulfill our pledge in a single payment on _____ (date).
- I/We will fulfill our pledge in installments: weekly monthly* quarterly*.

**Payments made with electronic bank transfer or credit card will occur on the following schedule:*

Monthly: Transactions will occur on either the 5th or 20th (**circle your preference**).

Quarterly: Transactions will occur on the 20th of January, April, July and October.

Payment Method:

Giving by monthly bank draft or credit card is secure, efficient and increases our financial stability.

- I/We will pay by bank draft: Please attach a voided check or indicate here that you will make arrangements directly with your bank. Voided check attached I/We will contact my/our bank.
- I/We will bring or mail my/our pledge to church (Write "Geisenhainer Fund" on the check's memo line).
- I/We will pay by credit card using this form. All information is required.

Cardholder name: _____

Credit card number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature 1: _____

Date: _____

Signature 2: _____

Date: _____