**President’s Report
January 2025**

“Changes abound.
May we each find the balance point we need…
the balance between the old and the new,
between the known and the unknown,
between the familiar and the perhaps bold and risky possibilities that may be there, waiting.”

These were the opening words at our October Board meeting, and they are even more relevant 3 months later. By the time that you read this, we will have submitted our third application in the past 2 years for a contract minister to start in August. By the time that you read this, 7 out of the past 10 worship services will have been led by a guest minister. By the time that you read this, 14 out of the past 17 weeks will have seen a Patriots loss. Uncertain and somewhat trying times, indeed.

Yet, we are well acquainted with uncertainty and we have learned how to deal with it. We know that our fine traditions – such as Music Sunday, the All-Church Birthday party, being late with paying our pledge – will keep us on an even keel. Yet, we are also aware that there are “bold possibilities waiting” for us. By the time that you read this, we will have had a congregation wide discussion about Social Justice opportunities – not an easy topic given the past 2+ years. By the time that you read this, the Board will be on the verge of considering participation in the UUA’s Welcoming Congregation Renewal Program – a significant investment of time and energy into broadening and deepening a commitment that we made 25 years ago.

Let’s be present; let’s commit to moving forward so that eight months from now we will be able to welcome a new minister on our journey.

Yours in faith,
David