

How can I support my choir team?

Here are a list of ideas. You may have done some of these or know about a few, but consider new ways you could support our group this year! Could you think of some that aren't on this list too?

- Bring a pencil and water every time.
- Schedule a time to sing with Laura early in the year to explore your voice.
- Give positive feedback. Help us to create a brave space for rehearsal. Encourage.
- Ask questions, stay curious, admit mistakes. Focus on process over product.
- Think about who we are becoming as a group. Help create our future.
- We sing about religion so we will talk about it too. Stay present for these dialogues and share. There are always triggers. We need to talk about them.
- Sing in the "thin space."
- Acknowledge and challenge what you think of as "our normal or what we have always done." Every day we are different people with new singers joining in the fun.
- Check in with your section leader whenever you missed something.
- Take a "learning to read music" course (see Laura for more information!).
- Help with Folder preparation or collection.
- Help move risers and chairs for big performances.
- Come to rehearsals on time. If you come late, sneak in quietly and respectfully.
- Volunteer to be our choir "photographer." Jump up and take photos!
- Take care of each other, check in, reach out. You are not alone.
- Don't wear perfume.
- Attend a fun activity together when offered.
- Talk to Laura to learn how to practice on your own if you are frustrated.
- Get to know your section lead.
- Invite friends or family to come along and sing too. Help build our beloved community.
- Really bring someone for "bring a friend to choir" day.
- Pay attention to those in the congregation singing with energy when we sing hymns! Invite them to hang out with us in the choir!
- Try Compassion Choir and share your music outside of UUCF with loving kindness.
- Come to sectional rehearsals when offered.
- Come to monthly Choir Chowdown nights at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.
- Practice with rehearsal tracks when they become available.
- Try auditioning for Catalyst.
- Keep your music neat and tidy. Write only in pencil. Don't mark up heavily.
- Bring your best self to the group Every. Single. Time.
- Go to Choral Workshops when they are offered.
- Try leading hymns in worship to challenge yourself.
- Offer to support language pronunciations if you are fluent in languages we sing.
- Volunteer to be a section leader.
- Attend as many choir calls/performances as humanly possible.
- Make no assumptions about your neighbor. We are all learners.
- Always. Have. Fun.