
2026

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



First United Methodist
Church of Ann Arbor



October 2026

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed to live a healthy life of faith requires a balance of personal holiness and social holiness. Growing in personal holiness happens when we attend worship, read scripture, take Communion, and meet with other Christ-followers to encourage and learn from each other. Social holiness grows when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the poor, visit the sick or imprisoned, work to dismantle systems of oppression, and advocate for justice.

The number of opportunities a church provides for growth in faith is also a way to measure the health of a church. By those standards, First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor is flourishing! We've got thirteen different mission and outreach programs, a growing kids ministry and vital youth ministry, impactful worship, book and Bible studies, and so many small groups!

In the pages that follow, you will see the many ways that FUMC has sought to embody love, learning, and service during the past year.

You will find examples of how we have cared for others, how we have grown together and shepherded the next generation, what we have offered in Jesus' name to our community and world, and how we have praised God. There have been challenges, as there always are, but what you will see in this report is a vital, loving, faith-filled church community!

Your generosity sustains our church so we can continue this good work that is God's work! Thank you for all the ways you help Ann Arbor First to thrive!

In praise and gratitude,
Pastor Nancy



BY THE NUMBERS

DIGITAL MEDIA

108k

FUMC-A2.ORG
TOTAL VIEWS

35k

EMAILS OPENED
CONSTANT CONTACT

7.7k

YOUTUBE
VIDEO VIEWS

1.9k

YOUTUBE
WATCH HOURS

5k

POST ENGAGEMENT
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

31k

POST REACH
FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

BY THE NUMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

343

**AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE**
ONLINE & IN-PERSON

652

TOTAL MEMBERS

264

**REGULAR
PARTICIPANTS**
WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS

3

BAPTISMS

4

WEDDINGS

8

MEMORIALS

WORSHIP

60

Choir anthems sung in
worship

40

Choir members

19

Special services

4

Churches we collaborated
with for special services

5

Total sermon series

WORSHIP

Football, Food & Faith

On Sept. 19, more than two dozen congregants gathered in the Green Wood Sanctuary for an afternoon of football, food and fellowship as U-M took on UTEP. The game was shown on two big screens, with snacks enjoyed during the first half and dinner served during the second.

At halftime, Pastor Nancy led a brief service featuring a special message, “On the Tenth Yardline.” Drawing on Galatians 6:9, “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up,” Pastor Nancy connected the determination and encouragement heard from football coaches with the challenges we all face in our daily lives.

The gathering was a fun and meaningful opportunity to bring together community, food, football and faith. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success!



ADULT MINISTRY

102

Adults engaged in Sunday faith formation classes

56

Participants at Tuesdays Together

55

Adults engaged in small groups

28

Adults engaged in Open Table Bible study

9

Adults engaged in Disciple Bible study

ADULT MINISTRY

Gathered in Hope: Advent Tea

For the first time since its beginning in 2014, FUMC hosted its 2025 annual Advent Tea downtown. While the setting was new, the contagious spirit of a caring, thoughtful community was the same.

When Advent Tea was first held in 2014, the intention was simple, to ease the sense of overwhelm that often accompanies the Advent season. With many hands contributing, the event has continued to offer a moment of rest and reflection on the first Saturday of December ever since.

This year, nearly 100 guests were welcomed by festive tables and hanging stars.

Attendees shared in food, music, and scripture as Advent candles were lit. Speakers reflected on moments in their lives where they experienced hope, love, joy or peace. As guests departed, they carried with them the words of Mother Mary: Let your hearts be healed and your lives be filled with love.



YOUTH MINISTRY

24

Youth Service Trip
participants

17

Average weekly
participants at Sunday
evening Youth Group

6

Average weekly
participants at Youth
Sunday School



YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Serve in Puerto Rico

From June 20–27, 11 high school youth and five adult leaders traveled to Camp Corson in Jayuya, Puerto Rico for a week of service, community and faith.

Throughout the week, the group planted more than 360 coffee trees, volunteered at a local food pantry, and experienced what it means to live into the neighborhood of God through acts of service and hospitality.

Alongside meaningful service, the team strengthened friendships, supported one another, worked hard, and took time to experience the beauty and wonder of Puerto Rico.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our congregation, whose support made this mission trip possible.



KIDS MINISTRY

38

Kids engaged in Sunday programming

33

Participants at Family Camp

30

Participants at Christmas & Cocoa

20

Kids took part in the Easter Egg Hunt

8

Kids attended Tuesdays Together

KIDS MINISTRY

Bible Buddies

During Lent, a small, cuddly idea made a meaningful impact.

Through our Bible Buddies program, 19 children in Kids Ministry brought home a soft companion along with a simple invitation: spend time in scripture each day. Each child “adopted” a buddy and followed a reading guide created by our Kids Ministry team, building a daily rhythm of opening the Bible, reading aloud, and sharing stories of God’s love.

The goal was to help families slow down and experience scripture together, and it did just that. A few intentional minutes each day became a lasting practice, creating space for connection, curiosity and faith.

By the end of Lent, these well-loved buddies had heard many stories and prayers. Though they’ve now gone into “hibernation,” the rhythms they inspired continue, bedtime by bedtime, story by story. Sometimes, the smallest companions plant the biggest seeds of faith.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

286

Visits made by the visitation team

130+

Hours Stephen Ministers spent with care receivers

150+

Hours Stephen Ministers spent in peer supervision

140

Prayer requests were emailed to prayer chain members

143

Cards/calls made by the visitation team

50

Pints of blood donated at FUMC's first blood drive

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Community Blood Drive

During the spring, three Pioneer High School students involved in the school's Red Cross Club approached us about hosting a blood drive in honor of Peter DeHart as he underwent a bone marrow transplant. We were honored to help bring their idea to life.

On Friday, June 12, shortly after the school year ended, our Green Wood Sanctuary became the site of the blood drive. Thanks to the students' efforts to spread the word, along with publicity through the church and wider community, nearly every donation appointment was filled.

Together, our community helped the Red Cross collect more than 50 pints of blood, a wonderful example of how young people can inspire others to come together and make a meaningful difference.



OUTREACH & JUSTICE

5,000+

To-go food bags provided by Love Thy Neighbor for St. Andrew's Breakfast program

5,000+

Households served by House by the Side of the Road

2,100

Dollars sent to Kenya to support the feeding program at Gigunge Primary School

1,040

Dinner servings provided to Alpha House during Host weeks

294

Hours spent by FUMC volunteers supporting Habitat for Humanity

Hours spent by FUMC volunteers supporting Hope's food program

FUMC walkers in the CROP Hunger Walk

Hours spent by FUMC volunteers cleaning Buhr Park



OUTREACH & JUSTICE

Summer Service Days

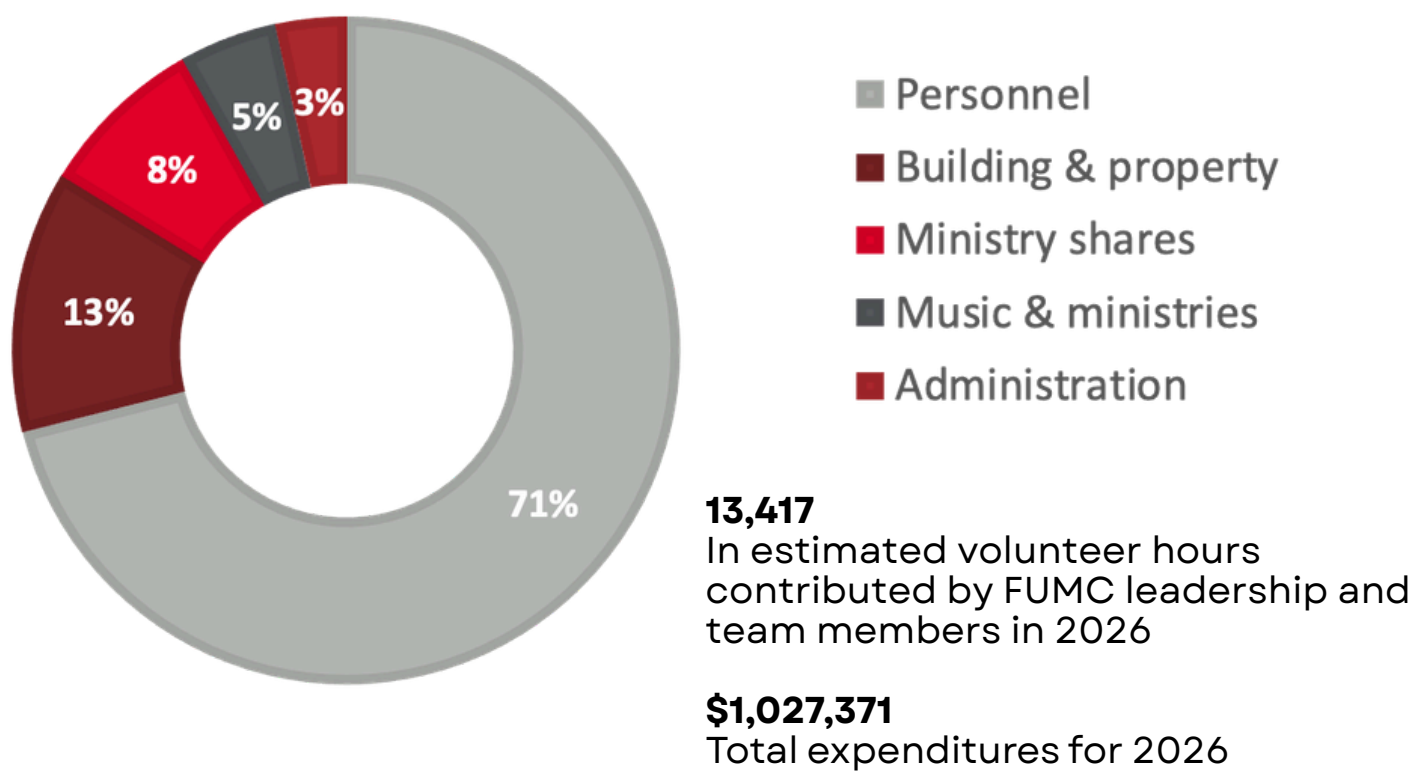
On July 25–26, our congregation put faith into action during Summer Service Days. Rather than gathering in our usual worship spaces, we spent the weekend serving alongside local nonprofit partners and caring for our church and the wider community.

Volunteers cared for our Memorial Garden, organized donations at House by the Side of the Road, served breakfast at St. Andrew's, supported Alpha House, cleaned and organized around the church, created cards for Pride Day, and helped care for Gallup Park.

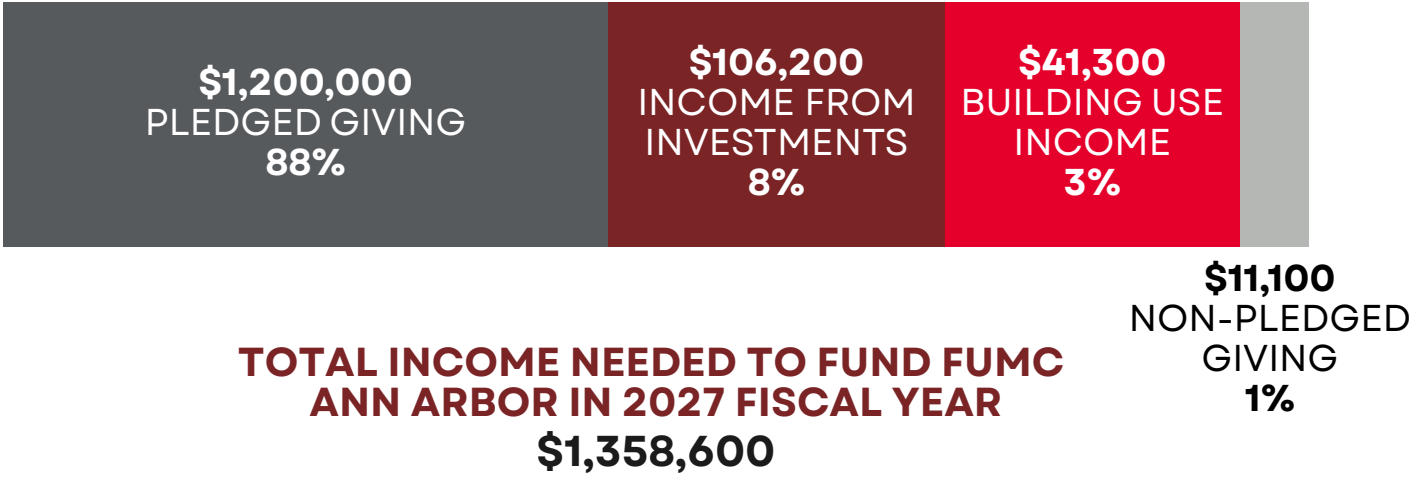
We are grateful for everyone who gave their time and energy to strengthen our community and embody Christ's love through service.



2027 BUDGET



2026 GIVING ALLOCATION



FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FAQ

Why do we ask for an annual pledge?

Your commitment plays a vital role in shaping our church's budget. Your financial commitments help us know whether we have the resources to move forward with the ministry we hope to offer.

How can I submit my pledge for 2027?

ONLINE:

Visit fumc-a2.org/giving and fill out the form.

DROP OFF: Bring your pledge card to the church office any weekday between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MAIL TO:

120 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Can I set up a recurring electronic gift?

To set up reoccurring electronic giving, go to our Online Giving webpage at fumc-a2.onlinegiving.org and follow the prompts.

Who do I contact with questions?

For questions about giving, please contact Ted Brokaw at ted@fumc-a2.org.

ABOUT FUMC

We are a progressive, Christ-centered church focused on loving boldly and building hope through worship, education, service and social justice.

FUMC Welcoming Statement

Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you. God calls us to welcome all races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages and stages of life, abilities and disabilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.



OUR VISION

With God's help, we will transform ourselves and our community through acts of unconditional love, the pursuit of justice, and a commitment to dignity and compassion for all.

OUR MISSION

We are a progressive, Christ-centered church focused on loving boldly and building hope through worship, education, service and social justice.

OUR VALUES

Love Boldly.

Live Curiously.

Serve Compassionately.

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