

# 2024

# SPRINGFIELD FIRST UMC BUDGET

## OUR MINISTRY STORY

Our mission is to love God and love people, so that the Gospel is shared and disciples are shaped.  
**HERE'S HOW WE'RE DOING IT:**

OUR COMMUNION OFFERINGS FOR THE YEAR TOTALED \$9,200 WHICH WENT TO LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS.



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST CONTINUES TO THRIVE, FEEDING AROUND 66 PEOPLE EVERY MONTH.

WE WELCOMED 7 NEW MEMBERS TO OUR FAITH FAMILY.

THE AMEN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISED \$12,000 FOR COPE AND UNITED MINISTRIES.

OUR BLESSING BOX IS FILLED WITH FOOD DAILY.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"I have never felt so welcomed and at home. I have a wonderful church family."  
-Betty W.

"We have built relationships that have nourished our souls in ways we couldn't imagine. We are blessed to be part of this church."  
-Clint & Claire S.

"In this world of uncertainty, the church has given me a sense of peace."  
-Bonnie L.

"My faith journey began here, and God continues to provide meaningful experiences leading to spiritual growth, service, and more."  
-Bob A.

STEPHEN MINISTRY OFFERS ONE-ON-ONE CAREGIVING TO THOSE WHO WANT SUPPORT THROUGH A TOUGH TIME.

LIGHTHOUSE HAS OPENED UP TO WIDOWERS AND HAS ENJOYED A NUMBER OF GREAT SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GATHERINGS THIS YEAR.



150 WHITE CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES WERE FILLED AND DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.



OUR UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH HAS ALMOST 50 ACTIVE MEMBERS. THEY DONATED OVER \$1,800 TO LOCAL MISSIONS THIS YEAR, INCLUDING LAUNDRY LOVE AND THE BACKPACK PROGRAM.

WE FILLED ALMOST 200 SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, PROVIDING GIFTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN IMPOVERISHED PLACES.

WE PRODUCED 125 CLEANING KITS FOR UMCOR AFTER HURRICANES HELENE AND MILTON; IN ADDITION WE SENT A \$2,300 DONATION AND SEVERAL HYGIENE KITS.

SEVERAL NEW MINISTRIES WERE ADDED THIS YEAR, INCLUDING MIDWEEK PRAYER, OWLS, MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, AND A BENEVOLENCE FUND.

### HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

There isn't a one-size-fits-all number. What's important is that we seek God's guidance and give something, because our ministries can't happen without you! *Thank you for your generosity and commitment!*

WE BEGAN A PARTNERSHIP WITH FUENTE DE REDENCIÓN, A HISPANIC CHURCH WHO WORSHIPS IN OUR SPACE.

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## A NARRATIVE VIEW

EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS CAREFULLY, PRAYERFULLY, AND LOVINGLY INVESTED IN MINISTRY.

To illustrate where your money goes, our Stewardship Team developed this narrative budget, sorting 2025 operating expenses proportionally into our four ministry areas:



**HEART (worship) \$191,667.25 | 25%**

- Communion supplies*
- Bulletins*
- Music ministries*
- Worship tech*
- Special services*
- Instrument upkeep*
- Nursery*

**MIND (learning) \$168,667.18 | 22%**

- Children's ministry*
- Youth ministry*
- Sunday school*
- Scouts*
- Confirmation*
- Vacation Bible School*
- Upper Room devotionals*

- Hospitality*
- OWLS*
- Kitchen Committee*
- FLOW*
- Communion delivery*
- Prayer Team*
- Stephen Ministry*

**SOUL (nurture) \$145,667.11 | 19%**

- Community Breakfast*
- COPE*
- My Father's House*
- Mission trips*
- Blessing Box*
- UWFaith*
- Benevolence*

**STRENGTH (service) \$260,667.46 | 34%**



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