

Stewardship Campaign

What Shall We Bring?

October 19, 2025

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT *"When Two or Three are Gathered"* M.F. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS	<i>“More Precious than Silver”</i>	Black Hymnal 2065
	<i>“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”</i>	Black Hymnal 2064

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day the Lord has made! A day of joyful commitment and praise.

P: We come rejoicing, remembering God's faithfulness and anticipating God's future

L: We have been loving God, loving neighbors, and serving the world, and today we bring our gifts to dedicate to that mission.

P: All we have comes from God. With grateful hearts, we offer back our time, talents, and treasure to God's glory.

L: *What gift can we bring in response to God's immeasurable love?*

P: We bring the gift of our whole selves; our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to the work of Christ.

L: Let us worship God with thanksgiving and commit our lives anew to God's service!

All: Amen! Praise be to God, who calls and equips us to give.

OPENING PRAYER

Generous God, we thank you for bringing us to this moment. You have guided us through this season of reflection on giving, and today we are ready to offer our pledges and ourselves to you. We remember how you have provided for our church and each of us in the past, and we trust you for the future. Pour out your Spirit on this congregation now. Unite us in purpose. Fill us with hope. May the commitments we make today be blessed to further your kingdom of grace. We dedicate this service to you and rejoice in the opportunity to serve you. In Jesus' name, who gave everything for us, Amen.

* HYMN “*What Gift Can We Bring?*” UM Hymnal 87

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *“A Charge to Keep Have I”* C.Wesley, M.F. Smith

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: *Gina Torielli*, Exec. Dir. Belonging to Each Other
(Introduction by Bonnie Valade)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Based on 2 Corinthians 9:6–15)*

We believe in God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, whose abundance is not measured in wealth, but in mercy, whose grace multiplies like seed scattered on good soil. We believe in Jesus Christ, the indescribable gift of God's own love, who became poor so that we might be made rich in grace, who gave himself freely, and showed us that generosity is the path to life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work in every act of compassion, turning our offerings into blessings, our gratitude into witness, and our giving into thanksgiving that overflows to God. We believe that when we give, we participate in the divine rhythm of creation, sowing hope, reaping joy, and trusting that God will make all grace abound. Therefore, we will live with open hands, give with joyful hearts, and love without counting the cost. Thanks be to God for the gift that cannot be measured; the gift that is life itself. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Pew Bible pg. 940

SERMON *God's Indescribable Gift*

INVITATION TO OFFERING and PLEDGING

Everything we have began as a gift from God. When we give, we are planting seeds of hope, trusting that God will take what we offer and make it grow into justice, compassion and joy in ways we may never see. Your offering and your pledge today are not just financial commitments; they are acts of faith. They say, *"I believe in God's abundance more than I believe in scarcity."* They say, *"I want to be part of what God is growing here."* So as you give, give with them as a promise.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

"Give Thanks"

Black Hymnal 2036

CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES

* CLOSING HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

UM Hymnal 549

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"We Are Marching"

The flowers adorning the altar today are in appreciation of Pastor René and Wanda.



Staff

Rev. René A. Perez, Pastor
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GOD'S INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

**JOHN WESLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



WELCOME TO JOHN WESLEY U. M. CHURCH

We are a welcoming and active congregation which seeks to
“**LOVE GOD...LOVE OTHERS...SERVE THE WORLD.**”

We invite you to experience meaningful worship services,
engaging Bible studies, Sunday school, fellowship, preaching,
life-changing local and global mission opportunities and more.

We are an active congregation. At John Wesley, there is always room for everyone to
become a part of something greater than ourselves.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Worship Every Sunday: 9:30 am

Tuesday 21st

- Book Study 10:30 AM (Fitzgerald Room)
- Invitation and Connection Team 1:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- Family Ministries Team Meeting 5:15 PM (Fitzgerald Room)

Wednesday 22nd

- Prayer Meeting 11 AM (Sanctuary)
- Book Study in Cataumet 2 PM (Local Grounds)
- Bell Choir 5:45 PM (Sanctuary)
- Chancel Choir 7 PM (Sanctuary)

Thursday 23rd

- Book Study 2:30 PM (Library)

**CHANGING OUR WORLD for October is for “Dress a Live Doll” through the
Salvation Army.** Your change will go towards the funds to help children in the community
be able to receive warm winter clothing and Christmas presents.

October is National Church Library Month!

Check out the JWUMC library offerings!

PUTTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER PRESENTATION

November 2, 2025 11:00AM - After Fellowship

Here at JWUMC in the Fellowship Hall

Step-by-step program that helps to de-mystify organizing your estate (property, accounts,
investments, and more). At any age, it is never too early or late to begin!

For more information contact the United Methodist New England Foundation:

Pam DiMartino at pamd@umfne.org or 800-595-4347

APPLE PIE MAKING WORKSHOP: NOV. 3rd 9 AM!

Karen Dean is once again coordinating our very fun apple pie making workshop on Monday,
Nov 3 at 9 am. All are welcome to join and will receive instructions from Karen. No
experience needed, just come ready for some fun! Contact the office with any questions

**Get ready for some holiday magic — our Annual Christmas Fair
is just around the corner!**

Join us for festive fun, unique gifts, tasty treats, and seasonal cheer on **Thursday, November
14 from 1 PM to 6 PM, and Friday, November 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM.** To make this
event truly magical, we’re looking for **volunteers** to help from November 13 through 15 with
setup, booths, and more. Whether you have a few hours or a full day, your help can make a
big difference. Let’s come together to make this the merriest fair yet!



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2026 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are grateful to share that together we’ve reached **38% of our pledge goal!**
Every commitment is a step toward strengthening the ministries God has entrusted to us.
Thank you for being part of this journey.

**Return the pledge card that was mailed to you or scan the QR code to
enter your 2026 personal commitment today. Stop by the Welcome or
Connect desk if you need a packet.**

