

First United Methodist Church
Narrative Budget
Writing *Our Story* in 2026...

together
we
Thrive!



Do good . . . Be rich in good works . . .
Be generous . . . Ready to share . . . 1 Timothy 6:18

2026

First United Methodist Church Narrative Budget

Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



Your contributions make it possible for our congregation to exist in the heart of Gainesville to share Christ's love with open hearts, open minds and open doors...

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Connect & Care
\$196,903

Worship & Arts
\$323,095

Grow & Serve
\$271,906

Visitation
Stephen Ministry
Prayer Ministry
Caring Meals
Faith Family Card Ministry
Hospitality Ministries
Dickens Inn
Holiday Marketplace
Weddings & Funerals
Community Support Groups & Events
Staff and Facilities

Chancel Choir
Handbells
Instrumental Ensemble
Children's Music & Acolytes
Drama Ministry
Special Music Events
Altar Guild
Community Concerts
Staff and Facilities

Adult Growth Groups
Children and Youth Scouting
FUMPers Preschool
United Women in Faith Circles
UMC Apportionments (a portion meant for others!)
Staff and Facilities





In order to fund our vital ministry happening under our roof and beyond our walls, **we need at least \$791,905 in 2026** which is **approximately 5% more than last year**. This increase is due to added expenses mostly out of our control, one of the largest being insurance.



Whether you are a pledger, a regular contributor, or give only occasionally to support First UMC's transformational ministries, **please help us increase our impact by increasing your 2026 financial giving.**

Every gift matters because it's not **First UMC** without **U!**



Love Boldly

2025 Second Mile Giving*
to our Mission Partners
\$74,062
(\$90,000 Average Yearly Giving)

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Ministry Partners:

Community Outreach Ministry
Monday Worship and Meal
Family Promise
Metcalfe Elementary
Helping Hands Clinic

Residing Hope
Reconciling Ministry Network
UMC Special Sundays
UMCOR (United Methodist
Committee on Relief)
Gator Wesley

*Contributions made in addition to the operating budget as of 9/30/25



Please return your pledge card in worship on
Commitment Sunday, November 23,
through the mail via the provided envelope,
or online at fumcgnv.org/pledge.



Please Pledge



OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS
OPEN DOORS



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