



2026 Narrative Budget
Sun Prairie United Methodist Church

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"Let all that you do be done in love." -- 1 Corinthians 16:14

In a world marked by division, uncertainty and need, the call of Christ remains clear: to *Love Regardless*. As a church, we are invited into a way of living that is not driven by fear or scarcity, but by abundance—God’s abundance.

The Sun Prairie United Methodist Church has been sharing Love Regardless through the generous lives of our members and friends for 180 years, since 1845 when 11 people formed a ‘Methodist Class,’ which became the church. Our first church was built in 1867 at the corner of Cliff St. and Columbus St. In 1962, our current church was built on North St.

At the heart of who we are as the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church are ministries that Love Regardless, Give Regardless, Serve Regardless and Live Generously.



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Love Regardless

Love isn’t always easy. It asks something of us. SPUMC is blessed to be a Reconciling church, which means we have answered the call of Jesus to love by embracing every person as a full participant in our church, including people of all ages, nations, races, abilities, sexual orientations and gender identities.

- We are committed to welcoming all people and living out the great commandment to love God and love our neighbors.
- We embrace the General Conference decision in May of 2024 to allow LGBTQ+ persons to be ordained as United Methodist clergy and for UM clergy to officiate at same-gender weddings.

Love Regardless is not transactional; it’s transformational and that is lived out through our vows of Baptism that promise to raise God’s children in the life of the church. This happens through:

- Children’s Ministry
- Sunday School for all ages

- Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Confirmation for our youth
- Family Ministries
- Vacation Bible School
- Church Camp Scholarships

Love Regardless also happens as we care for people through:

- Hospital Calls
- Pastoral Care
- Stephen Ministry
- Friendly Visitors
- Home Communion
- Fellowship Time
- A Variety of Small Groups

Give Regardless

We give regardless of uncertainty or the season we're in because we believe in God's faithfulness and trust God's provision. Our giving is an act of worship that continues:

- Our staff ministry that includes: A full-time Lead Pastor, full-time Director of Family Ministries, full-time Director of Community Engagement, part-time Director of Caring Ministries, part-time Office Administrative Assistant, part-time Treasurer, part-time Financial Secretary, many part-time Music Directors, Nursery Attendants

Serve Regardless

Serving is love in motion and puts action to our prayers. We serve regardless by engaging the community and world through our outreach ministries and being in relationship with one another through:

- Sunshine Suppers
- Food Pantry Collections
- Spirit of Giving Christmas Tree
- Stuff the Bus
- Support of our neighbor partner school, Northside Elementary
- Annual Garage Sale, supports SPUMC & local community



Live Generously

Generosity is not just something we do, it's who we become when we show the world what Love Regardless really looks like. Living generously is living like Jesus and it starts with prayer and worship ministries:

- Worship that shares a variety of forms and styles
- Sharing in the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion
- Sunday morning worship In-Person & Online
- Children's Time in worship
- Children's Church
- Funerals & Memorial Services
- Weddings
- Christmas Eve & Lent Services
- Christmas Live Nativity
- Blessing of the Animals
- Choirs, Bell Choir, Praise Team, Special Music
- Worship Technology
- Ushers, Greeters & Lay Readers
- Welcome Center Hosts
- Prayer Chain Ministry



Connectional Ministry

Our Connectional giving in The United Methodist Church is called Apportionments.” This idea started with John Wesley and those in his class meetings, who realized they could do more with their combined resources than they could do as individuals. The word “Apportionment” really means “A-portion-meant for others.” Apportionments have become a central way The United Methodist Church extends ministry around the world.

Invitation to Action

Our annual investment in our faith community makes our ministry possible. Our combined gifts will further our SPUMC vision, “To be a welcoming home where we share God’s love.” As you consider your financial giving to our church ministry, consider making your offering through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). Giving electronically allows your offering to come consistently to the church and allows us to budget more efficiently.

As you prayerfully consider your 2026 giving commitment:

- How is God calling you to *Love Regardless*?
- What does it mean to *Give Regardless* of circumstances?
- How might you be called to *Serve Regardless*?
- Are you willing to *Live Generously*, trusting that God will provide?

Giving Guide

Income	1.5%	5%	10%
\$40,000	\$600	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$60,000	\$900	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$80,000	\$1,200	\$4,000	\$8,000

Budget for 2026

