

GENEROSITY 2025

LIVING THE DREAM



**THE CHURCH BELL
SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP EDITION**



IMPACT 2024

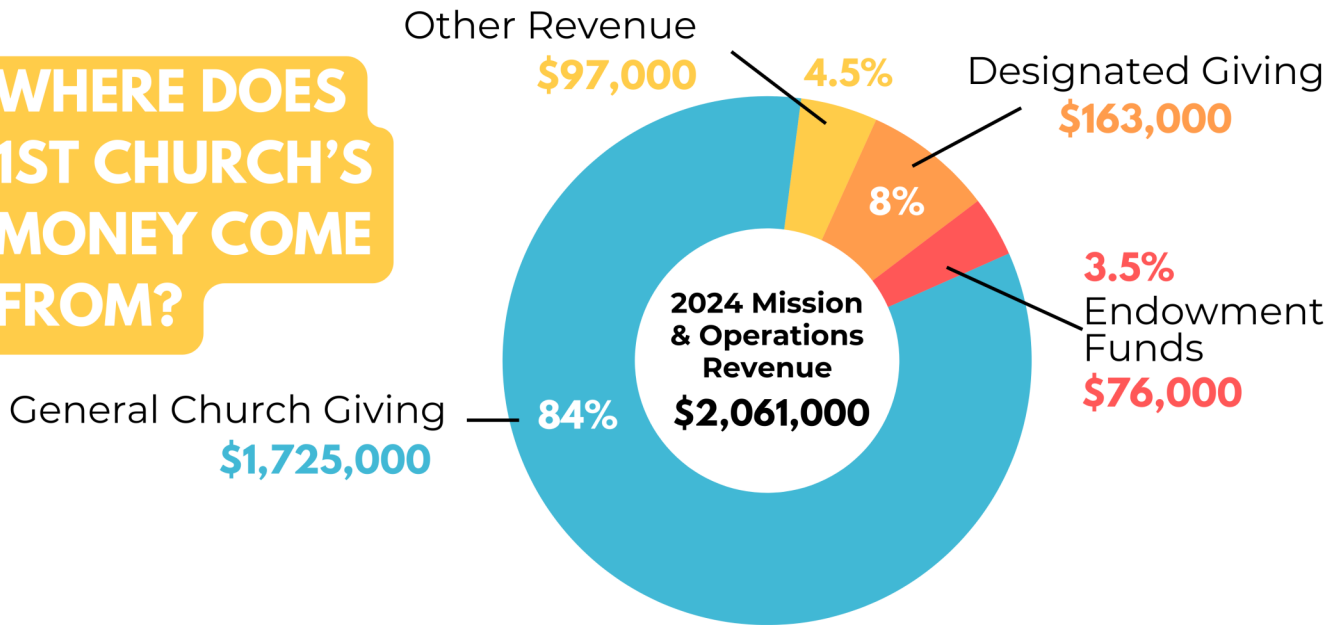
(4Q 2023 - 3Q 2024)

“At 1st United Methodist Church, we celebrate stories of transformation. Sometimes the best way to do that is to look at key numbers that represent hundreds of stories of personal change, growth, and people coming to know Christ through our ministries. We also take stewarding the resources you entrust to us very seriously. We hope you’ll see evidence of both in the 2024 Impact Report, which provides a transparent look at our finances, and celebrates the impact your generosity is having in our church, our city, and our world.”

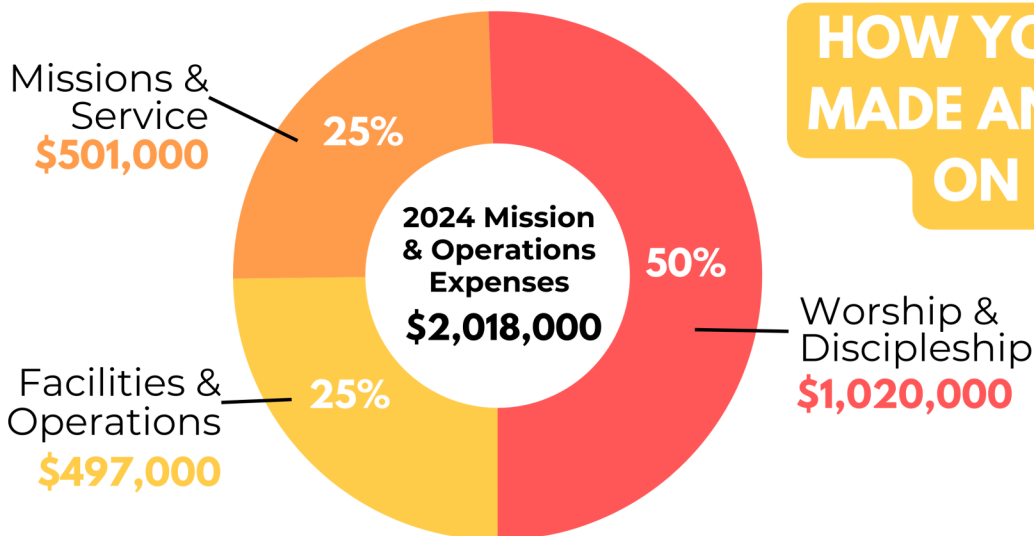
Statement from 1st UMC Church Council



WHERE DOES 1ST CHURCH'S MONEY COME FROM?



HOW YOUR GIFTS MADE AN IMPACT ON MINISTRY



Use the enclosed card or go online to 1stchurch.org/generosity2025 to make a pledge for 2025. Please return your cards in November or December.

PEOPLE

39

New Church Members



5



New Babies Born In Our Church Family



290

Weekly Encounters With Kids & Students

163



Of Your Fellow Church Family Are Involved In Enriching Our Worship With Song And Music

6



Baptisms

5

Families At A Time



Will Receive Shelter With Family Promise At Our Sycamore Tree Facility

DayBreak Dementia Respite Care Ministers To Individuals And Families Living With Dementia



DayBreak Will Soon Offer A Regular Dementia Friendly Worship Service At Sycamore Tree

17th



House Built In Blount County

With Habitat For Humanity

\$40K

To Holston Flood Relief, Flood Buckets, Hygiene Kits And Relief Labor.



MISSION & SERVICE

Compassion Counseling At Sycamore Tree Is Serving Hundreds In Our Community With Welcoming, Accessible, And Affordable Mental Health Counseling And Education



\$26K

New Voices Campaign For Colleges, Camps And Wesley Foundations



80+

Rise & Shine



Maryville Junior High Students Begin Their Tuesday Mornings With Breakfast And A Devotion

150+

Kids, Students, & Helpers Encountered Jesus At VBS



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

58

Students And Adults Experienced Life Changing Worship At RESURRECTION



350

Grace FOR ALL Episodes

Podcast Written, Edited, And Produced By Your Church Family

27K+ Total Listens



20+

Weekly Small Group Options For Adults



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“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen”

Ephesians 3:20-21

On Sundays in November, we have celebrated the gift of dreams. Throughout our faith tradition, God has spoken to the faithful through dreams, and God has encouraged and equipped the church to dream, to envision, and to imagine.

Here at 1st United Methodist Church, we have been privileged to see so many dreams come true across the years - Welcome Table, Celebrate Recovery, Compassion Counseling, the Grace for All podcast, and DayBreak Dementia Respite - *all* of these vital ministries began as dreams, mere possibilities.

Thanks be to God who has provided not only the imagination but also the means to make vision become mission.

As you discern how God is calling you to generosity in 2025, I hope you're dreaming big dreams for our congregation's future. I am absolutely confident that God is. Thank you for your faithful generosity! I believe with all my heart that God will accomplish far more than we can imagine—beyond our wildest *dreams*—with the gifts we offer up in faith.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Jonas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Rev. Jonathan Jonas
Senior Pastor