

# *Measuring What*



# **MATTERS**

**Sun Prairie United Methodist Church**

**2025 Narrative Budget**

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## Measuring What Matters

We have been Measuring What Matters at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church for 179 years, since 1845 when 11 people formed a 'Methodist Class,' which formed 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 is Measuring What Matters by our ministries of Outreach, Hospitality & Relationships, Worship & Prayer, our Reconciling and Connectional Ministries, and our staff ministry.



**"For where your  
treasure is, there your  
heart will be also"**

*~Matthew 6:21*



## Reconciling Ministry

It matters that SPUMC is a Reconciling church, which means we have answered the call of Jesus to love our neighbor by embracing every person as a full participant in our church family, including people of all ages, nations, races, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

- We are committed to welcoming all people with no exceptions.
- We are determined to live out the great commandment to love God and love our neighbors.
- We embrace the General Conference decision to allow LGBTQ+ persons to be ordained as United Methodist clergy and for UM clergy to officiate at same-gender weddings.
- The UMC is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.
- We are dedicated to The UMC mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- We are committed, Jesus-seeking, Spirit-filled, grace-filled, praying people of God.

## Outreach Ministry

We measure what matters by engaging the community and world through outreach ministries:

- Sunshine Suppers
- Food Pantry Drives
- Spirit of Giving Christmas Tree
- Shelter from the Storm Ministries

- Stuff the Bus
- Support of our neighbor, Northside Elementary School
- Annual Garage Sale, supports SPUMC & local community partners



## Hospitality and Relational Ministry

Part of our growing in our love of God is offering hospitality and being in relationship with one another through:

- Fellowship Time
- A variety of small groups
- Grief Support & Education group
- Church School for all ages
- Home Communion
- Hospital Calls
- Prayer Chain
- Birthday Cards to those over 80
- Xtra Years of Zest Fellowship for those over 50

Offering hospitality and building relationships also happens through living out our vows of Baptism to raise our children in the life of the church.

- Children's Ministry
- Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Confirmation for our youth
- Family Ministries
- Vacation Bible School
- Mission Experiences for all ages
- Nursery Care



## Worship and Prayer Ministry

Worship in a variety of forms and styles is the cornerstone of how we connect as the people of God and grow in our faith. The sharing in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion are a means of God's grace that we share as a faith community.

Our worship life includes:



- Sunday morning worship In-Person & Online services

- Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers
- Children's Time in worship
- Welcome Center Hosts
- Worship technology
- Praise Team, Choirs, Bell Choir, Special Music
- Christmas Eve & Lent services
- Christmas Live Nativity
- Blessing of the Animals
- Funerals & Memorial services
- Weddings

## Staff Ministry

Our staff ministry at SPUMC matters and much of the ministry we are able to do is measured by their dedication and faithfulness. When we give financially to the church, we support having a staff ministry that includes:

- A full-time Lead Pastor
- Work toward a full-time Associate Pastor
- A full-time Director of Connecting Ministries
- A full-time Director of Technology & Online Communications
- A part-time Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- A part-time Director of Caring Ministries
- A part-time office Administrative Assistant
- A part-time Treasurer and Financial Secretary
- Several part-time Music Directors
- A part-time Custodian
- Nursery Attendants

## 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.

## Call to Action

Our annual investment in our faith community matters and 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 stewardship toward 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.

## 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 2025

