Wesley United Methodist Church

2027

Stewardship Campaign

Glad & Generous Hearts

"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." — Acts 2:46–47

ROOTED IN LOVE, FORMED IN FAITH, COMMITTED TO JUSTICE

With glad and generous hearts, we look back on 2026 with immense gratitude for how God has moved through Wesley United Methodist Church. From our Issei founders in 1895 to the families who rebuilt our community after 1945, Wesley has always been a sanctuary built on faith, resilience, and radical hospitality. This year, we honored our past while actively setting the table for future generations.

2026 MINISTRY & COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Through a collaborative process of discovery, discernment, and prayer, our congregation articulated Wesley UMC's 2026–2030 Strategic Roadmap. Grounded in our core pillars—creating intentional pathways of connection, cultivating Christ-centered spiritual formation, and expressing God's love through active justice and community partnerships—this roadmap translates our vision into measurable action. Highlights from this year reflect our values in action:

- **Youth Camps, Scholarships & Regional Ties:** Provided essential scholarships and subsidized transportation and registration fees for campers, counselors, and chaperones attending Asian Camp. Deepened regional connections with partner churches, including Blaine, Buena Vista, Aldersgate, and SJUMC.
- **Japantown & Community Partnerships**: Strengthened our presence and relationships in Japantown through active collaborations with the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, Nikkei Matsuri Foundation, and Yu-Ai Kai. Together, we were able to organize special events, such as Community Keiro Kai, honoring our seniors, and the annual Curry Cook-Off, celebrating our Japantown community.
- **Congregational Engagement**: Hosted a vibrant all-church Ministry Fair, celebrating and showcasing the full spectrum of active teams and groups across Wesley.
- **Primetimers & Senior Care:** Hosted memorable fellowship events including the annual holiday party and two grant-funded day trips for our Primetimers and senior community.







PASTORAL & STAFFING LEADERSHIP

Looking back at the past year, we see how God has moved through our generosity—allowing us to expand our staff team to better care for, inspire, and walk alongside our church family.



Mark Teagle
Associate Pastor
Appointed to Wesley for his final ordination process toward becoming a Deacon and now serves in his new role as Associate Pastor.



Jahzara Jones
Vocalist
Joined Wesley's vocal team in 2026, and has been an added vocal force alongside Ivan Vielma, strengthening the worship experience.



Emma To
Youth Ministry Lead
Started in August, bringing deep church roots, innovative ideas, and a commitment to reviving the Youth Leadership Council while fostering a safe, justice-minded community for Wesley's youth.



Caroline Waddington
Youth Ministry Assistant
Dedicated to cultivating an inclusive, loving community for all youth, with a strong focus on active social justice and LGBTQ+ affirmation at Wesley. Will partner with Emma to support the youth.

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$1,000,000
Pledge Goal

$1,039,746
Total Contributions Received (to-date)

2027 GENERAL FUND ESTIMATES



REVENUE
- Estimates of Giving (75%)
- Donations - other (15%)
- Interest Income (7%)
- Fundraising Events (2%)
- Plate Offerings (1%)



EXPENSES
- Staff (50%)
- Facilities/Tech/Utilities/Insurance (17%)
- Education/Ministries/Programs (16%)
- Apportionment (11%)
- Admin (6%)

Why Estimates of Giving Matter

Over **90% of the general fund is donated from generous contributions** by church members and friends of Wesley. Whether you consider yourself a pledged donor or prefer flexibility, submitting an **Estimate of Giving** is uniquely vital:

- **Empowers Responsible Budgeting**: Estimates of Giving allow our leadership and finance teams to build accurate, sustainable ministry budgets based on anticipated resources.
- **Flexible & Adaptable**: An Estimate of Giving is not a legal contract—it can be adjusted at any time as your financial circumstances change.

SETTING THE TABLE FOR 2027

Just as generations before us set the table so we could gather in faith, we are now called to prepare the table for those who follow. To support our vibrant ministries and day-to-day operations, our **2027 Operating Budget is $1,181,109,** and **we seek to raise $1,000,000** through the continued support of our Wesley church community.

Please submit your **Estimate of Giving card by November 15, 2026**. Every gift—given with a glad and generous heart—helps ensure there is always room at the table at Wesley UMC.