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First UMC Gadsden

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving People and Giving Hope



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Weekly Volunteers

Acolytes

November 1
Anna Kate, Layne Godfrey, Lucy Gilbert

November 8
Luke Barnes, Brooks Bone, Claire Bone

Tech Team Schedule

November 1
Celebration:
Bill Haller
Sheila Freeman
Traditions:
Davis Varner
Rob Reynolds

November 8
Celebration:
Bill Haller
Sheila Freeman
Traditions:
Neil Mullin, Wayne Payton, Brad Barnes

Ushers & Greeters

November 1
Celebration :
Nancy McCorkle,
Vickie Handy

Traditions:
Terry & Sheila Bishop
Bob & Becky Oltman

November 8
Celebration:
Denise McCarthy

Traditions:
Judy & Mandell Tillman
Margie & John Freeman

Thursday Security

November 5
Mark Condra

Be Still, My Soul

Sermon Notes: October 29 and November 1: Revelation 7:9-17

Many people are disturbed by Revelation, because of its end time prophecy. However, I find comfort in Revelation because of the beautiful visions of heaven and the redeemed creation. One of those beautiful visions of heaven is Revelation 7:9-17. This is a heavenly throne room scene where people of every tribe, language, and race worship Jesus. Not only do we get a vision but we also receive the promise that in heaven "They will hunger no more, they will thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This week if you are struggling with life, remember this vision given to John and this promise to which we can still cling. I look forward to a day when Jesus will fully be at the center to guide us to springs of life and God will wipe away all our tears.

Looking toward Heaven,

Rev. Sherri

All Church Leaders are encouraged to attend First UMC Gadsden's annual Charge Conference at 3:00 pm, Sunday, November 1, at Attalla First UMC.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this weekend!

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner and Small Groups and Activities for all ages begin at 5:15 pm
Menu Wednesday, November 4:
Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Dessert
$7 per person, $20 per family (Children 11 and under $3)



◊ *Wednesday Bible Study with Rev. Sherri—11 am & 6 pm*

· ***Join a study on the United Methodist Book of Discipline.*** This study will focus on The Social Principles: The Community of All Creation and the official stance of the United Methodist Church on many contemporary issues. The study will be offered at 11am and 6pm and will meet in Room 208. The last session will be held on November 18.

· ***Hit the Road to Bethlehem on December 2 and 9 for a two-week Bible Study*** which will parallel and enhance the Advent sermon series of the same name. Take a closer look at the locations, characters, and scriptures which surround Jesus' birth. The study will be offered at 11am and 6pm and will meet in Room 208.

◊ *Wednesday Bible Study with Harriet Murray, 6 pm*

Twelve Women of the Bible-In this twelve-session small group journey taught by six acclaimed Bible teachers you will meet a group of women in the Bible whose lives teach us about ourselves and about who God is. Come and grow closer to God and each other through these revealing stories of frailties, struggles, brokenness, and victories of real women from both the Old and New Testaments.

Sunday Mornings at FUMC

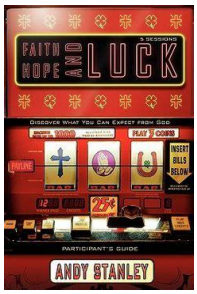


- **Odyssey Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Room 202 (Adult Library)**

Discussion of sermon topics and relevant scripture.

- **Pathfinders/Seekers 10 am, Room 208**

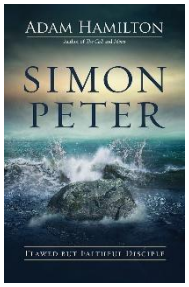
<u>Faith, Hope and Luck</u> by Andy Stanley



Does the world feel topsy-turvy at best and toxic at worst? In Unbreakable Courage, Max Lucado brings today's chaos into conversation with the timeless truth of Scripture, offering biblical insight, encouragement, and hope for uncertain times. Through the story of Elijah, whose unwavering faith gave him courage in turbulent times, Max shows how you can stand strong no matter what challenges you face. Elijah's story can calm your fears, strengthen your faith, and guide your steps toward a renewed life of courage.

- **Living Water 10 am, Room 116-Rev. Ken Casey**

<u>Simon Peter</u> by Adam Hamilton



He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

- **Young Adult/Family Sunday School Class, 10 am, in the Parlor-Room 117**

"Men at the Well" Thursday Mornings, 7:00 am
You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the "Men at the Well" at the 278 Restaurant.
◊ Devotionals ◊ Fellowship ◊ Mission ◊ Service ◊
Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.

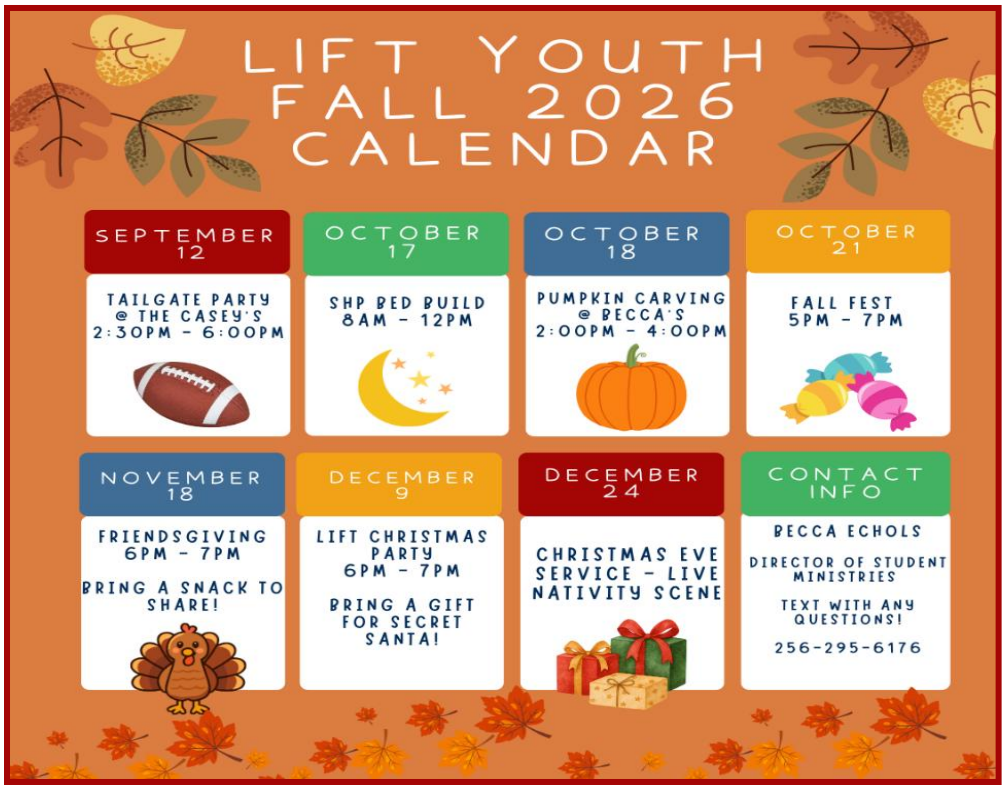


ELC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween Parade. What a fun time seeing all the children in their costumes. The ELC will close at 11:00 on Wednesday, November 4th for Gadsden's annual Veteran's Day Parade. The ELC will be closed Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

-Helene

Youth Sunday School
10 am-Room 211
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L.I.F.T. Youth
Wed Nights @ 6 pm



Fellowship Dinner

Wednesday, November 4 Menu: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Children's Ministry



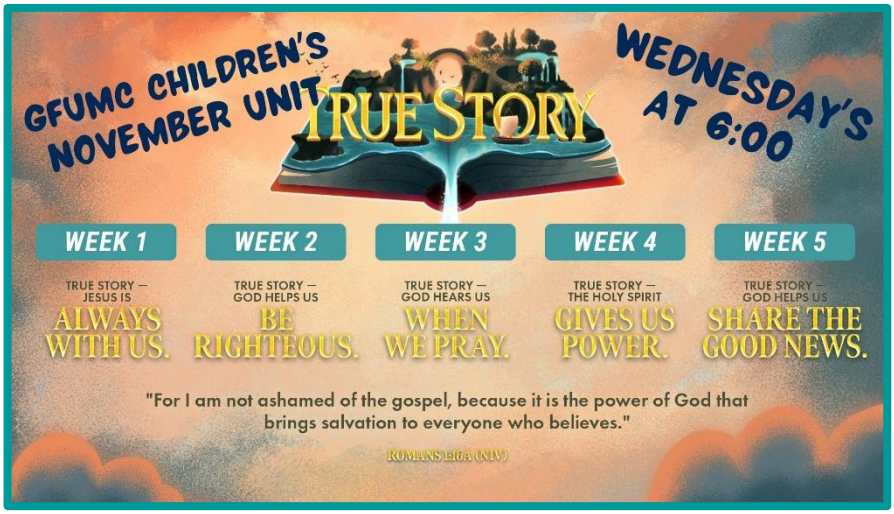
Sunday Mornings

Children's Church during worship, 9 am & 11 am
Sunday school @ 10 am

Wonderful Wednesday
5:15 pm for dinner $7 per person ($3 for 11 and under!)

6 pm Small Groups and Activities for all ages!

Need more info?
katharine@fumcgadsden.org





"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:35

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm,
at the Portico entrance.

Volunteers are needed to serve on Ladle of Love Teams. Contact the church office for more information on how you can serve.

Clothes Closet Workdays are Tuesdays before open days from 9:00-11:00 am.
Open to Public
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
November open dates are 11/4 and 11/18
9:00 am to 11:00 am
516 Broad Street, Gadsden
Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ fumcgadsden.org/serve
Phone: 256-543-8200
Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

Ladle of Love Clothes Closet

July 2026	
LOL	428
Clothes Closet	257
August 2026	
LOL	440
Clothes Closet	275

Thanks to our Volunteers!



Mission Focus

The FUMCG Mission Team sponsors a monthly mission focus that supports local non-profit organizations and church ministries & missions.

Donations for 2nd Chance, Inc.

During the month of October, the mission team is receiving donations for 2nd Chance. Look for the red buckets near the entrances of the church. Needed items are listed.

2nd Chance, Inc. has been assisting survivors of domestic violence since 1990. Serving Etowah, Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties, they receive almost 1000 crisis calls each year from this service area. There are two emergency shelters in Calhoun County. One is for people with limited mobility and is completely ADA compliant. They also provide case management, legal advocacy, counseling, support groups and relocation assistance, all free of charge. 2nd Chance serves women, men, and children, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability and/or sexual orientation. **24-hour crisis line: 256-236-7233**

2nd Chance Wish List

Deodorant
Bar Soap
Ethnic Hair Products
Hairbrushes
Cleaning Supplies (Kitchen, Bathroom & All Purpose Cleaners)
Sponges
Toilet Tissue
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent (High Efficiency)
Towels-All Sizes
Sheets (Twin & Full)
Blankets (Twin & Full)
Comforters (Twin & Full)
Bed Pillows
Body Lotion
Vaseline
Chap Stick/Lip Balm
Umbrellas
Baby Wipes
Over-the-Counter Medications (Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cold & Cough Medicines)

UWF Luncheon, November 9th at 12:00 noon

Join us for a beautiful program presented by Lacey Cornelius. She will be dazzling us with "all things Christmas" from "The Station" and "Gadsden Variety"! Come see how you can decorate for the holidays. Make your reservations by Friday, November 6th. Call or text Carla Watson–256.393.9664.

United Women in Faith

The Annual UWF Fall Bake Sale is coming on Sunday, November 22.
Women in the church are asked to provide 3 baked good items.

Sign up for "Lessons in Pies"

Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 11 am, Apple Pie - Kathy Trotter
Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 6 pm, Chocolate Pecan Pie, Kathy Trotter
Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 11 am, Quiche, Eileen Graham
Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 6 pm, Quiche, Eileen Graham
Watch for signup sheets in the Chestnut Foyer. Contact Karen Owen, 256-393-8552.
A list of ingredients and supplies to bring will be provided once you sign up.

Thank You!


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ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!
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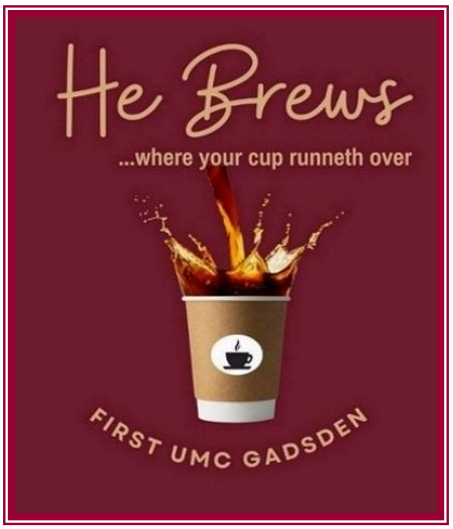





KID SLEEPS
THE FLOOR
UR TOWN!







HeBrews Coffee Café, Chestnut Foyer, Sundays, 10 am

We look forward to seeing you on each Sunday Morning!

Second Sunday Social @ HeBrews includes iced coffee and snacks!

Follow us on

Facebook and Instagram.



Out of town or working on weekends? *Thursday Worship could be just right for you! Join us in the sanctuary for a peaceful, in-person gathering where we reflect on the upcoming Sunday's scripture and sermon and spend time in prayer together. It's a meaningful way to deepen your faith and stay connected with God and your FUMCG family in a warm, welcoming setting. Please join us for Thursday Worship!*





October is
Pastor Appreciation Month.

We give thanks for

Pastor Sherri Reynolds

for her leadership and all that she gives to our church.



FUMCG Connect

You are invited to connect with the FUMCG Family in a new and exciting way. Connect through the church app today by scanning the QR code above. You will now be able to find groups and connect with Teams, Leadership Groups, Sunday school classes, UWF Circles and more within the App.

Follow these steps to connect:

- **Scan the QR Code and Click the link.**
- **"Join" by creating your profile with a password in the app (use "continue with email").**
- **Discover your connections to the FUMCG church community, a smaller community (like UWF, choir, or Children's Ministry, etc.) or a small group (like a Sunday school class or small group) or a church leadership team. There are so many ways to connect!**
- **Request to join or accept an invitation to join.**
- **You are now ready to send and receive notifications, messages, notices, reminders, prayer requests, and more within your FUMCG connections.**
- **Thank you for joining FUMCG Community Connection today!**

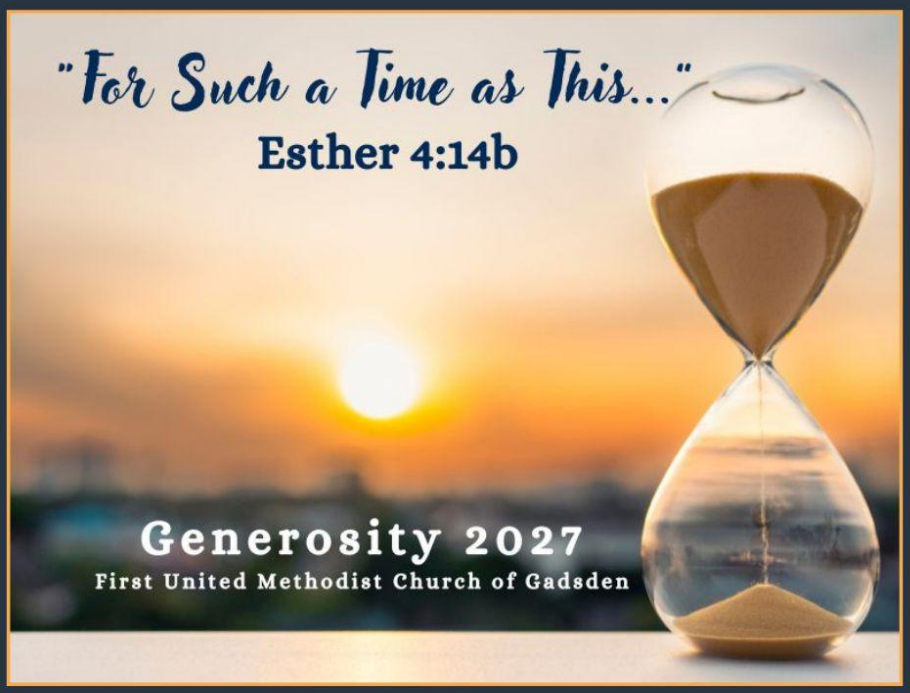


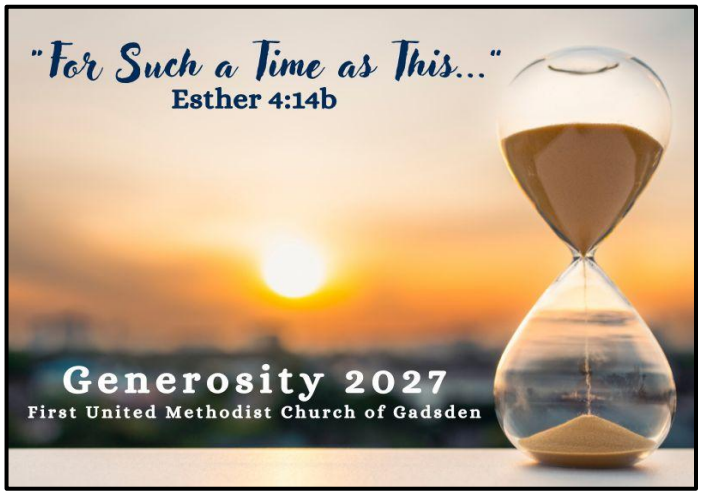
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GADSDEN

Churchwide Brunch

Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Gym/Activity Center

Please make a reservation by 11/9
www.fumcgadsden.org/give or 256.543.8200





We are in the middle of our **2027 Generosity emphasis, "For Such a Time as This..."** Remembering the story of Queen Esther, we are called to consider perhaps we have come to this place "for such a time as this." Maybe we have come to be First United Methodist Church in this season to build upon our current blessings through our membership vow of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This is opportunity to have impact in space where lives are changed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Last week, you should have gotten a letter in the mail with more information about the emphasis. If not, please contact the church office at 256.543.8200 or email susan@fumcgadsden.org. Also, be sure to register for the churchwide brunch on November 15, 2026 at 10am. We hope you make plans to be a part of this special event. You may make a reservation for the brunch by scanning the QR code below or by calling the church office at 256.543.8200. Reservations for the brunch are needed by Monday, November 9.

Make a Reservation for Brunch.

Rev Shea Reynolds — Senior Pastor

Bob Blount — Generosity Chairman

Download our Church App

Search First UMC-Gadsden

In the App Store for Android or iPhone.

First UMC Gadsden

is a registered charity and can receive donations through Venmo: @FirstUMCGadsden

(Please search in Venmo under charities or follow the link in the QR Code.)

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Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

Online: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Venmo *@FirstUMCGadsden*

Mail your tithe or gift: 115 S. 5th Street, Gadsden, AL 35901

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Upcoming Events:

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

October 29 & November 1 – All Saints Remembrance will be in all weekly worship services.

November 1
FUMCG's Annual Charge Conference at Attalla FUMC-3:00 pm

November 8 – Sprinkle for Becca Echols @ 10:00 am, HeBrews

November 15 –10 am
"*For Such a Time as This…*"
Churchwide Brunch, Gym/Activity Center, between the worship services.

Nov 1, Sunday
All Saints Sunday
9:00 am-Celebration Worship
HeBrews Coffee; Sunday School
11:00 am-Traditions Worship
3:00 pm-Charge Conference, Attalla FUMC

Nov 2, Monday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
2:00 pm-4:00 pm-Pickle Ball, Gym

Nov 3, Tuesday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC
9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet workday
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym
6:00 pm-LuVerna Waid Circle meeting

Nov 4 Wednesday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC
9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet open
11:00 am-12:00 pm-Wednesday Bible Study
5:15 pm-Wednesday night meal
6:00 pm-Children's Activities; Youth Activities
Bible Study Groups, rooms 110 & 208;
6:00 pm-Choir Practice

Nov 5, Thursday
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm-Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Nov 6, Friday
11:00 am-12:00 pm; Ladle of Love
12:00 pm-Office Closed

All FUMCG Church Leaders are encouraged to attend First UMC Gadsden's Charge Conference at 3 pm, November 1, at Attalla FUMC. Everyone is invited to attend

Why is Charge Conference important?
Charge Conferences provide a vital connection between local churches and their district superintendent. They reflect the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church, where decisions are made cooperatively by clergy, laity, congregations and connectional leadership. **Find out more @ https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/what-is-charge-conference**



Thank you for supporting "Robbie's of Fayette" Clothing Sale. The fall sale resulted in a donation of $1000 to FUMCG's Children's Ministry!

Immediate Prayer Concerns

June Longshore Lewis Hill Collins Tackaberry
Brent Styles (June Styles' husband) Diane Mayer (Lori Varner's sister)
Lowell Dooley (J. Humphrey's cousin)
Wally Diaczenko (Belinda Tackaberry's brother)
Darrel Faulkner (Billie Faulkner's husband-ELC)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Anna Morgan (DIL of Michelle Morgan) Dawn Rains Jane Jones
Mark Burkett (J.T.Harrell's cousin) James Dial (infant son of Jay & Taylor)



Birthdays
Nov 1 Martha Bullock, Marcy Puckett, David Livingston
Nov 2 Dr. Stephen Blackstock, Tregg Johnson, Regina Holloway
Nov 4 Laney Claire Wigley
Nov 5 Becky Owen, Daniel Whisenant
Nov 6 Ted Johnson, Sheila Ford, Maddi Frickey, Lily Hindsman
Nov 7 Alison McCoy

Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth. Thank you!



Attendance	**Week of Oct 25, 2026**
In Person Total *170	On Line Total 254
Thursday *11	Celebration *52/122
Traditions *107/134	Worship Total 424
Adult SS*49	Children's SS *4
Youth SS*3	Children Sun *10
Bible Study *14	Nursery Wed/Sun *5
Children Wed/Sun *25	Youth Wed/Sun *17

Year 2026	**Week of Oct 25, 2026**
General Offering Budget	$13,040.00
General Offering Received	$ 8,264.32
TD Gen. Offering Budget	$560,720.00
YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd	$571,522.00

Important Deadlines

Deadline for the newsletter is noon on Tuesday of each week.

All requests for spoken announcements for Sunday mornings must be turned in by Thursday @ noon, in writing to Susan Swann.