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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 8
Luke Barnes,
Brooks Bone, Claire Bone

November 15
Clementine Hilburn,
Rhett Hilburn

Tech Team Schedule

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

November 15
Celebration:
Mark Condra,
Sheila Freeman,
Carmen McKiven
Traditions:
Wayne Payton,
Davis Varner,
Rob Reynolds

Ushers & Greeters

November 8
Celebration :
Denise McCarthy,
Karen Owen
Traditions:
Mandell & Judy Tillman
John & Margie Freeman

November 15
Celebration:
Michelle Morgan,
Carla Watson
Traditions:
Phillip & Leslie Johnson,
Lori Varner, Gail McNair,
Grover Kitchens

Thursday Security

November 5
Kirk Mabeus
November 12
Todd Rains

Now is theTime to Serve

Sermon Notes: November 5 and November 8: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Did you realize that a life of service and a life of stewardship go hand and hand? We see this clearly in Peter's words in I Peter 4:7-11. In verse 10, Peter writes, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift you have received." We are stewards of all that God has given us, and out of those God given gifts, we serve others. We use our talents, love and time to bless those around us. The call to love our neighbor is a call to steward the gifts which we have been given and help where there is need.

This coming week, consider how service is an opportunity to be a good steward of all that God has given you? After all, scripture tells us that God is the giver of every good gift. How might those good gifts be an opportunity of service? Maybe, in sharing the good gifts or our lives (time, our resources, etc.) to serve others, we find that stewardship has much to do with receiving and giving.

Now is the Time,
Rev. Sherri

Have You Signed Up for UWF "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.
All pies will be sold in support of local missions at the UWF Bake Sale.
UWF Bake Sale, 10 am, Sunday, November 22.

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner and Small Groups and Activities for all ages begin at 5:15 pm
Menu Wednesday, November 11: Chick-fil-A, 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

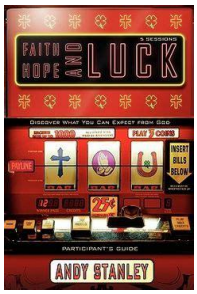


- **Odyssey Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Room 202 (Adult Library)**

Discussion of sermon topics and relevant scripture.

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

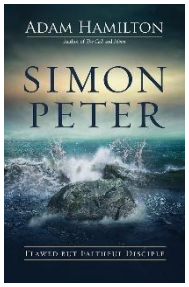
<u>Faith, Hope and Luck</u> by Andy Stanley



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.

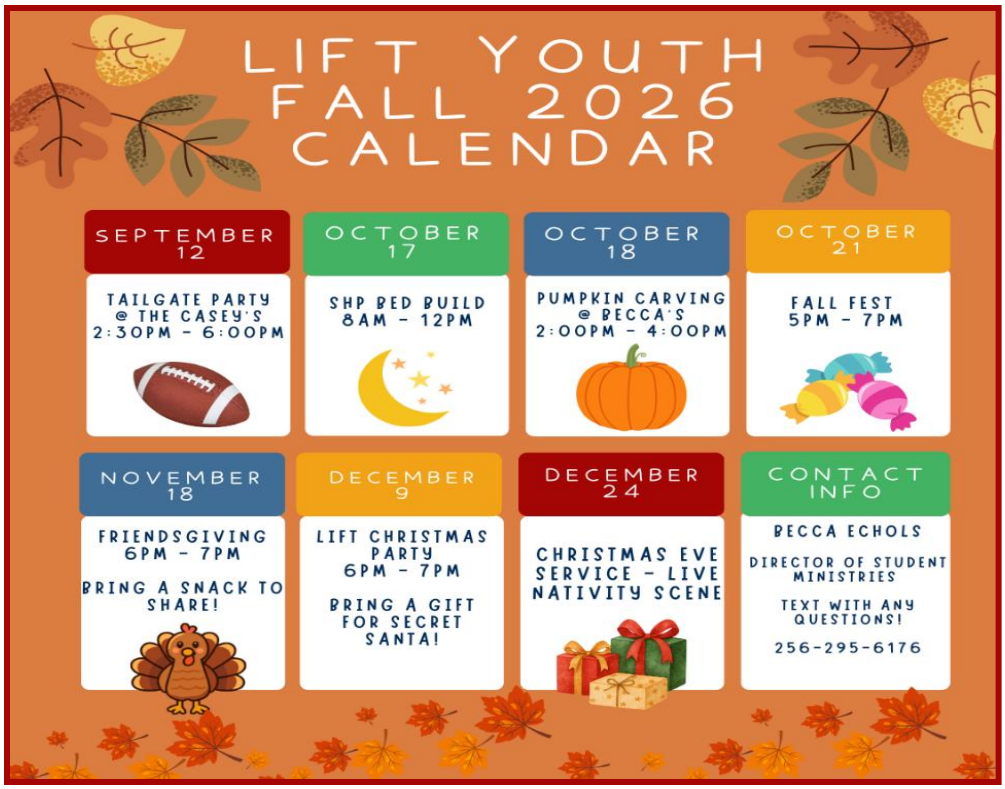


ELC NEWS

The ELC will be closed Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Join us in our annual Team Spirit Day on Thursday, November 19th by wearing your favorite school colors. Our annual Christmas Program will be Thursday December 10th in the Sanctuary.

-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 11 Menu: Chick-fil-A, Salad, Dessert

Children's Ministry



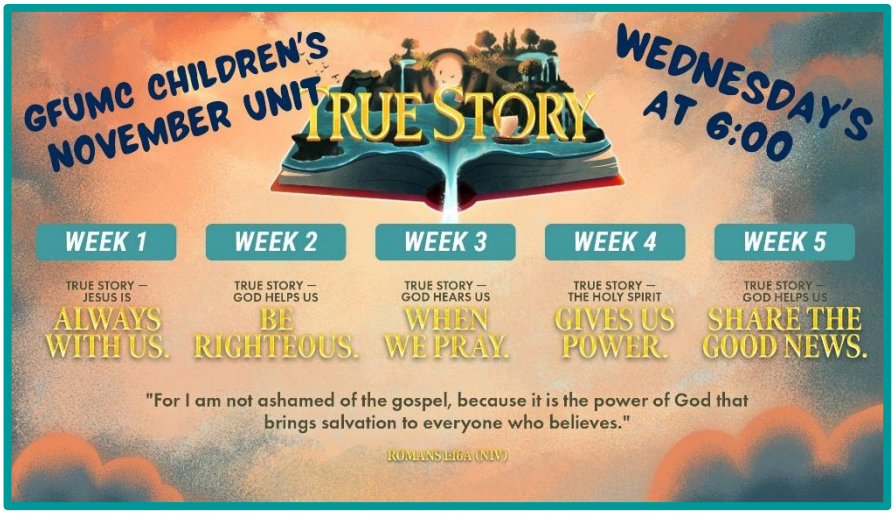
Sunday Mornings

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
August 2026

LOL	440
Clothes Closet	275

September 2026

LOL	458
Clothes Closet	317

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.

Thanksgiving Food Sacks

The grocery sacks ready for you to fill with groceries so a family can enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. These are in the church office or Chestnut Foyer ready to be picked up. Remember the items need to be non-perishable, and a suggested list is on the sack. These sacks will need to be back at the church by Thursday, November19th. The Salvation Army will pick them up and distribute to the families who have signed up to receive them! Thanks for your generosity.

—Mission Team

Local Non-Profit Focus

The First UMC Gadsden Mission Fund supports Manna through quarterly donations throughout the year.

METROPOLITAN AREA NOON NUTRITION ASSOCIATION
MANNA
More than a meal

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Noon Nutrition Association (MANNA), a nonprofit organization, is to deliver a daily nutritional, diet-specific meal to Etowah County, Alabama residents who are elderly, have special needs, or are homebound, to provide for their physical and emotional well-being and lessen isolation by involving volunteers in community service.
Find out more: https://mannagadsden.org/

UWF Luncheon, November 9th at 12:00 noon

United Women in Faith

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.

The Annual UWF Fall Bake Sale is coming on Sunday, November 2.
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
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Thank You!


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ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!
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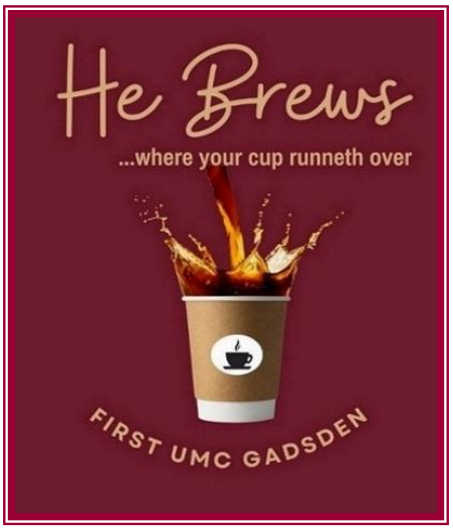





KID SLEEPS
THE FLOOR
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HeBrews Coffee Café, Chestnut Foyer, Sundays, 10 am

We look forward to seeing you on each Sunday Morning!

Second Sunday Social @ HeBrews includes iced coffee and snacks!

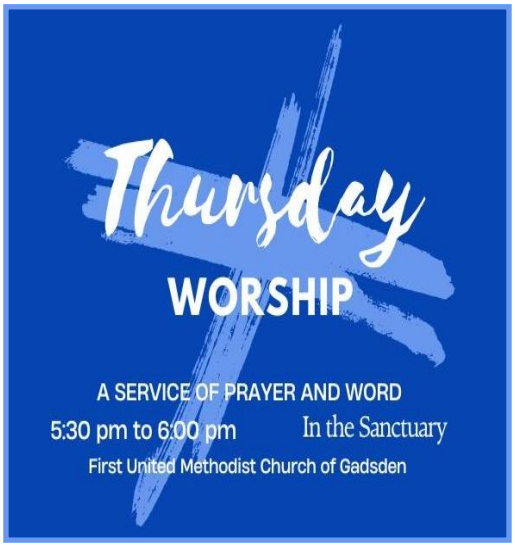
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Out of town or working on weekends?

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!









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!**

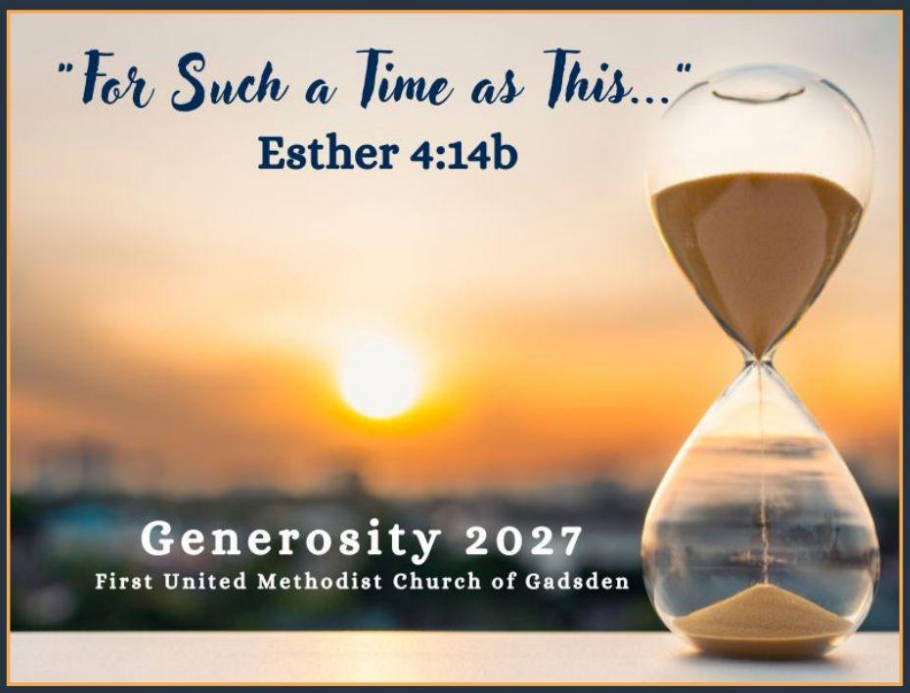


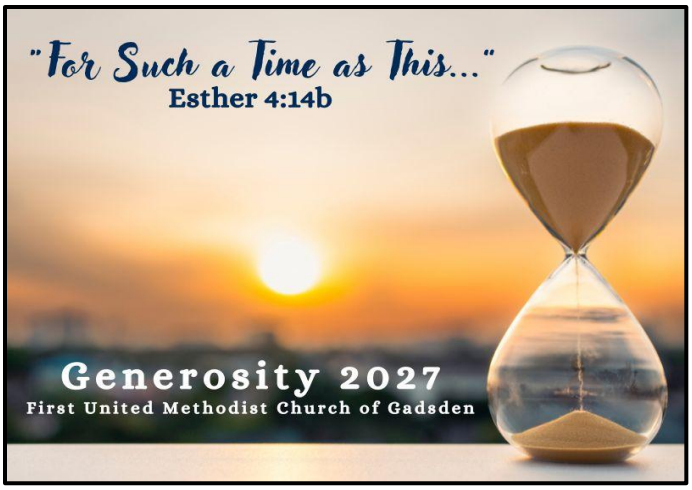
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF GADSDEN

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 drawing closer the end of the 2027 Generosity Emphasis, *"For Such a Time as This."* I hope this emphasis has given you are opportunity to live into your commitment of prayer, presence, gift, service, and witness through First United Methodist Church of Gadsden. Like Queen Esther, we are reminded that perhaps we are called to this position of place for "such a time as this."

I hope you are praying over your 2027 Estimate of Giving Card. Please return those to the church office or in the offering plate by November 15. If you did not receive one by mail, contact the 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.

Now is the Time!

Rev Shea Reynolds — Senior Pastor

Bob Blount — Generosity Chairman

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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:

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.

November 22 – Give Thanks UWF Bake Sale 10 am, Chestnut Foyer

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent.

Celebration Worship-9 am, in the Chapel

Traditions Worship- 11 am, Hanging of the Green, in the Sanctuary

Nov 8, Sunday
9:00 am-Celebration Worship
HeBrews Coffee; Sunday School
10:00 am-Baby Sprinkle for Becca Echols
11:00 am-Traditions Worship

Nov 9, 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 10, Tuesday
9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC
10:30 am-UWF Executive Board
12:00pm-UWF Luncheon, Gathering Room
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

Nov 11 Wednesday
ELC Closed
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 12, Thursday
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
5:30 pm-Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Nov 13, Friday
11:00 am-12:00 pm; Ladle of Love
12:00 pm-Office Closed





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 8 Dee Grimes, Hunter Skipper
Nov 9 Lynn Page, Oliver Wright
Nov 10 Katharine Barnes
Nov 12 Paul McIntyre, Scott Skipper, Roger Mills
Nov 13 Wesley Shumate
Nov 14 Steven Watson

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



Attendance	**Week of Nov 1, 2026**
In Person Total *187	On Line Total 254
Thursday *5	Celebration *77/113
Traditions *105/141	Worship Total 441
Adult SS*53	Children's SS *4
Youth SS*4	Children Sun *12
Bible Study *25	Nursery Wed/Sun*12
Children Wed/Sun *28	Youth Wed/Sun *16

Year 2026	**Week of Nov 1, 2026**
General Offering Budget	$13,040.00
General Offering Received	$19,390.95
TD Gen. Offering Budget	$573,760.00
YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd	$590,912.95

