



For the past three years, church leadership has approved budgets larger than our expected income. This was done for several reasons:

- Supporting Pastor Jin through his ordination
- The effect of the pandemic on household finances
- Uncertainty of the local effect of changes in the global denomination

Year	Pledges	Budget
2024	\$263,380	\$382,792
2023	\$263,510	\$401,303
2022	\$288,649	\$406,412

Our total income is made up of pledges, non-pledged donations, and space rentals. Pledges make up about 70% of the total income.

Church staff and committees have worked creatively to be careful stewards of this year's budget. We have worked to minimize the gap between expenses and income, allowing us to target finishing the year in the black.

2025 Pledge Campaign

Help us to Sustain This Beautiful Life

“Use whatever God has loaned to you to do good to your fellow Christians and to all people. Give all that you have, as well as all that you are, to him who did not even withhold his own Son for your sake.” – *from John Wesley's sermon on the Use of Money*

Pledge Sunday is November 10!

There are several ways to return your pledge:



Return your pledge card in person to the church office or during worship



Email admin@faumc.net with your pledge details



Submit your pledge online at faumc.net



2024 Ministry Highlights and 2025 Pledge Guide

Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist
Church



**A joyful, welcoming
community, igniting hearts
and minds for God's work.**

Why Should I Pledge?

Pledging is a commitment to the church that allows us to effectively plan our resources for the year. Knowing pledged giving amounts allows us to live fully into our ministries at Fairmount Avenue UMC.

Pledging is a faith practice that is part of giving of our time, talent, and resources to further God's vision for a better world. As part of this church community, we have the power to combine our financial resources for greater impact than any of us could do alone.

Please submit your pledge by
November 10

This year, our goal is to approve a balanced budget where expenses are equal to expected income. To do this, we are pursuing the following:

- Income from community partners by opening our church space for their use
- Asking for households to prayerfully consider an **5% increase** to their 2024 pledge

Our Total 2024 Pledge Goal is:
\$285,000

“God has made all things beautiful in its time.”
– Ecclesiastes 3:11

Sustaining this Beautiful Life: 2024 Ministry Highlights



Creating a joyful, welcoming community...

- Fairmount Avenue UMC welcomed four new members
- Community Easter Egg Hunt with over 100 neighbors
- Over 70 people attended July Meet Ups

Igniting hearts and minds...

- First Young Adult Retreat in July
- Over 20 women at the Annual Women's Retreat
- Nine children participated in Vacation Bible School and fifteen children in Sunday School
- We celebrated five high school graduates
- Around 40 people gathered for the Annual North Shore Hiking Weekend
- Hosted bread making seminars led by congregation members during Lent for over 30 participants
- Easter Worship and Egg Hunt with Hot Cross Buns for the congregation



For God's work...

- Partnered with Faithful Hospitality to host asylum seeking families and generated \$10,000 of rental income for the church
- Witness Ministries are sponsoring and helping to resettle a family living in Minnesota as refugees from Syria
- UMC Missionary Sara Flores shared about her ministry in Ecuador
- Continued partnership with Keystone Community Services, Simpson Shelter, and Emma Norton Services
- Participated in the development of two new UMC clergy
- Hosted the traveling exhibit from World Without Genocide