



In the Deep

God's transforming love at work in us

Make It Thrive

Our Guide to Abundance Together

*"I have come that they may have life,
and have it abundantly."*

-John 10:10





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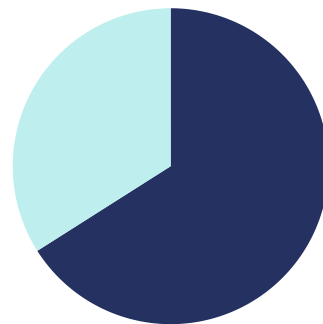
At FUMC Austin, we are building a community where all people are invited to know God's love and are sent to join God in transforming the world. We nurture ministry opportunities that help hundreds of people connect with God, connect with others, and build the transformative habits of service, generosity, and invitation. Your financial gifts make those opportunities come to life.



Transformation happens when we...

Connect With God

Through worship, study, sacrament, and music we are drawn into the presence of the God of love. Your gifts help support staff members like Pastors, Musicians, and A/V specialists, while also keeping the Sanctuary cool and maintained and providing for the tiniest details like pipe cleaners and fidget toys for children to use during worship.



Total Expenditure:
\$822,433.00

Percent of Total Budget:
34%



Expenditures Include:

- Traditional Worship
- Modern Worship
- Choir and Musicians
- Children's Choir
- Bible Studies
- Technology for Online Worship
- Pastors



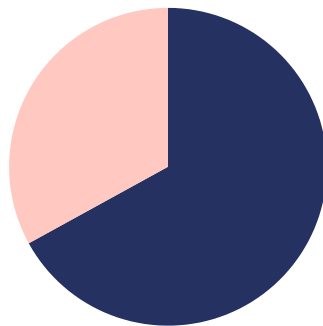


Connect With Others

Groups and events become a pathway to life-changing friendships, and a web of care that assures us all that we do not walk through life alone. Your gifts help support staff members like Children's, Youth, and Young Adult ministry directors, along with the communications and facility support that help these micro-communities flourish.

Total Expenditure:
\$812,110.00

Percent of Total Budget:
33%



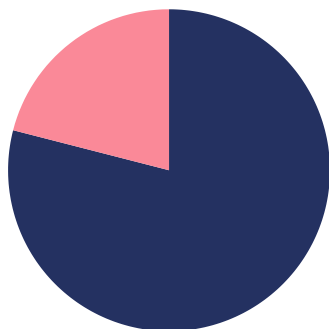
Expenditures Include:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Care Ministry
- Affinity Groups
- Sunday School
- Small Groups
- Churchwide Events
- Chili Cook-off, Pentecost Picnic, etc.
- The Pride, Cheers, Singles, etc.



Serve

Service opportunities become transformative when we encounter God in unexpected people and places, and the regular habit of serving reorients our priorities and our posture toward others. Your gifts provide staff support and leadership, communications and facility support, and all the supplies we need, down to the last compostable fork!



Total Expenditure:
\$513,810.00

Percent of Total Budget:
21%

Expenditures Include:

- *At the Well*
- *English as a Second Language*
- *Pickle Elementary Partnership*
- *Manna Bags and Hygiene Kits for unhoused neighbors*
- *Pride Festival*
- *Ministry partnerships: Feed My People, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, Men's Clothing Closet, CROP Walk, and PURC.*
- *Advocacy education and training*
- *Youth and Children's Mission trip and service retreats*



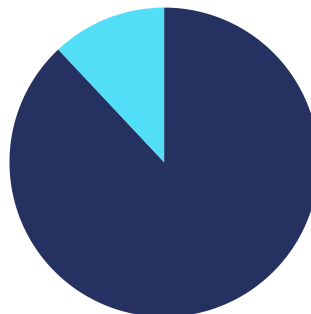


Make It Thrive Beyond the Church

Just as we, as individuals, give toward purposes greater than ourselves, so this congregation extends our impact beyond the local church to partner with local and regional ministries and to participate in the worldwide mission efforts of the United Methodist Church. Your giving supports UMC agencies that run schools and health ministries halfway around the world, while also facilitating advocacy efforts right here at the State Capitol.

Total Expenditure:
\$292,138.00

Percent of Total Budget:
12%



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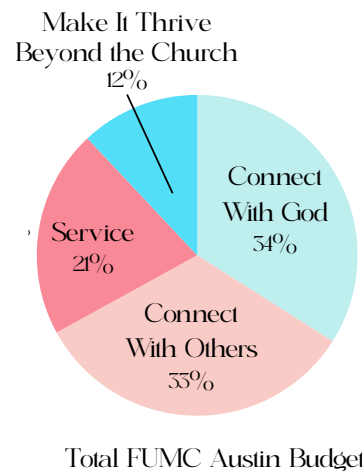
- Educational institutions: Africa University, 13 seminaries, and 11 historically Black colleges and universities
- Denominational leadership, including Bishops and church agencies' staff
- Global outreach and Christian mission efforts around the world
- Staff enagement and leadership in the North District, Rio Texas Conference, and United Methodist Church.



Together, we make it thrive...

2025 has been a remarkable year. Through your commitments and support, we have advanced our ministry in key ways:

- We dove deeper into our commitment to provide hospitality, welcome, and spiritual nourishment to our neighbors at the State Capitol and those exercising advocacy as a way of loving their own neighbors.
- We built on the success of new small groups and continue to build and strengthen micro-communities where new people are finding belonging at FUMC.
- We laid the groundwork in structure and leadership for expanding our care ministries.
- We piloted and launched a monthly worship opportunity that opens space to connect with new generations and those who are yearning for something different.
- Infrastructure advances like new tables and chairs in the FLC and modern, dynamic, user-friendly software enable us to be more effective and hospitable in all our ministries.



2025 Vision

Through the vision process, we are gaining clarity about how God is shaping us for the future and where God is calling us to focus our efforts in the years to come. This year, we have dreamed together about what could be possible when God uses FUMC as a convenor and catalyst for change in Austin, whether in the work of education, housing, health, or justice.

The possibilities are endless and, with the help of God's spirit, you have generated truly inspiring ideas.



Flourishing in Future

A crucial next step is to bridge the financial gaps that hold us back.

As you can see, our ministries are healthy and growing; God is truly doing transformative work at First Church.

Still, we face significant financial challenges:

- Currently, we are not paying our full apportionments to support the churchwide mission of the UMC.
- We are operating on a deficit budget, using the annual gift from FUMC Endowment to fill the gap.
- Meanwhile, we are accumulating debt in order to complete the Sanctuary Restoration project.

In order to forge a path toward a healthy, sustainable future, in 2026, we are focused on bridging these gaps.

Our leaders are in the early stages of considering plans for a follow-up capital campaign to retire construction debt before it has an adverse impact on our budget. You can expect to hear more about that in the next few months.

For now, we need your help to move toward sustainability in our annual budget. When each of us makes a sacrificial investment in God's work at 12th and Lavaca, we can regain strong financial footing and take the next steps toward the impact God longs to make through FUMC Austin.

Please prayerfully consider making an increase to your commitment to our Annual Ministry Plan budget in 2026.

\$2,440,000 — Ministry Plan Expenses

\$2,090,000 covered by Current Revenue

Please note that current expenses do not include ~\$70,000 in unbudgeted apportionments.

\$350,000 covered by Annual Endowment Gift



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