

Supporting Our Connectional Church

Our Connectional giving in The United Methodist Church is called Apportionments. This idea started with John Wesley and those in his class meetings, who realized they could do more with their combined resources than they could do as individuals. The word ‘Apportionment’ really means “A-portion-meant for others.”

Apportionments have become a central way The United Methodist Church extends ministry around the world. Much of The United Methodist Church’s apportionment giving supports:

- Support for health and welfare agencies like Northcott Neighborhood House, UM Children’s Services and Harbor House
- Africa University & Black College Fund
- Funding for New Ministries & New Church Starts
- Operations of Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne camps & retreat centers
- 5 Wisconsin campus ministries supported through Board of Higher Education and Student Ministries
- Wisconsin Conference support
- North Central Jurisdictional Conference support
- General Conference support

Impact of our Giving

Numbers play an important role in how we are the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. The following numbers make a positive impact in how we grow in the present and future as United Methodists.

18 The number of community groups that use our building for meetings, rehearsals, conferences, performances, scout troops, theatre groups...making SPUMC a vibrant church in our community.

210 The number of total financial pledges in 2023

\$15,500

The total amount of scholarships awarded to high school and college students through our many scholarship funds.

22,970

The amount given above our regular and connectional giving for things such as community, state and world missions, UMCOR, disaster response.

- Community school partner with Northside Elementary School.
- Continue to feed over 400 meals at Sunshine Supper quarterly.
- Community partners with Shelter From the Storm Ministries, Sunshine Place, Stuff the Bus, Spirit of Giving campaign, and those experiencing homelessness.

Calling to Action

Our annual investment in our faith community makes our ministry possible. Our combined gifts will further our SPUMC vision, “To be a welcoming home where we share God’s love.”

As you consider your financial stewardship toward our church ministry, consider making your offering through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). Giving electronically allows your offering to come consistently to the church and allows us to budget more efficiently.

Income	1.5%	5%	10%
\$40,000	\$600	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$60,000	\$900	\$3,000	\$6,000
\$80,000	\$1,200	\$4,000	\$8,000

Estimated Budget for Our Story

Ministry Resources	\$ 37,550
Building & Grounds	\$ 101,485
Office Operations	\$ 24,173
Personnel	\$ 462,913
UM Connectional Giving	\$ 95,940
Total	\$ 722,061

Our 2024 connectional giving is based on our overall operating budget and membership.

2024 Narrative Budget

Sun Prairie United Methodist Church

www.sunprairieumc.org

Our story as the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church has been being told for 178 years, since 1845 when 11 people formed a ‘Methodist Class,’ which formed the church. Our first church was built in 1867 at the corner of Cliff St. and Columbus St. In 1962, our current church was built on North St.

Many changes and additions have taken place to our church building and are part of our United Methodist story, all for the purpose of growing and sharing our faith.



Our United Methodist Story

Over the past year 43 churches have dis-affiliated from The United Methodist Church in the Wisconsin Conference over issues of human sexuality. SPUMC remains faithfully United Methodist.

Within our conference this represents approximately 10% of our churches and members. Nationally, approximately 90% of churches remained United Methodist.

- We are committed to welcoming all people with no exceptions.
- We are determined to live out the great commandment to love God and love our neighbors.
- The UMC is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.
- We are dedicated to The UMC mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in the tradition of John Wesley.
- We are diverse, justice-seeking, resilient, welcoming people of God.
- We are committed, Jesus-seeking, Spirit-filled, grace-filled, praying people of God.

#BeUMC

Our SPUMC Story

Our story includes:

Being a Reconciling congregation that answers the call of Jesus to love our neighbor by embracing every person as a full participant in our church family, including people of all ages, nations, races, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

Engaging the community and world through outreach and missions:

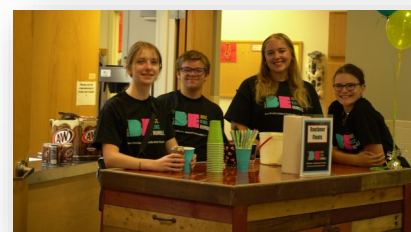
- Sunshine Suppers
- Food Pantry Drives
- Faith in Action Days
- Spirit of Giving Christmas Tree
- Shelter from the Storm Ministries
- Stuff the Bus
- Support of our neighbor, Northside Elementary School
- Annual Garage Sale, supports SPUMC & local community partners



Our Relationships

Part of growing in our love of God is being in relationship with one another. Building relationships comes through:

- Fellowship Time
- A variety of small groups
- Grief Support & Education group
- Church School for all ages
- Home Communion Stewards
- Hospital Calls
- Prayer Chain
- Birthday Cards to those over 80
- Xtra Years of Zest Fellowship for those over 50



Building relationships also happens through living out our vows of Baptism to raise our children in the life of the church.

- Children's Ministry
- Youth & Young Adult Ministries
- Confirmation for our youth
- Family Ministries
- Vacation Bible School
- Mission Experiences for all ages
- Nursery Care

Our Worship

Worship in a variety of forms and styles is the cornerstone of how we connect as the people of God and grow in our faith. The sharing in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion are a means of God's grace that are shared as a faith community.

Our worship life includes:

- Two Sunday morning worship services & Online service
- Ushers, Greeters and Lay Readers
- Children's Time in worship
- Welcome Center Hosts
- Worship technology
- Praise Teams, Choirs, Bell Choirs, Special Music
- Christmas Eve & Lent services
- Christmas Live Nativity
- Blessing of the Animals
- Funerals & Memorial services
- Weddings
- Nursing Home & Senior Living services
- Exploring new ideas for worship

