



Woodlake United Methodist Church

yes, and...

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

# Woodlake UMC is a Roof-Digging church.

Our mission is to

**FOLLOW JESUS.  
LOVE ALL PEOPLE.  
IMPACT THE COMMUNITY.**

Like the people in Mark 2:1-12,  
we seek to make the love of  
Jesus accessible to all, even  
if it means digging a hole  
in a roof.

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# FAQS

## WHAT IS THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN?

Our leadership teams are planning now for how we will answer God's call for our church in the coming year. One part of that planning is making sure we have the resources to support our ministries. During the Giving Campaign, we share what we plan to do at Woodlake UMC next year and invite you to share an estimate of what you plan to give to help make that plan a reality.

## WHAT IS "YES, AND"?

In improv comedy, team members use the practice "Yes, and..." to accept the sketch premise before them and bring their own addition: A character, idea, plot development, prop, anything that can move the sketch forward or bump it in a new direction. **This year at Woodlake, we invite you to say "yes" to God's call — and then consider: What is your "and"? What is the next step God is inviting you to take to go deeper in faith, service, and giving?**



## HOW DOES YOUR COMMITMENT HELP WUMC?



**OUR 2026 ANNUAL GIVING GOAL IS **\$1,800,000**. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE THIS GOAL A REALITY.**

Often we may feel like our presence in worship, our participation in service, or our small donation to the church doesn't make much difference, but it does! God uses small actions to make a big difference. When our small contributions are joined in the life of the church, they become a powerful force for good in our community and a way we say "yes" to our neighbors.

## **WHAT WOULD THIS BUDGET ALLOW US TO DO?**

A fully-funded budget for 2026 would allow us to better reach our neighbors with the love of Christ, provide opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith, worship God vibrantly, and serve our community in powerful ways. All of our ministries depend on your generosity.

## WITH YOUR “AND” WE WILL BE ABLE TO...

- Make the love of Jesus accessible to all of our neighbors near and far
- Buy curriculum for our NextGen ministries and small groups
- Purchase equipment so we can livestream worship around the globe
- Support our mission partnerships with Belmont Community Resource Center and United Methodist Family Services
- Keep the lights on so our church can provide space for scouting, recovery ministries, school events, and community gatherings, as well as for our church's ministries

**Your generosity allows us to reach more people with the grace of Jesus Christ.**



“WUMC is a place that embraces and loves all people, and that means so much to me. Most importantly, it immediately felt like home—not just for me, but for my daughter as well. I’m grateful to be part of a community where we both can grow in faith and belonging.” –Erin LaLiberte



## ...and Worship

**49** new members



**30** baptisms



“Being involved with worship & fellowship within the church allows me to serve others and God.”  
- Confirmation Youth

Livestream viewed for  
**3,440+ hours** across **9 countries**, averaging  
**161 weekly viewers**





Averaged **381**  
**people** at  
9:30am  
worship and  
**165 people** at  
11:00am  
worship

**400** cups of  
coffee enjoyed  
every week



"The past few years at WUMC have shown us just how valuable and active and deeply caring the church is for our community. Personally, WUMC has also been a space for this old guy to make new friends. In doing so, these relationships have grounded me deeper in my faith." -Bob Harty

Around **85 volunteers**  
serve each Sunday,  
making worship possible





## ...and Grow

Offered **over 20** different Adult Ministries groups



- Short term classes
- Long term classes
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Small Groups



**12 youth** confirmed



Averaged **73 kids** (birth-grade 5) per week in Sunday School





**61 moms** found belonging and encouragement through MomCo

"This coming year I am saying "yes, and..." by serving as a MomCo table leader. I've been very blessed by MomCo, and it felt like God was encouraging me to start giving back in some small way." -Christina Badorrek



**20 kids** and **45 youth** participated in weeknight programming



The Men's Ministry raised **\$10,000** for Belmont at their golf tournament

**57 people** attended the first SR Connect meeting



**170 kids** and **85 volunteers** were part of Vacation Bible School





# ...and Serve

Woodlake UMC started in 1986 with a goal to impact the community of Woodlake by introducing people to Jesus.

As we look ahead to 2026, we continue to pursue this goal as we make the love of Jesus accessible to all.

**We must reach those who are not yet here.**

Served **more than 700 families** weekly at Belmont food pantry, a number that is up significantly from previous years



Provided **225 backpacks** of food for students since April



Provided the opportunity for **over 50 youth** at United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) to attend worship and learn more about God's unconditional love while fostering relationships rooted in Christian love







Over **40 kids** participated in service projects



**130 people** served during Roof Digging Week



**21 adults** served on mission trips to Guatemala and Hinton

"The 'and' is my family and passion for the hungry and those in need."  
-Houston Hemp



**31 youth** went on the Passport Mission Trip to Harrisonburg, VA



## OF 510 HOUSEHOLDS AT WOODLAKE UMC ONLY 189 TURN IN A PLEDGE CARD.

- If 150 current non-givers gave **\$10/week** the budget would increase by \$78,000.
- If they gave **\$20/week**, the budget would increase by \$156,000.

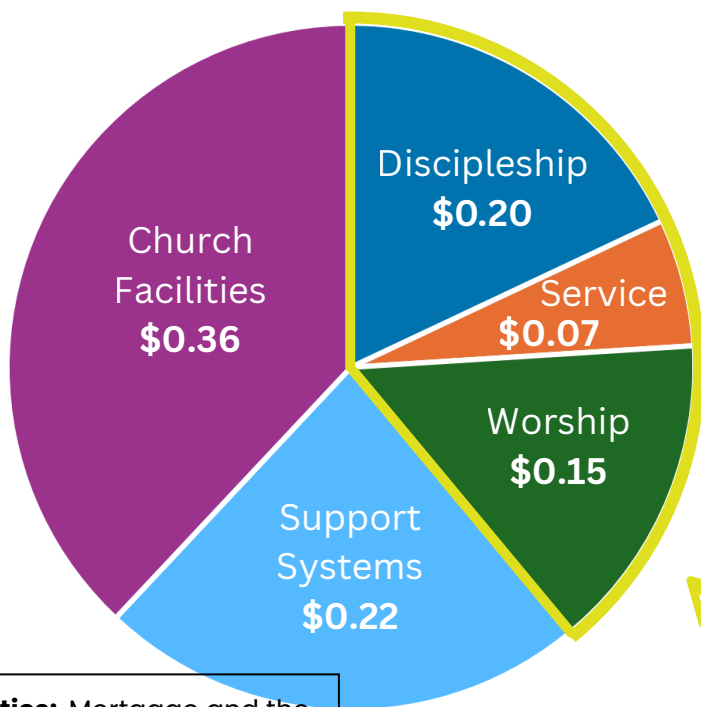


"My 'and' has been about moving from just believing to actively serving. Saying 'yes' to faith was about accepting God's love for me. My 'and' is about sharing that love with others. For me, that means volunteering with the church's outreach program. It's not just about showing up, but about seeing the needs in the community and saying, 'Yes, I will help, and I will bring my time and my skills to make a difference.'"

-anonymous

# Your Generosity in Action

Ever wonder how your giving makes a difference? Here's how just one dollar is spent across the ministries of our church. **Small gifts, big impact.**



**Church Facilities:** Mortgage and the costs to maintain building and grounds

**Support Systems:** Administration, Technology, Communications, Annual Conference, Stewardship, Lay Leadership

**Discipleship:** Children, Youth, Adults

**Service:** Outreach, Local Missions, Hospitality, Congregational Care

**Worship:** Costs for modern, traditional, and online worshipping

Church Facilities and Support Systems are fixed amounts.

**Your abundant giving will increase our funding for Discipleship, Service, and Worship.**



## IN THIS SEASON, WHAT IS YOUR “AND”?



### NEW TO GIVING?

If giving is not a habit yet, or if you give but haven't made a pledge, a great place to start could be setting up a recurring gift.



### ALREADY A COMMITTED GIVER?

Consider whether God might be nudging you to increase your giving—even a small step can make a big impact.



### FURTHER ALONG IN YOUR JOURNEY?

If you are committed and growing already, this could be the time to explore legacy giving and creating an estate plan that reflects your faith and values.

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO RAISE \$1,800,000?

| Weekly Gift | Annual Commitment | Households | Total from this Level |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| \$577       | \$30,000          | 3          | \$90,000              |
| \$385       | \$20,000          | 10         | \$200,000             |
| \$192       | \$10,000          | 65         | \$650,000             |
| \$96        | \$5,000           | 85         | \$425,000             |
| \$48        | \$2,500           | 100        | \$250,000             |
| \$24        | \$1,250           | 79         | \$98,750              |
| \$12        | \$625             | 90         | \$56,250              |
| \$6         | \$300             | 100        | \$30,000              |
|             |                   | 532        | \$1,800,000           |

Could giving up one coffee or meal out each week become your "and"? What next step could you take to say "yes, and" to God's call to generosity and service? All of our small "ands" combined will allow Woodlake UMC to continue the vibrant ministries outlined in this book and go even further to make the love of Jesus accessible to all. **You can make a difference.**

Calculate your 2026 Annual Giving Fund Commitment

Your prior year commitment was...

\$

Your commitment to the 2026 Annual Giving Fund will be...

\$



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