

## First United Methodist Church of Commerce

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“Prayer Shawl— especially serving together”

“I see & feel hope in the faces that frequent our blessings table”

“Hope comes from new friends made-being part of a church of caring people”



## Where do YOU encounter Hope

“Just like Jesus tells us to give abundantly, so many of the members give so much of their time. When I see their commitment I feel like I am encountering God through them. It is an inspiration to go and do likewise”



“The Music, John & Choir, shaking hands with smiling strangers”

“Love & Acceptance of the LGBTQ community”

“Hearing the message every week gives me recurring hope that I have been forgiven for my sins & shortcomings, and have been established as one of the children of the father.”



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### 2026 NARRATIVE OPERATING BUDGET

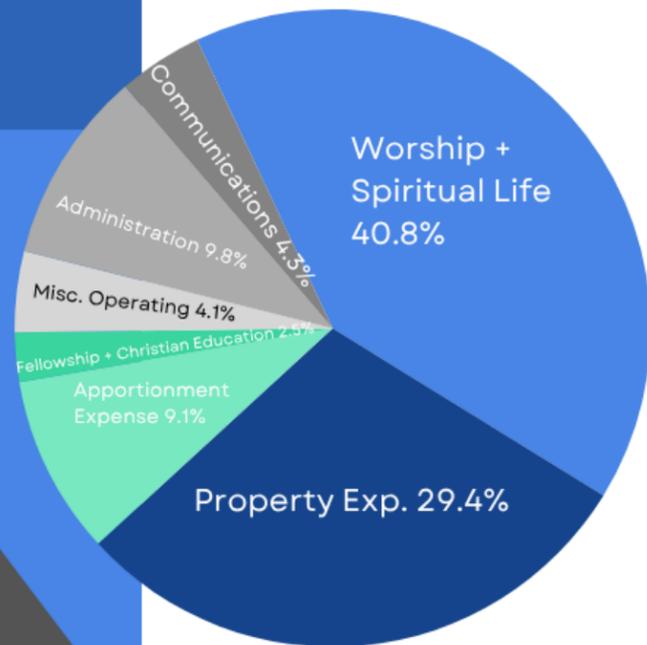
# 1881 - 2026



## Our Strategic Priorities

- *Multiply Jesus Followers*
- *Champion Children And Youth*
- *Maximize Care and Healing*
- *Pursue and Embrace Diversity*
- *Tell Our Story*

# BUDGETED EXPENSES FOR 2026 TOTAL \$295,425



- WORSHIP + SPIRITUAL LIFE**  
 40.8% \$120,728  
 Pastoral Care, Music Ministry, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministries
- PROPERTY EXP.**  
 29.4% \$86,121  
 Insurance, Utilities, Custodial, Lawn Care, Organ, Ext.
- APPORTIONMENT EXPENSE**  
 9.1% \$27,000  
 National and International Missions of the United Methodist Church plus Support of Conference and District Personnel who provide assistance to our Pastor and Congregation
- FELLOWSHIP + CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
 2.5% \$7,500  
 Community Support, Fellowship & Special Events
- ADMINISTRATION**  
 9.8% \$2,895  
 Accounts Payable, recording donations, payroll and tax reporting, district and conference denominational, preparing budgets and audit control
- COMMUNICATIONS**  
 4.3% \$12,918  
 Social Media, website, newsletters, & worship bulletins
- MISC. OPERATING**  
 4.1% \$12,200  
 Minor building expenses, Office, & Custodial Supplies

## Outreach & Missions

Apportionments to global denominational missions as well as local projects and agencies. Our budgeted expenses provide physical space and leadership for church mission projects.



## Communications

Social media, website, newsletters, and worship bulletins.



## Fellowship and Christian Education

Provides opportunities for fellowship and hospitality, including Coffee Café after Worship, fellowship meals and events, weekly programming for all ages, mission trips, summer camp, seasonal study groups, and VBS.



# Budgeted Expenses provide the physical space and leadership for the Church's Mission Projects

## Worship & Spiritual Life

Weekly worship services, funding for Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Youth & Children Ministry and Pastoral Care. Staffing, equipment, and software necessary to facilitate quality worship, both online and in-person.

## Property

Our facilities and property are a central point for worship, teaching, organizing, and gathering to support all our ministries. We also provide space for BSA Scouts & Cub Scouts. Little Ark contributes to our budgeted expenses.



## Administration, Media & Technology

Includes accounts payable, recording donations, payroll and tax reporting, district and conference denominational, preparing budgets and audit control.

## Little Ark Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten

Our program teaches children the academic, social, and emotional skills necessary for Kindergarten utilizing play-based curriculum. Little Ark provides reimbursement for prorated portion of utilities, insurance, and office expenses.