



GermanTown  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2025-JUNE 2026

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming community of faith committed to:  
Loving God and loving others,  
Serving Christ and sharing Him;  
Transforming lives and making disciples.



**Where are you on the giving path?**  

**Will you take the next step?**  

We love because God first loved us, and we give because God first gave himself for us. Through our generosity, God uses what we bring in marvelous ways to reveal his love and grace to the world. At GUMC, we seek to grow stronger and bolder in our witness. We desire to share Christ in more and more ways.

It's true that we have a spiritual need to give faithfully, and we must seek ways to nurture our faith and generosity by continuing down the giving path.

Our financial support for the GUMC family is transformed into the hands and feet of Jesus, both inside and outside the church. Pictures and stories of our faith in action are in our **2024 Ministry Impact Report** and can be viewed by scanning the **QR code**.



Our contributions do, without a doubt, make a difference in the name of Jesus. We invite you to prayerfully consider where God is calling you to be in your giving. Increasing our generosity is one way we deepen our faith.



**PASTORAL MINISTRY**

**\$480,241.94**

Our pastoral team partners with the congregation to lead, nurture, and equip the congregation in living out its Christian discipleship. The GUMC pastoral team consists of three full-time Elders, one part-time Elder, and two part-time lay staff. The pastoral work in GUMC consists of ministries such as...

- Preaching & Teaching
- Celebrating the Sacraments
- Weddings & Funerals
- Casting Vision
- Visitation
- Congregational Care

**MUSIC & WORSHIP**

**\$288,836.79**

Music and worship are vital to our life at GUMC. Each week, two traditional and one alternative worship services give people of all ages ways to deepen and rejoice in their faith. These ministries also provide avenues for people to share their talents in praise of God. Encountering God can happen in these ministries through opportunities like...

- Children, Youth, & Adult Choirs
- Instrumental Ensembles
- Prism Riot Band
- Visual Arts
- Worship Leadership & Support
- Seasonal Worship & Programs

**MISSION & OUTREACH**

**\$402,077.00**

Whether it's across the street or on the other side of the world, GUMC extends the mercy and compassion of Jesus. Both financial and hands-on missions enable us to embody the call of Jesus to serve the hungry, poor, lonely, and sick in meaningful ways such as...

- Room in the Inn
- Alturas Ministry
- Weekend Lunches for Kids
- Owings Life Enrichment Center
- Annual Conference Ministries
- Moscow Seminary
- Kenya Missions
- Youth Leadership of Memphis

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**\$470,021.92**

Discipleship is a life-long journey, and we provide many ways for spiritual growth to take root from birth through adulthood. Community and fellowship in the name of Jesus are discovered as we learn more about God and how our faith makes an impact in and through us. Opportunities of spiritual development include...

- Nursery & Preschool
- Children & Youth
- Adults
- Sunday School Classes
- Small Groups
- Fellowship Times

**CHURCH OPERATIONS**

**\$678,268.54**

Our members, staff, and pastors need resources and tools that support all the great work being accomplished through GUMC. Ministries, news, and events need to be promoted and day-to-day tasks that keep our church functioning need to be done effectively. Much of this important work is done behind the scenes and includes...

- Bulletins & Publications
- Website & Email
- Communications
- General Office Activities
- Paper, Copiers, Supplies, & Postage
- Church Management Software

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

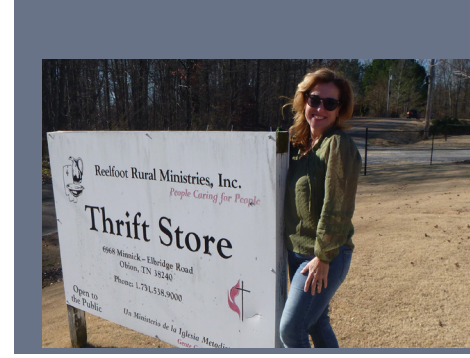
**\$1,085,765.81**

We have a beautiful campus that offers space and amenities in support of our many ministries. We don't want to take for granted the amount of care that's necessary to have a tangible presence of mission. Our skilled maintenance and housekeeping staff work diligently to clean and care for our facilities that include...

- 6 Buildings on 13.6 Acres
- 38 HVAC Units & Boilers
- Utilities
- Landscaping & Lawn Care
- Insurance
- Safety & Security
- Janitorial & Maintenance Supplies

# GENEROSITY STATEMENT

We are called to joyfully and gratefully share our blessings to transform lives for God's glory. We believe that the discipline of generosity helps us to live out our calling to invest in our church's ministry, to love others, and impact the world. God calls us to be faithful stewards and share the many blessings He has provided for us.



## GRATITUDE & JOY

We are thankful for the many blessings God has given to us, and it is with great joy that we share these blessings. We seek to not only experience God's blessings but to participate in growing His kingdom. [2 Corinthians 9:7, 11]

## STEWARDSHIP

We know that the source of everything we have is God, and we are meant to be faithful stewards of the abundance we have been given. Our goal is to live a life that reflects His gifts with our financial resources as well as our time, talents, prayers, and witness. [1 Chronicles 29:12]

## HEART & SOUL

We seek to be Spirit-led, open-hearted, and open-handed as we work to live generous lives. Growing in generosity is a pathway along our spiritual/faith journey. When we follow this path, our heart is in God's kingdom, not in this world's. [Matthew 6:21, 24]

## IMPACT

We know that God can perform miracles and, just like the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, our generosity can multiply to impact those here at home and throughout the world. By using our resources to touch lives outside our church, we make a difference in the way others see and feel the impact of His love firsthand. [Acts 4:34-35]

## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A RECURRING GIFT?

Setting up a systematic and automated contribution is easy and beneficial to both you and the church. It allows you to maintain your giving, even when you're travelling. You can change the amount as needed. The church receives a more consistent stream of resources for its ministry. To set up your recurring gift, simply visit the giving page on our website, or contact Sharon Panis, our Financial Manager.



- Cash or check given in the offering plate or by mail



- Venmo: @GermantownUMC



- Electronic Giving  
Website: [shelbygiving.com/app/giving/germantownumc](http://shelbygiving.com/app/giving/germantownumc)



- Text: "GIVE" to 901-910-1220

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## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A PLANNED GIFT TO GUMC?

A planned gift is any charitable gift made during life or at death that is part of your overall estate plan. Planned gifts can include a percentage or a specific cash amount of your will, trust, life insurance, or retirement account. Planned gifts can also include appreciated assets, like stock or real estate, as well as income-generating current gifts, such as charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts. Offering a planned gift will sustain the mission and ministries of GUMC for future generations. If you would like more information, contact Scott Alford, our Executive Minister, or Sharon Panis, our Financial Manager.