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# STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT
## October 18, 2026

Financial Status

- Current Budget
  - Our current working budget looks good, and we are in the black. We are staying within budget overall, and our giving also looks good. The pledges are coming in nicely; however, we are low in our faith income, which is the income we budget that is not pledged. Thank you to everyone who gives so faithfully to support our beloved church.
- 2027 Budget
  - The Board is currently crafting the 2027 budget. All of our ministry leaders are submitting their budget requests to support their 2027 ministry visions, and we are prayerfully budgeting $250,000 in pledge financial commitments.

Campus Refresh

- Kitchen Renovation
  - Beginning December 7, our kitchen is getting a makeover! New paint, new lighting, removal of the roll-up window, new stove, removal of the griddle, and a new hand sink. Thank you to the Wilson family who donated money to this project!
- Rooms 11, 12, and 14
  - These rooms have received a fresh coat of paint and new baseboards.

We are hiring!

- Director of Youth Ministries & Director of Music Ministry and Creative Arts
  - Both of these job descriptions are available on our weekly eblast.
  - If you know anyone who is interested in applying for either of these jobs, please have them contact Pastor Rachel at pastor.rachel@umcto.org

Music Ministry Update

- As we continue to search for a Director of Music Ministry and Creative Arts, we are so grateful for all of the volunteers who are stepping up to fill the accompaniment of our Sunday morning worship service! We have music in worship covered through Christmas Eve.

Ministry Updates

- OUTREACH
  - Study Buddies

        - We have 8 students signed up for this year and lots of amazing volunteers!
    - Harvest Food Pantry
        - While we have many wonderful volunteers, we are always looking for more people who can be dedicated drivers and clean up crew for our Harvest Food Pantry. In addition, if you know or are someone who would be interested in being part of our Harvest Food Pantry Board, please contact Pastor Rachel.
- SMALL GROUPS
    - Women Growing in Faith
        - Meet every Wednesday at 10am on campus.
    - Thursday Bible Study
        - Meeting every Thursday at 6pm via Zoom
    - UMCTO Beyond the Cover
        - Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at a different location
    - For any information on any small group or if you would like to lead an additional small group, contact Pastor Rachel.

<u>2026 Goals</u>

- Goal #1: Increase worship attendance
- Goal #2: Increase outreach participation
- Goal #3: Create a vibrant youth ministry

<u>Upcoming: 2027 Goals</u>

- In the process of finalizing - more to come!

<u>Upcoming Dates:</u>

- The Great Pumpkin Glow Up - Sat., October 24 @ 4pm-7pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wed., November 25 @ 6pm at UMC Sanctuary
- Charge Conference - Tues., December 1 @ 6pm via Zoom

Thank you for being part of this community!