



MINISTRY & MIRACLES

Fishers United Methodist Church

Turning Money Into Miracles

For some of us math was not our first love in school.

► “I was never a fan. But I did come to understand that math matters. It undergirds nearly every vision, adventure, and ministry we try to accomplish. Studying church finances and accounting budgets and reports was a confusing necessity. It was hard for me to connect numbers in a spreadsheet to ministries and people we are trying to reach for Christ. Maybe you have felt the same way.”
-Pastor Kevin McKinney

► Our Finance team has wrestled with this issue. How do we translate the math of church and ministry costs into a language people can relate to and understand? How do we get the math to tell the story of the miracles we are seeing as we share our faith and serve our community for Christ's sake?

This information you find here is our attempt to do just that. The numbers of our church finances are represented as slices of our “miracle pie” chart.

Turning Money Into Miracles

- ▶ We have gathered all our costs including ministry materials, leadership, administrative support, property and maintenance costs and more - and identified them with the ministries we carry out.
- ▶ Something great really is happening here! Our attendance continues to rise; we meet new people in worship every week; we hear testimonies of people whose lives Christ has touched through our ministries and volunteers. By the end of April we will have already celebrated 27 baptisms of people of all ages in just the first four months of 2017!
- ▶ Through your support, by your prayers, your personal volunteering, and your faithful giving, God is turning our math into miracles every day. We hope this information will help you understand how we are allocating our resources to empower these ministries and that you may see the miracles which your giving is making possible. But even more, **we hope it will inspire you to continue your financial gifts and maybe even consider increasing your investment in the lives God is impacting through Fishers United Methodist Church,** as we continue to watch as God turns Money into Miracles around us in 2017.

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

WORSHIP



FISHERS UMC HAS A VARIETY OF WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know there are 4 types of worship experiences on Sundays? Traditional at 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am, Modern at 11:00am, Children's at 11:00am and an off site Worship at Hamilton Trace at 9:15am.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Choir consists of approximately 45 singers and they rehearse Thursday Evenings (Aug-May).

On Sunday they sing for all 3 Traditional Services and for the other special services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and several Christmas Eve Services. The choir also does a Christmas Cantata.



BELL CHOIR

Fishers Joy Ringers has approximately 15 members who play 5 octaves of hand bells and chimes and plays in Traditional Worship approximately every other month and for Christmas Eve Eve Service.

ORCHESTRA

Consists of approximately 16 musicians who play various instruments for the Christmas Cantata and usually 3-4 other Sundays during the year.



MODERN WORSHIP

Modern Worship is at 11:00am in the Family Life Center Gym. There are many worship elements such as praise songs, communal prayers, and a time of discussion after the message to apply what you have just listened to, to your own life.

The Modern Worship Band consists of singers, guitar, keyboard, bass and drums. They practice Thursday evenings.

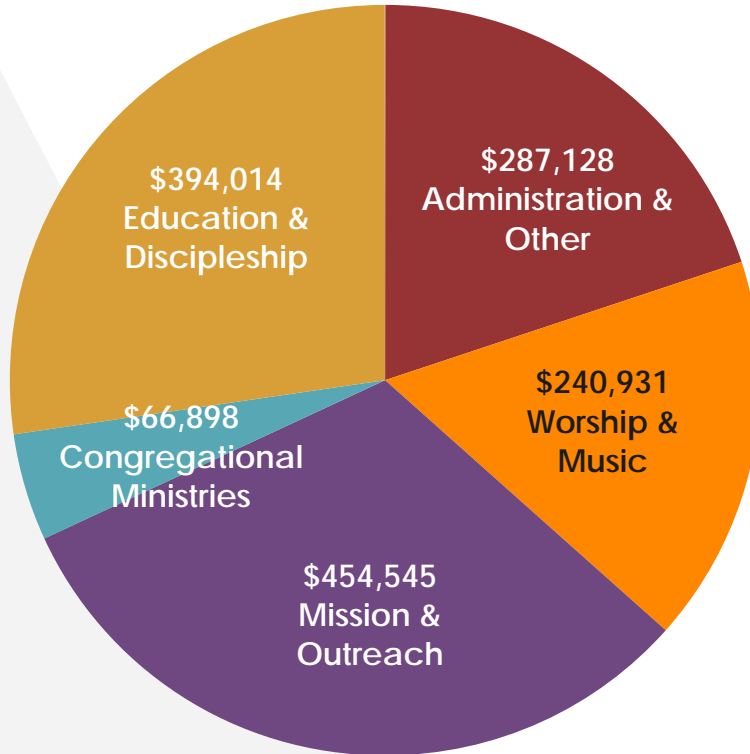


HAMILTON TRACE WORSHIP

Fishers UMC provides a worship service for the residents and rehab patients at Hamilton Trace Assisted Living in their multi-purpose room. This service includes all the elements of worship used in a traditional setting, as well as special music on occasion. This is now Church for many people who can no longer leave the residence.



Worship & Music



\$240,931

- ▶ Building Allocation
- ▶ Salary Applied
- ▶ Bell Choir
- ▶ Choir
- ▶ Orchestra
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Worship
- ▶ Flowers/Supplies
- ▶ Maintenance

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EDUCATION & DISCIPLESHIP

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



KNOW, SHOW, GROW

The Fishers UMC Kids' main focus is the relationship between children and God. We help to nurture this relationship through these three main principles: ***Know God, Grow in God's Word, and Show God's Love to the World.***

THESE PRINCIPLES ARE ACTED OUT THROUGH:

Children's Worship on Sunday mornings, Small group opportunities, Learning about and reading the Bible, Interactive children's programming, and Mission projects throughout our community and the world.



Ways that Fishers UMC Kids have acted out *Know, Grow, Show* in the last 4 years.



- ▶ Sunday Morning Children's Worship
- ▶ Early Childhood Ministry
 - Nursery
 - Preschool
- ▶ Confirmation
- ▶ Upward Basketball League
- ▶ Vacation Bible School
- ▶ 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- ▶ Holiday-themed Programing
- ▶ Monthly Parent Night Out
- ▶ Operation Christmas Child
- ▶ Operation Kid-to-Kid through Group Publishing

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- ▶ Partnership with Million Meal Movement for world-wide hunger
- ▶ Literacy Project for Brook Park ELC
- ▶ Partnership with St. Luke's UMC for Saint Antoine School in Fondwa, Haiti
- ▶ Community-based outreach to the Fishers Fire and Police departments
- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Children's Ministry Director
- ▶ Children's Ministry Assistant

STUDENT MINISTRIES



FIRE *JR HIGH*
Fellowship
Ignite
Refine
Equip

WATER *SR. HIGH*
Worshipping
Allying
Teaching
Equipping
Reaching

Our hope and prayer for students at FIRE & WATER Student Ministries is for students to would know and love Jesus and they would discover who they are in Jesus and how they are loved by Him.

TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THIS LOVE, THEY NEED TO EXPERIENCE IT

It's one thing being told someone loves you, but to actually feel loved and be loved by someone--nothing compares. For this reason we offer opportunities to help students experience the love of Christ.

There are times they serve, like on a Mission Trip, while other times they have experiences to allow Christ to love them, like Prayer Night. We also highly value students being a part of what we do, from taking part in discussions to leading Bible Studies.



Fire & Water Students Are Active!

Throughout the year we participate in a variety of opportunities:



- ▶ Sunday School
- ▶ The Refinery & Drink Deep (Our Sunday Night Gatherings)
- ▶ Bible Studies
- ▶ Supermarket Sweeps Every Thursday (We shop for the Food Pantry)
- ▶ Third Thursday at Hamilton Trace (We play BINGO with residents)
- ▶ Prayer Experiences
- ▶ Winter Retreat
- ▶ Football Party
- ▶ 30 Hour Famine
- ▶ Believe Conference
- ▶ Family Promise (IHN) Dinners

Fire & Water Students Are Active!

Throughout the year we participate in a variety of opportunities:



- ▶ Serving at our Dan's Fish Fry
- ▶ Promotion Camp-Out
- ▶ Mystery Day Adventures
- ▶ Mission Trips
- ▶ Student Ministry Sunday
- ▶ Back 2 School Bash
- ▶ Real World Retreat
- ▶ Christmas Party
- ▶ All-Nighter

While our budget allows for the student ministry to thrive, we also fundraise. The Pumpkin Patch and Upward Basketball Concessions help fund ministry and offset the financial burden for families for things such as mission trips, retreats, etc.

How Can You Help Student Ministries?

We love to have adults walk alongside students to help them see and know Jesus better. Our biggest need (but not limited to) is adults willing to lovingly lead discussions with students.

Sunday Mornings

Our curriculum is discussion based and adults are needed to facilitate the morning.

Sunday Evenings

We break into smaller discussion groups so we can decompress what we experienced with Jesus that night and how we can live for Him.

Contact Liz Simmonds lsimmonds@fishersumc.org or
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ADULT MINISTRIES

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Our Adult Ministries are a vital component of that mission. From Sunday School classes and Small Groups to the United Methodist Women and Men, we are committed to *connecting* people to God and one another, and to *developing* them into disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a church on a mission - God's mission - to make disciples who transform the world.

ADULT MINISTRIES BY THE NUMBERS

We currently have 9 Sunday School classes, 8 small groups, and 6 United Methodist Men's and Women's groups! As we continue to grow and welcome new families into the life of Fishers UMC, it is now time to create new spaces for new people. This Fall we will be launching new groups so that more people can become connected to the life of the church and to grow in their discipleship journeys.

How has your life been blessed by your class/group?



PRESCHOOL & MDO



FISHERS UMC PRESCHOOL AND MOTHER'S DAY OUT IS A COMMUNITY OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH. The staff provides children with a warm and loving atmosphere in which to learn and grow. And strive to create a place where each child feels loved and accepted and begins to understand that he/she is one of God's most wonderful creations.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Provides parents in the community the opportunity to leave their child for a few hours each week in a place where they will be well cared for and flourish in the company of other children.

PRESCHOOL

is dedicated to developing each child's social and cognitive skills and to encourage all children to be inquisitive and enthusiastic learners. Our teachers expose children to all types of kindergarten readiness experiences, including letters, numbers, gross and fine motor activities, singing, story time, chapel, and a multitude of hands-on experiences.



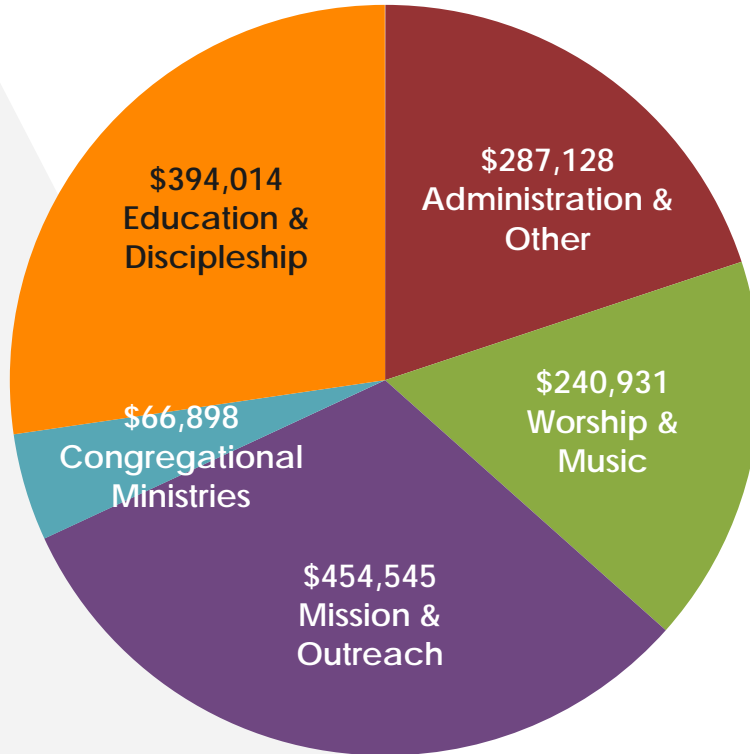
We Help Children Grow...



...into productive members of the community by learning to give to others in need. We contribute to several different local and overseas ministries.

- ▶ Staff of twenty eight teachers
- ▶ 250 students from nine months to five years in age
- ▶ Nine classrooms and two offices in the church building and an outdoor playground are furnished, supplied and maintained by our program.

Education & Discipleship



\$394,014

- ▶ Building Allocation
- ▶ Salary Applied
- ▶ Maintenance/Repair
- ▶ Children's Ministries
- ▶ Jr. High Ministries
- ▶ Sr. High Ministries
- ▶ Jr./Sr. High Retreats
- ▶ Adult Education
- ▶ 50+
- ▶ Snacks/Supplies

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MISSION & OUTREACH

FOOD PANTRY



THE COME TO ME FOOD PANTRY was started in October of 2007 in the basement of Fellowship Hall.

THIS IS A MISSION OF FISHERS UMC...

...but is separately funded through donations. Various churches and organizations help support this ministry both with donations and physical help.

The pantry is open on Wednesdays from 1-7pm for clients residing in Hamilton County. (It is closed the 5th Wednesday of the month, if there is one.) Clients may come once a month and will receive enough food for their family for an entire week.



A Snapshot of The Come To Me Food Pantry



- ▶ Director of the Food Pantry
- ▶ Operations Manager
- ▶ Pantry Board – 9 members
- ▶ Approximately 50 volunteers/week
- ▶ Food is collected from approximately 9 Schools and 5 Churches in the fall as well as some businesses.
- ▶ Food is donated from 2 Papa John's, Panera, Bob Evans, 2 Marsh Stores, Square donuts, 3 Starbucks, and Mama Bears weekly.
- ▶ Food is purchased at Marsh, Meijer, Aldi and Walmart weekly. *Students From Student Ministries Help with Walmart Each Week*

UPWARD BASKETBALL

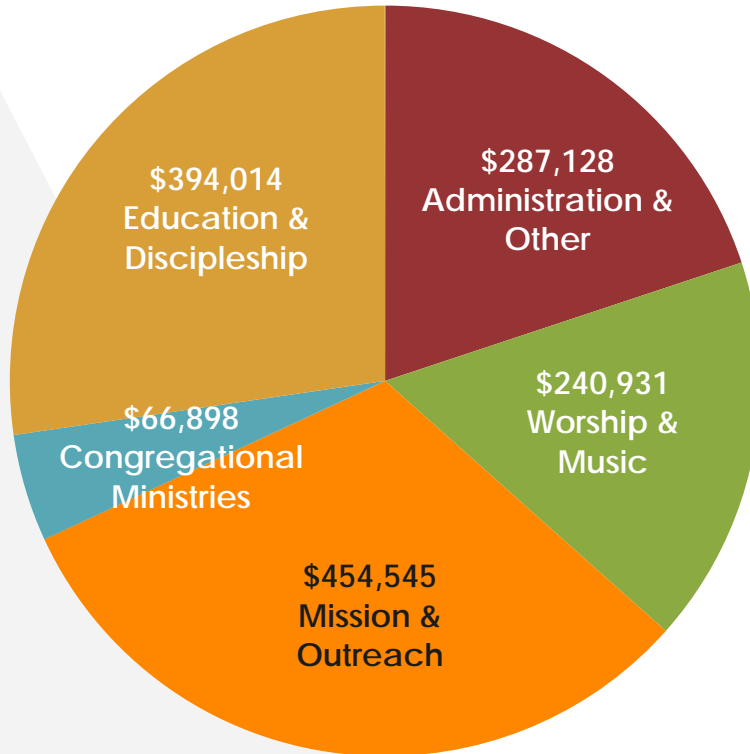


Upward Sports Recreation Programs offer a variety of opportunities for young athletes to discover and refine their athletic skills while cultivating a passion for the sport. Through age-appropriate team play, athletes begin to build positive character traits that will allow them to encourage, strengthen, and motivate themselves and their fellow teammates. As they learn and follow game rules, young athletes will also learn the value of sportsmanship with a healthy competitive spirit.

Upward Basketball

► This year we had 367 children, 80 coaches and 18 referees participate in the program at Fishers United Methodist Church. We are currently the largest Upward Basketball program in the state. This summer we are sponsoring a camp in South Indy for low income children and hosting an Upward Camp on site. Next year our Upward Program will partner with the Pacers.

Mission & Outreach



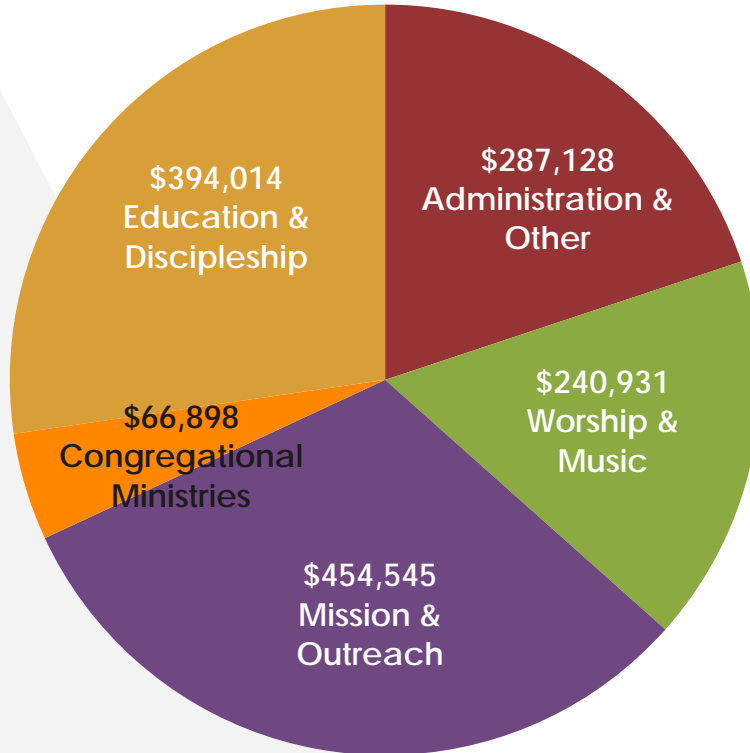
\$454,545

- ▶ Building Allocation
- ▶ Salary Applied
- ▶ Apportionments
- ▶ Jr./Sr. High Mission Trips
- ▶ Adult Mission Trip
- ▶ Food Pantry
- ▶ Special Appeals
- ▶ Faith Promise
- ▶ Upward Basketball
- ▶ Fish Fry

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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Congregational Ministries



\$66,898

- ▶ Building Allocation
- ▶ Salary Applied
- ▶ Stephen Ministry
- ▶ Weddings
- ▶ Miscellaneous
- ▶ Upper Room
- ▶ Wellness
- ▶ Childcare

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ADMINISTRATION & OTHER

ADMINISTRATION

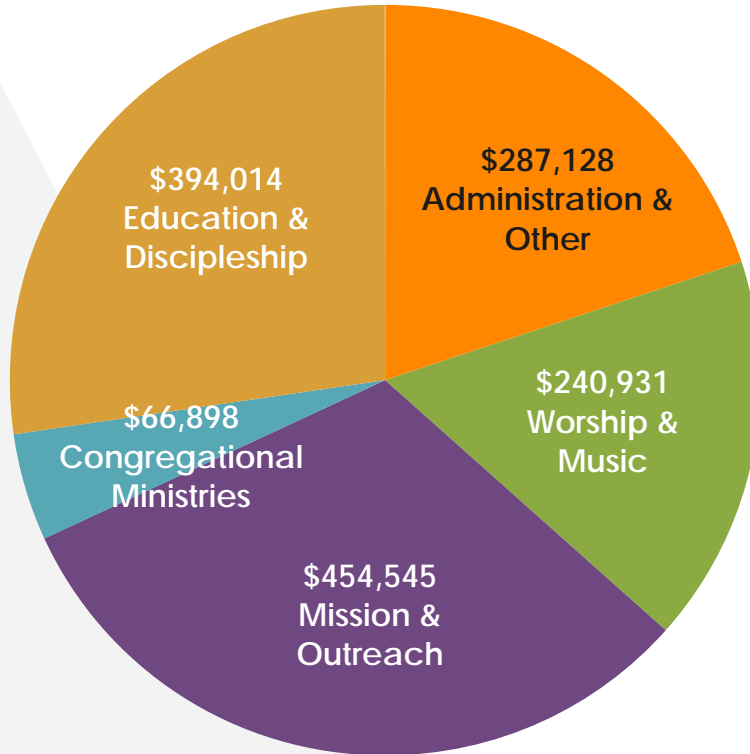


Our church is a 7 day a week congregation, providing support for all ministries in times of joy and crisis. Whether communications, preparing worship tools, coordinating volunteer efforts, or tending to the daily details that equip ministry, our desire is to be supportive.

Connecting

- ▶ Our website, www.fishersumc.org and our new Church App are excellent tools for information and connecting with the congregation.
- ▶ We also utilize several social media platforms to spread the word about our ministries and connect with people in the community.
- ▶ Our skilled staff and volunteers are here to serve and support every ministry effort we undertake together—from scheduling meeting spaces for a myriad of congregational and community groups to caring for accounting responsibilities, to weekly bulletins, to monthly newsletters; as well as providing graphics for worship & ministry projects in Connection Central.

Administration & Other



\$287,128

- ▶ Building Allocation
- ▶ "Non Ministry" Related Payroll
- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Office Equipment
- ▶ Supplies
- ▶ Postage
- ▶ Emerging Ministries
- ▶ Telephone, Trash, Water
- ▶ Website/advertising

FUNDING 2016

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| TOTAL MINISTRY COST: | \$1, 443, 515 | 100% |
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TOTAL MINISTRY FUNDING:

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| Offerings and loose plate | \$1,003,978 | 70% |
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| Building usage | \$46,242 | 3% |
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| Ministry gifts and program fees | \$228,626 | 16% |
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| Other – extra gifts | \$164,669 | 11% |
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| \$1, 443, 515 | 100% |
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Pray for Our Ministries and Programs

- ▶ Together, Fishers UMC can achieve things on a scale and scope that we could never do alone. This work wouldn't be possible without God's and your help.
- ▶ **Pray for a generous church that embraces a countercultural view of giving. We can ...**
- ▶ Ask "What could God do with this money?", not "What could I do with this money";
- ▶ Give in response to vision rather than from guilt or compulsion;
- ▶ Have a heart for giving reflected in time, talent, and resources, not merely checkbooks;
- ▶ Give joyfully, not resentfully;
- ▶ Look for opportunities to give;
- ▶ Don't dread the "appeal";
- ▶ Give above and beyond capacity, not within our capacity;
- ▶ See giving first as an act of worship rather than an act of obligation;
- ▶ Focus on personal generosity instead of mere "tithing"; and
- ▶ Understand that God is the one who moves hearts.

Ways To Give

- ▶ Checks
- ▶ Cash
- ▶ Givelify App
- ▶ POD Giving -Cards
- ▶ Electronic funds transfer
- ▶ Stock transfer or sale
- ▶ Payroll deduction
- ▶ Volunteering
- ▶ Time For Prayer

VISIT [FISHERSUMC.ORG/GIVE](https://fishersumc.org/give) FOR FULL DETAILS AND LINKS

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