



Dear First Church family,

Attached you will find a financial statement of our income and disbursements for the first five months of 2026. We encourage you to take a look at this and if you have any questions, please talk with our Leadership Council. If you would like a detailed print out of the line by line budget, please contact Sarah at our office.

Thank you so much for your faithful giving. You are a generous people and we are deeply grateful for all of the ways you support this ministry.

A few points to share as you look at the attachment. We have received \$100,654.76 toward this year's budget. (Last year we received \$13,000 from our United Methodist Foundation funds toward special projects that were actually completed and paid for in 2026). So, when you see the net ordinary income of -13,455.06 nearly all of that is covered by the foundation funds which were deposited in 2025. So basically we are meeting our expenses to date with the income received.

You may also notice that the Pastoral salary is under spent. This is due to the fact that our current pastor is serving 3/4 time as a retired elder. The annual budget amount of \$84,505 is the correct amount for a full time active pastor. So when our new pastor arrives in July, his rate of pay will be reflected in this line item at that amount. The Council believes we are on track to be able to support the additional amount needed, based upon giving from the past several years and how we tend to give as a congregation (the last half of the year is typically stronger than the first half). The Missouri Conference has graciously offered additional support funds, should that become necessary for us to use as we adjust. When Pastor Loren was here, we were able to meet a salary larger than the one reflected in this budget.

We are hoping to keep the congregation informed, as best as we are able. Your generosity and faithfulness are a blessing to all of the aspects of this ministry and God is doing great things through you. Let's all continue to do our best as we support First Church and the ministry to which God is calling us.

Blessings to each of you!