

Hospitality makes FAITH FEEL LIKE HOME

A special thank-you to our 28-member Hospitality Team, led by Pamela Brown, for helping make Faith Church such a welcoming place! Every Sunday, the team provides our Faith Café, complete with home-baked treats, coffee and juice. Their Event Team is also behind many of the meals and refreshments that make our special gatherings memorable.

During the third quarter, Hospitality served an early breakfast for our July Rice & Beans volunteers, provided breakfast for our new Men in Faith group, and hosted the August Potluck Hymn Sing attended by more than 100 people. In September, they also provided food for our Mini Golf event.

Good food brings people together—and our Hospitality Team brings an extra measure of warmth and fellowship to Faith Church. Thank you to all the volunteers who make it happen!



Making a difference AROUND THE WORLD

During the quarter, Faith Church provided significant support to ministries changing lives:



Zoe Empowers

Thanks in large part to an exceptionally generous gift, Faith Church was able to double our effort and provide \$20,000 to Zoe Empowers. Faith Church is NOW is supporting efforts in both Kenya and Zimbabwe that will equip orphaned and vulnerable children with the skills, resources, and support they need to become self-sufficient and be able to build a better future.



Our Sister Church

In Cuba — Our Missions Team provided \$5,600 in support of our sister church and ministry partners in Cuba, continuing a relationship that extends the love and ministry of Faith Church beyond our borders.

New Life Missionaries

We also provided \$2,500 in support of New Life missionaries and their continuing work in Zambia.



FAITH CHURCH
A United Methodist Congregation

2026 THIRD QUARTER

A New Generation of Faith

Something special is happening among the children and teens of Faith Church. This quarter, we rejoiced as 3 students received the sacrament of baptism and 20 teens are taking part in confirming their faith. We have young people at different ages and stages, each taking an important step in their journey with God.

From children welcomed through baptism to teenagers publicly affirming their faith, we are watching God move in the lives of our young people. These moments remind us that church is not only a place where children and teens are welcomed. They are an important part of who we are today. And what a joy it is to watch the next generation of Faith grow!



Pastor's Message

Dear Faith Family,

There is much to be excited about at Faith Church! Over these past few months, we have worshiped, served, and shared life together in so many wonderful ways. From fellowship and music to mission and the launch of our Men of Faith ministry, we continue to see our mission of loving, worshipping, and serving come alive.

As we prepare for a busy fall season—and our return to two worship services in October—I am grateful for the life and energy we see throughout our church. God is at work, and there is much more ahead!

These highlights are a wonderful reminder that your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness help make this ministry possible.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for being part of what God is doing through Faith Church.

In Christ,
Pastor Dennis Lewis



FAITH CHURCH Financial Update

Summer is traditionally slower at Faith Church, with lower attendance and giving while operating and utility costs remain high. August was particularly challenging, with operating gifts about \$24,000 below budget. August year-to-date giving is approximately 10% below budget.

Faith Church relies entirely on your donations for salaries, utilities, building expenses, worship, and children and youth ministries. While generous, designated gifts support extraordinary mission work, those funds generally cannot be used for everyday operations.

On the positive side, Faith Church has received a significant payment from FEMA for the Hurricane Ian work, and we have been able to pay off the Hurricane building loan. Faith Church is now debt free!

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of Faith Church.

Serving our local COMMUNITY

Our commitment to missions begins right here at home where we help Gladiolus Food Pantry serve our neighbors. In July, more than 70 volunteers came together to pack approximately 5,200 pounds of rice and beans for local families facing food insecurity. In addition, Faith Church also contributed \$5,000 to support the ongoing operation of Gladiolus Food Pantry.



Residing Hope — During the 3rd quarter, Faith Church provided more than \$2,000 to Residing Hope, supporting its ministry to children.

NEARLY 20% — BEYOND OUR WALLS

One of the most meaningful measures of our ministry is where our resources go. Today, nearly 20% of Faith Church's total expenses support ministries beyond our own church operations—outside agencies, community programs, missions, disaster response, feeding ministries, and assistance to people locally and around the world.

That is an important reflection of who we are:
Loving God. Loving People.

Men of Faith READY TO SERVE



Our newest men's ministry group we call "Men of Faith", put faith into action by packing 104 disaster-response flood buckets in its first August meeting.

The buckets and 15 assorted cleaning supplies cost approximately \$3,500 and were fully funded through donations from our congregation. These buckets are now ready to help families when hurricanes, flooding, or other disasters strike.



NEXT UP: Feed My Starving Children

Beginning October 1, we will once again turn our attention toward one of the largest mission projects Faith Church has ever undertaken.

In January 2026, our volunteers packed approximately 100,000 meals through Feed My Starving Children.

Our January 2027 goal: 150,000 meals! Reaching that goal will require many hands, generous hearts, and the support of our entire congregation. You'll be hearing much more about how you can participate during the coming months.



THANK YOU FAITH CHURCH!

Every number in this report represents something more important than dollars, pounds of food, buckets, or meals. It represents people helping people. None of this happens without your generosity and your willingness to serve.



The third quarter has been extraordinarily productive, and we look forward with excitement to an even more active fourth quarter and the beginning of 2027. Thank you for making mission and service such an important part of Faith Church. Follow the mission of Jesus by loving, worshipping and serving.

