

SAINT JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GIVING REPORT

April 2026

Because of You Our Church Changes Lives

We are grateful for a robust first quarter of 2026! Thank you for your faithful support of Saint John's to ensure the church operates smoothly. When you are curious about your giving information, you can view it in your Realm account stjohnsaustin.org/giving. If you would like a mailed copy of your Giving Report, we're happy to send it to you.

Our Echoing God's Call capital campaign account balance is \$438,065. This balance reflects the fact that we are continuing to pay contract payments as we close out the construction project. However, the overall campaign expects to see a total of \$2,415,612 thanks to your pledges and gifts. The renovation is almost complete. Thank you for your patience while we work out a few details with the A/C software. If you would like to learn more about the objectives of the campaign and to find updates on its progress, please visit stjohnsaustin.org/giving/capital-campaign/.

Once we recovered from the Christmas holiday, the new year started with a bang. Annual reports were due and Easter planning was in full swing. We prepared for Rick Beaird's retirement and sent him off with all the love and support we could find. The multiyear lease contract for 5900 Wynona was finalized, and we expect Songbird Rising Suzuki School to move in at the end of May. We look forward to that partnership. We continue to be good stewards of our gifts by having the roof repaired in this first quarter and now we are now preparing for some much-needed tree trimming around the property.

This quarter Saint John's supported Sammy's House, the CROP Hunger Walk, UMCOR and Casa Marinella through the Communion Rail Offering. We had approximately 60 walkers and raised over \$11,000 for the 2026 CROP Hunger Walk. Since January we have donated nearly 1,000 pounds of food to Hope Food Pantry. Monthly, we continue to provide Hope clients with necessary hygiene items through a Saint John's Endowment Grant. This quarter we have also provided Austin Voices for Education and Youth (AVEY) with financial support thanks to an endowment grant, and there are also Saint John's members preparing to be mentors at Burnet Middle School through AVEY. This quarter we also worked with AISD Mental Health Counselors throughout Austin to help 15 AISD families in crisis with clothes, shoes, food, and hygiene items.

And lastly, we know this to be true, that we are a welcoming, generous congregation that genuinely loves God and loves people. For this we are grateful. Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of Saint John's.

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Grace and peace,



Sherry Kleinert

Your Church Administrator

Operating Fund Summary: -January-March 2026



	Actual to Date	Annual Budget
<u>Revenues</u>		
Total General Fund Offerings	\$336,647	\$1,439,672
Grace Garden	\$131,613	\$330,225
Total Revenues	\$498,202	\$1,862,672
<u>Expenses</u>		
Connectional Ministry		
Apportionments	\$32,106	\$128,423
Connectional Ministry-Other	\$9,307	\$48,500
Program Ministry	\$8,053	\$45,750
Worship/Music/Hospitality/Con Life	\$6,107	\$40,820
Buildings and Grounds	\$66,052	\$279,520
Administration	\$26,471	\$123,600
Human Resources	\$236,618	\$932,356
Grace Garden	\$85,527	\$329,959
Total Expenses	\$471,004	\$1,931,981

Frequently Asked Questions about Giving

What are the ways that Saint John's receives financial donations?

To contribute you can:

- Mail a check to the office, 2140 Allandale Road, Austin, Texas 78756.
- Bank draft (ACH) or credit/debit card through mySaintJohn's, our online database and communication tool. Please request a log in by emailing sherry@stjohnsaustin.org or melissa@stjohnsaustin.org.
- Realm Connect mobile app (connected to mySaintJohn's). Please download the mobile app onto your smartphone to give or update your information.
- Stock transfer or IRA charitable gift. Please contact your financial advisor for additional information.
- Text-to-five. Please use your smartphone to text SJUMC to 73526. After a first time set up, your information will be linked with your phone number, and you may text SJUMC \$xxx.xx for future gifts and quicker processing.
- Qualified Charitable Distribution from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) if you are 70 ½ or older.

What is the General Fund or Operating Fund offering?

Each fall, staff and volunteers of Saint John's determine financial priorities for the next year. General Fund offerings, pledges to the General Fund, and other items make up the revenue for the General Fund budget. The budget provides financial resources for adult, youth, children educational ministries, worship ministries, human resources, and facility expenses.

What is the "Communion Rail" offering?

On the first Sunday of each month, communion is offered in worship. After each person receives the communion elements, they are invited to pray or meditate at the communion rail. A financial token can be left at the altar rail or submitted online. Each month there is a different mission initiative to receive the offerings gathered at the rail. The pre-selected mission initiative will be announced in service and in the weekly newsletter.

What is the Saint John's Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund was established in 1976 to provide members and friends of the church with the opportunity to make charitable gifts to a permanent endowment of financial support. By including Saint John's in your will or estate plans, you can significantly strengthen our church's vital mission, both locally and around the world. Grants from this fund support many strategic plan initiatives in our community.

What are other options for giving?

Other opportunities for giving are made from time to time. Please visit stjohnsaustin.org to find ways you can give so we can create a community where God's love changes people and God's people change the world.