



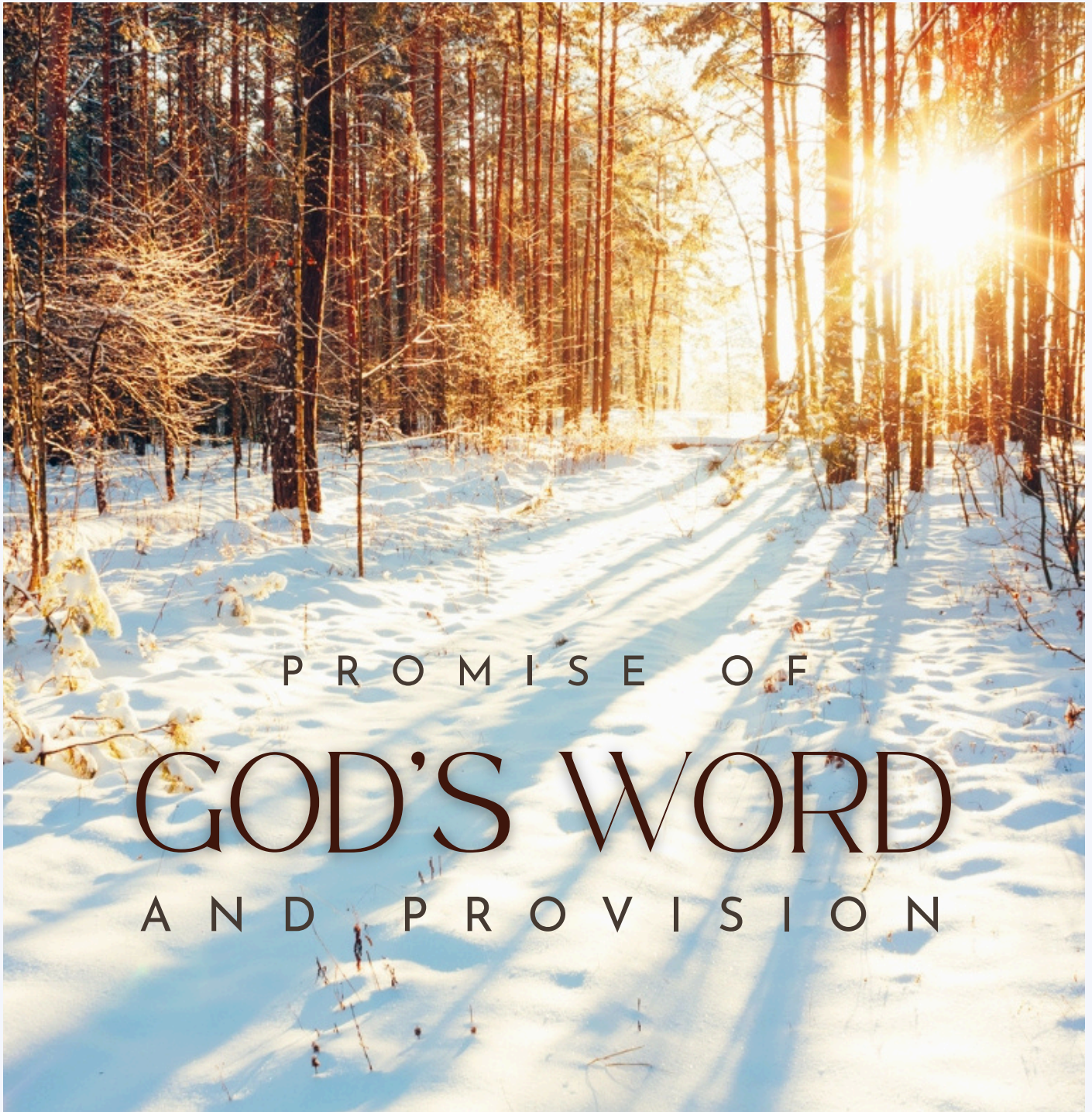
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FROM THE DESK

The purpose of this newsletter is to periodically update the congregation on the major stewardship initiatives of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

We want to fulfill God's commandment of making disciples. We invite everyone who calls St. Andrew's home to be a part of God's plan for the future of our church. If we all sacrificially and prayerfully give, we can cultivate faith in a world desperately in need of the hope and love of Jesus Christ.

Through your tithes and offerings, prayers and service, we can make a difference by sharing God's amazing love and fostering relationships with Him.

In His Service,

St. Andrew's Stewardship Committee

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Tithes and Other Congregational Giving to Support the General Operations
and Missions of St. Andrew’s UMC

GRATEFUL FOR STEWARDSHIP IN 2025

As we reflect on God’s faithfulness and the remarkable generosity of our congregation, we celebrate our strong financial finish to 2025.

Our General Operating Budget closed the year with **Total Contributions and General Revenue of \$1,241,646.24** and **Total Expenses of \$1,241,564.37**, resulting in a small but meaningful **Net Income of \$81.87**.

This result was made possible through your faithful giving and the careful stewardship of our pastors, Finance Committee, church staff and the many volunteers who serve tirelessly throughout the year. As we enter 2026, we are excited to build on this momentum and deepen our commitment to the St. Andrew’s Church mission: **Reaching People, Creating Community, and Serving the World** together.

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET
Year-to-date Financial Results
As of December 31, 2025

General Fund Revenues Collected to Date	\$1,241,646.24
General Fund Expenditures to Date	\$1,241,564.37
Difference	\$81.87

CHURCH CAMPUS FACILITY PROJECTS

Preparing our Church Campus to Meet Our Needs in the Coming Years

STEWARDS OF GOD'S HOUSE: "KEEPING IT COOL!" AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, February 8 marked the start of a very important capital stewardship campaign, **Keeping it Cool!** to raise \$300,000 to replace old and failing air conditioning units in all the main buildings on our church campus.

At St. Andrew's, we are blessed with a church home that has been a shelter for worship, fellowship, and ministry for generations. Every hymn sung, every prayer lifted, every child taught in our classrooms happens within a space entrusted to us by those who came before. As members of this church community, we are not just participants in worship — we are stewards of the place where worship happens.

This season, our **Keeping It Cool!** capital campaign invites us to live out that stewardship in a very practical way. Our air conditioning units, which have served us faithfully for many years, are now aging and unreliable. In Florida's heat, a cool and comfortable sanctuary isn't a luxury; it's essential for worship, hospitality, and the many ministries that take place throughout the week. Replacing these units ensures that our church remains a welcoming, safe, and functional home for all who walk through our doors.

Stewardship is about more than meeting a need — it's about recognizing that God has placed this church in our care. Scripture reminds us of this responsibility. In **1 Peter 4:10**, we are encouraged to "*serve one another as good stewards of God's grace.*" Caring for our building is one way we serve one another. When we maintain the physical space where ministry happens, we make it possible for God's grace to continue flowing through worship, outreach, and community life.

By supporting the **Keeping It Cool!** campaign, we are investing not only in equipment, but in the future of our church's mission. We are ensuring that St. Andrew's remains a place where people can gather comfortably to worship, learn, and grow in faith.

Thank you for the many ways you give, serve, and care for our church. Together, we honor God by tending to the house where we meet Him— and by keeping it cool for all who come seeking His presence. Information and pledge cards to support the **Keeping It Cool!** campaign are available during the church services this month and online at www.saumc.net/keepingourcool.

Keeping Our Cool! A/C Replacement Campaign As of February 15, 2026

Capital Funding Goal	\$300,000
Pledged Contributions	\$81,750
Balance Needed to Reach Goal	\$207,601.85

THE LEGACY FUND

A Permanent Endowment Fund for St. Andrew’s UMC

GROWING IN LEGACY

The Legacy Fund continues to grow thanks to multiple church members’ donations received over the past few years. Those gifts are always greatly appreciated and have been critical in helping get the Legacy Fund started. Thank you to those that have donated.

The Legacy Fund was recently blessed with a \$50,000 donation from the estate of a former church member, which brought the **2025 year-end total for the Legacy Fund to just over \$100,000.**

This type of giving is one of the primary reasons the Legacy Fund at St. Andrew’s UMC was created. For those who hold a special place in their heart for what St. Andrew’s has meant to them and their families; the Legacy Fund provides a way to bequeath a portion of their financial blessings to support the future of St. Andrew’s. This type of gift truly establishes a legacy, as the monies contributed to the Legacy Fund are not spent but are invested and the earnings are set aside to be the source for annual grants to grow new and enhance existing church ministries each year. The gift will keep providing benefits to St. Andrew’s in perpetuity.

This type of bequest is often done through an estate or will, but there are many other ways that it can be done– some as simple as just designating the St. Andrew’s Legacy Fund as a beneficiary for a percentage of a Retirement Account (401k, IRA) or life insurance policy.

The Legacy Fund becomes that final gift– your opportunity to be a part of a lasting legacy. If you would like more information or perhaps you are part of a church group that would like to hear more about the many ways to create a **final legacy gift**, please reach out to the Church Office **(813-689-6849)** and someone from the Legacy Fund Committee will be in contact with you.

Listening to Pastor Adam’s February 8 sermon on Sacrificial Generosity, it really brought home the point of what the congregation at St Andrew’s is all about. As he referenced in his sermon, not only is there a need for funds to annually operate the church, but there are many other financial asks over the year and every time a need arises, St. Andrew’s membership stands up to the task.

It has been a slow climb, but hitting **\$100,000 in the Legacy Fund is a milestone for us all to celebrate!** As a reminder about the Legacy Fund- it is the Endowment Fund of St Andrew’s UMC. All donated dollars are invested through the Florida United Methodist Fund with only appreciated fund dollars made available to fund projects within St. Andrew’s.

Endowment Fund totals as of December 31, 2025

Church Ministries	\$1,330.46
Capital Improvements	\$1,245.13
General (Undesignated)	\$97,434.11
Total Endowment Funds	\$100,009.70



ISAIAH 55:10-11 NIV

AS THE RAIN AND THE SNOW COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
AND DO NOT RETURN TO IT WITHOUT WATERING THE EARTH
AND MAKING IT BUD AND FLOURISH, SO THAT IT YIELDS SEED
FOR THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR THE EATER, SO IS MY WORD
THAT GOES OUT FROM MY MOUTH: IT WILL NOT RETURN TO
ME EMPTY, BUT WILL ACCOMPLISH WHAT I DESIRE AND
ACHIEVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH I SENT IT.

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