



# *First United Methodist Church of Lompoc*

## *January 2026 Forecast*

Eric Scott, Pastor

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### The Gift and Curse of Water

Many of you know that it can feel as if we were on Noah's ark at church during the rainy season. Water has a habit of sneaking up on us in the sanctuary. There have been so many diligent and helpful people working to minimize the damage and clean up. I am grateful for each one of them. Thank you to all of you who have helped!

Water in the Bible has the same character that we experience in our lives. Water can be dangerous or life-giving. It can save or destroy. Water is absolutely necessary. Each January, we turn our attention to water as it is used in baptism, particularly the baptism of Jesus. We pour or sprinkle in our regular celebration of the sacrament, but Jesus was baptized in a river. For the people of Israel, the Jordan River was the boundary for transition—wilderness to homeland. As John the Baptist baptized in that river, it became a boundary between the old life and the new life. That's what baptism means to us today.

As United Methodists, we are only baptized once. Each year, not long after January 1 (January 11 this year), we remember our baptisms. It is a chance to refocus ourselves in that new life we accepted at baptism. It is a time to evaluate and shed the old habits that have crept in, or to plan to develop new positive habits appropriate for that new life. It is a process that didn't end in baptism, but began there. We keep on growing our whole lives through, and for the people of Jesus, that life began with water. In baptism.

Grace and peace,

Eric

*To reach our Pastor, Eric Scott, you can email him at [escott@lompocumc.org](mailto:escott@lompocumc.org). Urgent messages are best by text message or his mobile phone. Please contact Barbara in the office if you need Eric's number. Thank You.*



Worship is held on Sundays at 11am in-person and live stream (You Tube). Would you like to subscribe? For new videos, previous sermons and celebrations, please click the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lompocfirstunitedmethodist8922>.

**Please Pray for our Church Family and Friends.** Greg as he goes through recent surgery and rehabilitation; Betty who suffered a recurrence of previous health issues and is seriously ill. We pray for healing and a full recovery; for healing and a full recovery for former pastor, Ed Womack, who experienced a medical situation; Colleen, who continues to work on strength and walking; Penny asks to keep Rex, Jr. and family in prayer as they move to Lompoc as a new chapter and new life opens for them; Henry as he moves into treatments. We are happy to hear he is home and making progress; Donna's granddaughter Kristin, who is dealing with many health issues; strength and healing for Teri and her ex-husband Charles. Charles experienced a medical emergency; Yolanda in as she continues to recover from a difficult surgery; Greg asks to pray for his family friend Lalo and his continued remission; Jack's son, Doug, who is home and learning how to live with limitations; the homeless and all those without food, medical treatment or shelter; Susan, who is dealing with serious health issues. And Rex & Penny asks to pray that everyone will carry peace in their heart and love one another, that all families are united and come in the name of Christ to celebrate his birth and life. We celebrate answered prayers and new joys in our lives too: Anne's sister, Phyllis returned home from the hospital on Christmas day. She's happy to be home and is continuing to recover gradually.

*To send a card to those we pray for or if you want to be removed from our prayers, please call our office. If you want to add a prayer or a joy, please write on the back of your Sunday I Am Here card (in the pews) or notify the office. Please let us know if you prefer your comments to be private. Thank you.*

## What's Going On?

**Leadership Team.** The next Leadership Team meeting is January 21st at 5:00pm.

**Lompoc Concert Association.** The next Lompoc Concert Association concert will be on Friday, January 30th and will feature Quarteto Nuevo. Doors open at 6:30pm and concert starts at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. For more information on the ensemble, go to <https://quartetounuevo.com/> All Lompoc Concert Association concerts are a delight and always impressive. We hope to see you there.

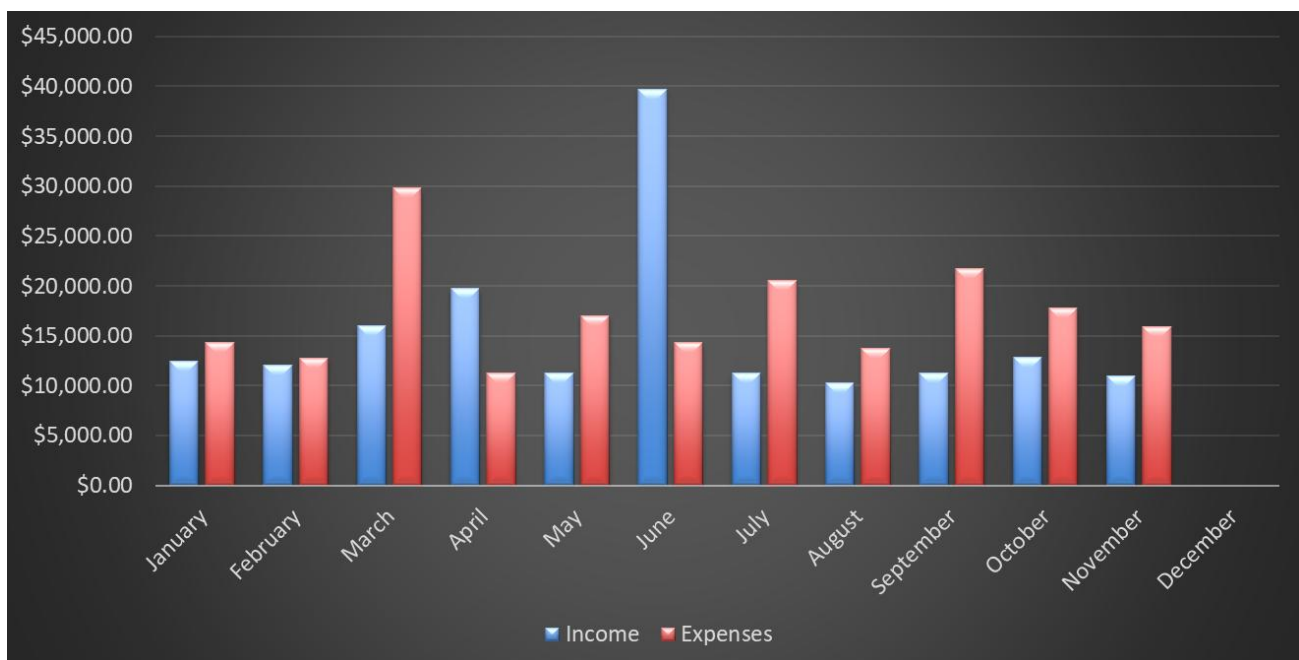
## 2025 Expense Report

November Income: \$10,934.44

November Expenses: \$15,952.59

Year To Date Income: \$164,043.59

Year To Date Expenses: \$189,530.37



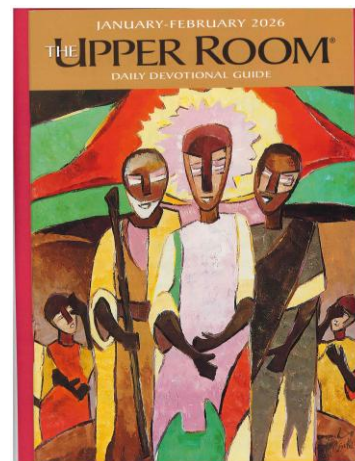
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>IN-PERSON</b>	<b>ONLINE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
November 2	37	16	53
November 9	45	Unavailable	45
November 16	29	Unavailable	29
November 23	37	Unavailable	37
November 30	46	14	60

### *... and Something to Think About*

Thank you, Barbara Dameron, for Something to Think About. Below is Barbara's choice for January.

"Because when you stop and look around,  
this life is pretty amazing."

**Dr. Seuss**



**Happy Anniversary to  
Richard & Em Peacock  
January 5, 1963**

**Happy Birthday to You!**

**Gary Berleue, Jr. 10th**  
**Pat Nuernberg 11th**  
**Timothy Griffith 20th**  
**Ron Moeller 31st**  
**Pastor Joy Price 31st**

### **Outreach to Care Facilities**

Sundays at 10am is weekly worship at  
Skilled Nursing and Rehab.  
2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays at 11:30 hymn  
songs at CCC

**United Methodist Men:** Saturday, January  
3rd at 9am / Tom's Restaurant. Please  
contact Myron Heavin at  
[mgheavin@me.com](mailto:mgheavin@me.com)

### **Connections and Gatherings**

**Women's Devotional** - Thursdays at 11am.  
We are studying the January - February  
Upper Room. Meet in the Fireside Room.

**Scribblers** - Love to write? Scribblers meets  
every second Saturday at 11am with a new  
topic every month. Next meeting is January  
10th. Meeting in the Fireside Room.

**Paper Crafting with Cindy** - Next Paper  
Crafting is Friday, January 23rd at 2:00pm  
and Saturday, January 24th at 10:00am.  
Fireside Room.

**Bible Studies:**  
 (Zoom meeting Number 946 705 060)  
 In Person & Zoom: Thursdays, 7:30am /  
 Dave's Place / (Village Inn/Vandenberg  
 Village) ("Genesis")  
 In-Person & Zoom: Thursdays 7pm / Myron  
 Heavin's home ("Revelation")  
 Zoom only: Sunday Morning Sunday School,  
 8:30am (we are currently studying the  
 major prophets)

## January Sharing Tree 2025

Your support of our 2025 Sharing Trees was so generous that the Mission Outreach Committee decided that once again the first tree of 2026 should be a THANK YOU TREE. You can put your wallets away and accept our appreciation and thanks from the

Mission Outreach Committee and the many organizations that you supported throughout last year. You have truly made a difference in so many lives in Lompoc and around the world. It is also appropriate to recognize those who volunteer their services to FUMC and to various organizations in the community. Your time and talents are appreciated and valued. We do appreciate those who help to prepare our sanctuary and volunteer for our Sunday services. To those who participate in Fellowship, Feed the Hungry, Mission Outreach, and to those who tirelessly work behind the scenes to make our church great. Thanks for being there to help others who need a helping hand.



### DECEMBER FEED THE HUNGRY 2025

The Feed the Hungry crew got together to prepare one last meal for 2025, a Christmas dinner on the third Tuesday. The main entree was pork loin baked with a homemade honey sauce. The sides were garden peas, dinner roll, candied yams, apple sauce cup and a cup of apple juice. We had the usual lunch bag with peanut butter and jelly sandwich and cookies. Lynda provided candy canes as a treat. Donna prepared gravy from all of the juices in the pan and that topped the serving after it was plated. A total of 50 guests were fed and there were plenty for seconds.



Thanks to all who helped with the meal. Those working in the kitchen for this meal were Myron, Donna, Larry, Lynda. We want to thank Bob for putting together the lunch bags.

Remember you can help too. This meal is prepared in our Fellowship Hall kitchen on the third Tuesday of each month. The January 2026 meal will be homemade soup and salad, perfect for a cold winter day. Thanks to all who volunteer and donate to this ministry of the Lompoc First United Methodist Church.



*Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed for he shares his bread with the poor.*  
**Proverbs 22:9**

Thanks,

Mission Outreach and the Feed the Hungry Crew.



# January 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December 28</b> 11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person and Live Stream	<b>December 29</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<b>December 31</b>  <b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>  Women's Devotional cancelled this week	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  9:00 United Methodist Men (Tom's Restaurant)  6:00pm KWANZAA (Fellowship Hall)
<b>4</b>  11:00 Worship, Holy Communion &, Children's Sunday School - In-Person and Live Stream	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  11:00 Scribblers Fireside Room
<b>11</b>  11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	<b>12</b>  7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	<b>19</b> <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>  7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	<b>20</b>  3:00 - Feed The Hungry	<b>21</b>  5:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	<b>22</b>  11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	<b>23</b>  2:00pm Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)	<b>24</b>  10:00am Paper Crafting with Cindy (Fireside Room)
<b>25</b>  11:00 Worship, Children's Sunday School In-Person & Live Stream	<b>26</b>  7:00pm Master Chorale Rehearsals	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  11:00 Women's Devotional Study (Fireside Room)	<b>30</b>  7:00pm Lompoc Concert Association	<b>31</b>

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## January 2026 Newsletter

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Return Service Requested

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Happy  
New Year  
2026

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 2:30pm**