



Quarterly Investment Summary

September 2026

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WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Investment Type	Target Allocation	3 Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
United Methodist Foundation Equity	Aggressive Growth (100/0 Stock/Bond)	0.33%	11.20%	14.50%	18.77%	9.64%
United Methodist Fdn Long Term Growth	Growth (75/25 Stock/Bond)	-0.32%	8.05%	10.74%	15.84%	7.96%
United Methodist Fdn Balanced	Balanced (50/50 Stock/Bond)	-1.01%	4.85%	6.90%	12.05%	5.80%
United Methodist Fdn Conservative	Income (25/75 Stock/Bond)	-1.64%	1.69%	3.24%	8.03%	3.24%
United Methodist Foundation Fixed	Capital Preservation (0/100 Stock/Bond)	-2.22%	-1.31%	-0.25%	4.30%	0.94%

Economic

- The ongoing U.S.–Iran conflict kept oil prices high, pushing national gasoline prices above \$4.50 a gallon and raising diesel and jet fuel costs that ripple through the economy, from airfares to groceries.
- Employers added 162,000 jobs in August and unemployment held at 4.1%, as companies remain slow to hire but rarely lay workers off.
- U.S. debt topped \$40 trillion in September, and higher interest costs may give governments less room to cushion future downturns.

Equity

- Energy stocks remain this year's top performers as the conflict in the Middle East continues to constrain oil supply.
- Meanwhile, consumer-focused stocks have struggled in 2026 as worries about inflation, AI-driven job losses, and geopolitics weigh on consumer confidence.

Fixed Income

- The Fed raised its key interest rate in September, joining Japan and Europe, and Fed funds futures are currently pricing in nearly 100 basis points of rate hikes over the next 12 months.
- High mortgage rates keep homeowners with low locked-in rates from moving, leaving home sales and new construction sluggish, and recent rate increases will make home loans even more expensive.

Strategic Outlook

- Higher yields have improved forward return expectations and stronger economic growth and earnings remain supportive of equities.
- Volatility may remain elevated as investors balance growth, inflation, and policy risks.

Selected Economic & Market Data

Statistic	Current	Previous	Statistic	Current	Previous
US GDP	2.2%	2.1%	ISM Manufacturing Index	54.5	53.3
Consumer Confidence	81.9	91.2	Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.3%
Consumer Price Index Core	3.4%	4.2%	2 Year Treasury Yield	4.89%	4.18%
PCE (x Food & Energy)	3.0%	3.4%	10 Year Treasury Yield	5.29%	4.47%

Total Portfolio Return is net of fees. Past returns are not indicative of future results. No Bank Guarantee. May lose value.