

# Open Hearts

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2703 Augusta Street  
Greenville, SC 29605



### Ministry Newsletter

June 2024

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### "Open Hearts UMC First Birthday"

Beloved Church,

It is hard to believe, but we are approaching our first birthday as a church! Everyone is invited to celebrate with us on Sunday, June 30th.

**Worship Service – 11:00 AM**

Join us for a celebratory worship service as we take a look back on our journey together and give thanks to God for all the milestones we reached. We will also share what we hope the next year will look like as we look towards chartering.

**Potluck Party after Worship – 12:30 PM**

On our inaugural Sunday last year we celebrated with a potluck lunch, so we are making it a tradition! Bring your favorite dish to share and a picnic blanket. We'll provide outdoor activities for the kids, and of course there will be cake!

**Birthday presents for the Church**

If you would like to buy a present for the church to celebrate our first birthday, consider shopping from our updated Amazon wish list

[Click Here](#)

You can also contribute to our organ fund to reach our goal of \$150,000 for repair and upgrades by signing into Realm, click on the "Giving" tab, enter an amount and on the drop-down menu click on "pipe organ."



I look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, June 30th!

Your ministry partner,  
Rev Karen Jones  
Lead Pastor

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## SPOTLIGHTS

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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We send our love and well wishes to our Open Hearts Graduates. We are proud of you!

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters."*  
-Colossians 3:23

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## A NEW BEGINNING FOR THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

This week, we welcome Augusta Road Baptist Church as the new operator of the Child Development Center (CDC) located at Open Hearts UMC. The new CDC school term starts Monday, June 3rd and we look forward to seeing ARBC here as our new ministry partner!

Here are a few ways you can help participate in this partnership:

- Open Hearts UMC will sponsor a breakfast in Trinity Hall for that first day back (Monday June 3rd). If you would like to help with this effort, please [\*click here\*](#)
- Support the classrooms with a purchase from the

The CDC Advisory Board was a hardworking team that helped transition the CDC from Buncombe Street Methodist Church to Augusta Road Baptist Church. We give thanks to that effort and for everyone who shared their gifts to make sure the ministry continued at Open Hearts UMC.

- Kathy McKinney, Chair
- Rev. Karen Jones, OHUMC Pastor
- Rev. Matt King, ARBC Pastor
- Mandy Anderson, ARBC CDC Director
- Bruce Brown
- Covington Carson
- Jana Clack
- Benjamin Hepner
- Lynne Shackelford
- Bobby Vine

CDC Teachers' Amazon  
Wish List: [click here](#)

- Sandra Welch
- Rachel Wynia

- Support the CDC scholarship fund for Open Hearts campus students by making a donation here: [click here](#)



We extend our deepest gratitude to Rev. Matt King, Pastor at ARBC, and Mandy Anderson, ARBC-CDC Director, for the vision they had for this ministry partnership with us at Open Hearts.

Left to Right- Missie Daniel, Interim CDC Director at ARBC; Rev. Karen Jones, Open Hearts; Rev. Matt King, ARBC; Mandy Anderston, Director at ARBC-CDC

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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### UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! JUNE 9 – 12

The United Methodist Annual Conference will be held at the TD Convention Center in Greenville June 9-12. Pastor Karen is on the Annual Conference Committee and would be delighted to have representation from OHUMC there. Because we are not yet a chartered church, we do not send delegates to vote on Annual Conference business; however, there are three ways that you can participate.

1. Help with General Conference greeting, ushering at worship services, registration, set up and break down, and driving golf carts to transport guests from the parking lot to the convention center. Please use this link: [Sign-up](#)
2. Staff the Open Hearts exhibit table, which will highlight and demonstrate our new church start journey. Please call the church office at 864-233-8114 or click here to register: [Sign-up](#)
3. Attend the conference any of the days. This is a great opportunity to see our South Carolina UMC at work and to celebrate by attending the wonderful worship services led by our Bishop Jonathan Holston.

The full agenda can be seen with this link: [Click here](#).

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 23 – 26

We are excited to host our very first Vacation Bible School at Open Hearts UMC. Our theme will be “I Wonder...,” and the dates are, June 23 – June 26, 2024 from 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm. Click here to register your child/children: [Sign-up](#) Click here to volunteer: [Sign-up](#)

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## SUMMER CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

Do you like to sing? Then the summer choir is for you! Starting June 19 our Fellowship Adult Choir will suspend Wednesday evening rehearsals but will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 10:30 am in the choir room to prepare to lead hymns and congregational singing (without robes). This would be a great opportunity to hone your musical skills and try the choral experience. All singers aged 14 and above are welcome. Come join us on Sunday mornings as we make a joyful noise!

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our *First Friday Coffees* will continue at Inspire Coffee on the first Friday of each month. **Note: the new meeting time is 9:30 am.** No RSVP needed. We hope to see you there!

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## OHUMC MEN'S MINISTRY

We are looking towards summer and fall with the hope of providing opportunities for fellowship and Bible study for the men of Open Hearts UMC! Are you interested in helping this ministry take shape? If so, contact Miles Loretta at [meloretta@gmail.com](mailto:meloretta@gmail.com). The first outing is **June 11, 6:00 pm** at the **Blockhouse Restaurant** at 1619 Augusta Street, Greenville.

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## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEANINGFUL SERVICE

At Open Hearts UMC we celebrate



opportunities for service to our community throughout the year. SHARE encourages members of our congregation to get involved this summer in the following options:

- **Julie Valentine Center Tour on June 18 at 10:15 am.** We will learn about the services of the Julie Valentine Center from one of their staff and deliver goody bags for each staff member to show our appreciation for their vital work.  
To sign-up: [Click here](#)
- **Salkehatchie Excursion to Newberry on July 17**, arriving around 3:00. Those who would like to carpool should meet at the church parking lot at 2:00 pm. Members of our congregation will visit the work sites and deliver cool treats for the workers. Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information in our next newsletter.

- **Meals on Wheels: packing meals on August 5 from 7:45 to 10:00 am.** Volunteers will pack meals to be delivered to Meals on Wheels clients.  
To sign-up: [Click here](#)



For further information about each opportunity, look for Sign-up Genius links in our church bulletins and newsletters.

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## LOOKING BACK

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MAY MEETING

A summary of notes from the Leadership Team May meeting is available on the upstairs (by the church office) and downstairs bulletin boards and on Realm.

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### Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

*We sold 100 chicken dinners, raising \$1200.00 in total* for Boy Scout Troop 9. Thank you all for your generous support!



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## Blood Drive

We met our goal of 18 donors for the blood drive on May 5th. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who make this vital mission possible. In conjunction with The Blood Connection, our donors saved over fifty lives in our local community!

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## Women's Ministry Dinner

We had 29 women gather for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship at Portofino's. Mark your calendars now for our next Women's dinner on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30 (Location TBD). Stay-tuned for more details.



## Julie Valentine Center for survivors of child abuse and sexual assault.

We are delighted to report the results of our April collection drive for the JVC.

13 pairs of pants  
26 packages of snacks  
25 tops  
16 boxes of juice  
47 pairs of socks  
217 hygiene products  
95 undergarments

*439 total donations*

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## Epworth Children's Home Annual Mother's Day Offering

Our Sunday offering raised \$1,726. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. As such, they depend greatly on United Methodists in South Carolina for support. 100% of your offering goes to provide care for the children at Epworth. Thank you everyone for your generosity and support of this long-standing and much needed ministry.



## GirlUp Celebration

On May 9, the Open Hearts Sunday School class sponsored an end-of-the-year celebration for the middle school girls involved in GirlUp, an empowerment program that helps girls reach their full potential. Church members were delighted to receive a tour and meet the girls, their families, GirlUp staff, and the founder of the program, Kim Morgan. How wonderful that Open Hearts UMC is able to support a program that builds academic accountability and self-confidence, nurtures friendships, offers mentoring, provides creative outlets, schedules time to address personal challenges and discuss sensitive issues, and encourages thinking about college and career interests!

*Remember to check our Amazon wishlist to support our church needs as we grow! There are items added all the time!*



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