



Celebrating Stewardship

APRIL - JUNE 2024



PRAYERS

Over **80 prayer requests** received and lifted up.
87 cards mailed to people on our prayer list.
11 letters of encouragement sent to our college students, and **6 cards** sent to graduates.
12 art projects by OHUMC children mailed to homebound members.
15 soup deliveries to people on our prayer list.



PRESENCE

42 children attended Vacation Bible School.
29 women attended the April Women's Ministry Dinner.
22 men attended the first Men's Ministry Dinner in June.
On an average Sunday, we have present **91 disciples** in Sunday School, **132 in-person** worshippers, and **52 online** worshippers.
14 children and adults tour Samaritan House.



GIFTS

\$160,916.26 in tithes, gifts, and offerings given to God through Open Hearts UMC.
\$1,826 given to Epworth Children's Home through OHUMC.
436 hours from volunteers who shared their gifts for our music ministry.
\$8,723.25 raised for the Samaritan House 20-for-20 campaign, including **\$147.25** raised by the Vacation Bible School kids.



SERVICE

439 food, clothing, and hygiene items collected for Julie Valentine Center.
30 service hours to GirlUp from the Open Hearts Sunday School class.
30 volunteers for Vacation Bible School.
14 children and adults toured Samaritan House.
105 hours from 9 volunteers in the Audio/Visual ministry.
12 Blessing Bags made for the homeless by the Children's Sunday School class.



WITNESS

74 children, parents, and staff enjoyed the meals we sponsored on the first day of school at the CDC under its new operator, Augusta Road Baptist Church.
18 individuals donated blood, saving up to **54 lives** through The Blood Connection.
8,400 people reached on Facebook, with 36% more visitors than last quarter and **1,100 visitors** to our website, which is a 46% increase.
66 people completed Safe Sanctuary training to make OHUMC a safer community.
24 girls at Girl Up received Bibles and dinner with their families from the Open Hearts Sunday School class.



At Open Hearts United Methodist Church, **stewardship is discipleship**. When you give to God your **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**, you live into the call of being a disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This Celebration of Stewardship quarterly report allows us to **celebrate the fruits of our shared ministry and labor**, and it is a doxology by giving God all the glory and praise for using us in the building of the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. Below are stories of growth and transformation from our community that we also celebrate from this quarter.

"... thank you for all that you did for me during my time at Furman. Having such a loving and supportive community while I was away from home meant the world to me and I am forever grateful. Between the care packages, coffees, notes, and hugs at church, Open Hearts was such a nurturing environment for Katy and I to get plugged into. Thank you for continuously checking in on us, connecting us with people, and making us feel so loved."

Courtney King, college student who worshipped at OHUMC

"We were welcomed with open arms and smiling faces to VBS this week. My girls have never gotten to experience VBS and had the best time. They chose to cancel their extracurricular activities to keep attending all week!! Your efforts and volunteers are making a huge impact on our family and the community with your outreach! We are just so grateful!"

Mandy Anderson, a member of the Greenville community

"Those who stopped by our table reported that people are praying for our congregation's growth and continuing impact in Greenville and beyond." "I was impressed by how many United Methodists from across the state knew our story and were cheering us on."

*Carol Wilson and Beth Padgett,
OHUMC exhibit table volunteers at the 2024 UMCSC Annual Conference*