



Ministry Newsletter

October 2024

OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

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“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Beloved Community,

Last week we started our ministry project “Let Us Break Bread Together,” where hosts from our church coordinated meals across Greenville, and we are hearing great things from you about your experience! Here are some things people are saying:



“Susan [Way] is a lovely hostess, and the food and company were excellent! I got to hear funny stories from church members that I did not really know before.” – Julia Turlington

“A wonderful first time experience for the Poinsett Club’s Friday lunch buffet. New friendships were made with folks that I haven’t been able to spend significant time with.” – Jana Clack

‘It was wonderful to welcome members of our Church Family to our home and share an evening together. Since we are new to the church it was great to now know names and faces on Sunday morning!’ –Margie Schnelle, host

“We are new to Open Hearts UMC so I thought hosting a meal would be a great way to meet some new people. I wasn’t sure if there was anyone else from Easley attending, but I was pleasantly surprised. Not only were there others, but one couple lives on the same street! And another couple is 5 minutes from us! What a small world. We also had friends join us from

Greenville. It was a great evening of fellowship and breaking bread together. Looking forward to attending another meal in October!"
–Courtney White, host

"I have been attending Open Hearts since March of 2023 and it was so nice to be able to put names to the faces I see each Sunday. I met people I had never met before and had a chance to learn a little more about the ones I do know. Because we are a new church start I think this was a great way to meet everyone and to spend time together. I am so thankful for Open Hearts and to be a member of such an all inclusive church. I feel like I have finally found my place." – Gary Hester, host

There are still plenty of opportunities to attend a meal in October. View and register for meals on this [link](#).

As our congregation continues to grow and we see new people come through our doors every week, this is a great way to strengthen our existing relationships while fostering new ones. So whether you have been with us from the beginning, a recent visitor, or someone who wants to try our faith community, I hope you will join us for a meal as we Break Bread Together.

Your partner in ministry,
Rev. Karen Jones

STAFF UPDATE

We're excited to share some great news about our team! Jana Clack will be stepping into a new role at Open Hearts UMC as our Director of Discipleship, and we can't wait to see the amazing impact she'll continue to make. In this role, she will develop ministry programs that support people at every age and stage of their faith journey, making sure they're seamlessly connected and integrated. She is already hard at work to improve and grow our children and family ministry. See a message from Jana below.

We now have an open position on our staff team for a Church Administrator. If you know someone who may be interested in this role, please have them send their resume to karen.jones@openheartsumcsc.org. View job description [here](#).

MEMBER NEWS

New members: *Kathleen Howze and Richard Merritt*

Kathleen Howze and Richard Merritt join Open Hearts from a disaffiliated church in our community.

Kathleen, and her late husband Townes

Howze, owned and operated The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest for 41 years. She has lived in Hollingsworth Park for almost 10 years. She is the proud mother of two, grandmother of two, and great grandmother of two.



Richard Merritt is retired from the metal industry, having served in sales and management positions, primarily in Florida. He now resides in Mauldin and is the proud father of a daughter.

Important Children's Ministry Update



We are excited to launch a new model for children's discipleship beginning this October. We've been reviewing the metrics for when our families with children are most engaged in the life of the church, and while few attend during the Sunday School hour program, we consistently have a large number of children present for worship at 11:00 am.

In an effort to better serve them with a quality program, we will be offering their "Sunday school" program following the Children's Message, previously known as Children's Church. We're calling it "Sunday Bible School", because it will combine fun aspects of Vacation Bible School with a UMC curriculum curated by Jana Clack. It is our hope to have two classes weekly, one for ages 4-6 & one for ages 7-11. This will mean having 3-4 volunteers weekly who will assist with the program that will support the discipleship of our youngest church-goers. ***Sunday Bible School will replace the traditional Sunday School model at 9:45 am. During that time, children will be dropped off in room B-4 near the Welcome Center for Pray and Play.***

Resources and activities will always be provided by Jana Clack, who will be available each Sunday to our volunteers as well. If you are interested in


servicing during this time, every 6 weeks or so, please sign up to volunteer [here](#).

If you are interested in serving with our paid nursery worker during the Sunday school hour or during 11:00 am worship, please sign up [here](#).

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest Preacher

Sunday, September 29th, 2024

A circular inset photograph of Bishop Willimon, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white clerical collar. He is speaking at a podium with a microphone, gesturing with his right hand raised.

Bishop Willimon

Retired Bishop of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, former Professor and Dean of the Chapel at Duke Divinity School, as well as a Greenville, SC Native.

MUSIC MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



Fellowship Adult Choir welcomes Olivia Marseil to the alto section! We are busily preparing the Fauré *Requiem* to perform at St. Michael's Lutheran Church (next door to Open Hearts) Sunday, November 3 at 4 pm, joined by choirs from St. Michael's and Fourth Presbyterian Church. Soloists include our own Dr. Tish Oney, soprano, and Jeremiah Reid, bass!



Join us in sprucing up our lovely building and grounds. Sign up link [here](#).

OPEN HEARTS UMC FALL FEST

TRUNK OR TREAT - INFLATABLES - GAMES - BALLOON ART
CRAFTS - FACE PAINTING - SHAVED ICE* (\$3/serving)

October 26th, 2024 at 10:00 am

Special
thanks
to our
vendors:



Join us for Trunk-or-Treat and a Fall Festival on October 26th at 10:00 am here at Open Hearts UMC! Spread the word and invite a friend to enjoy inflatables, shaved ice (\$3/serving), lawn games, balloon animals, crafts, face painting and a petting zoo! **THIS EVENT IS FREE!**

Sign up to volunteer to provide a trunk with candy
or to assist with the event [here](#).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

First Friday Coffee

Join us for fellowship on October 4th at Inspire Coffee for our monthly "First Friday Coffee" gathering. This is a great way to meet other women within the Open Hearts community of faith!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

First Friday Coffee

October 4th

10am

Inspire Coffee

1433 Cleveland St.

Greenville, SC



First Friday of the Month

SAVE THE DATE!

A vibrant collage of various breakfast and brunch items. It includes a bowl of fresh fruit (kiwi, raspberries, blueberries), a cinnamon roll, a stack of pancakes with strawberries, a croissant, a red teapot with two cups, a blue pot, a smoothie with raspberries and orange slices, a waffle with berries, and a charcuterie board with various meats, cheeses, and breads. The items are arranged in a circular pattern around the central text.

**Busy Women's
Brunch**

Saturday, November 9th
10:00 am at Lynne Shackelford's Home

Register on Realm
FREE Event

Sign up [here](#).

If you have questions about any of our Women's Ministry events, have an idea you'd like us to consider, or would like to join our team, email Sandy MacMillan at CARES@openheartsumcsc.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry Fall Event

October 22nd, 2024
at Pebble Creek Clubhouse Grille

Dinner will be provided by Pebble Creek Pizza
cost is \$10/person (includes salad)

9-hole afternoon golfing option in afternoon



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RSVP to Miles Loretta
(Contact Information in Realm)

Please be at Pebble Creek by 3:00 pm so you will be finished in time for pizza.

BASKETBALL PARTNERSHIP

If you are interested in participating in church basketball, we are excited to announce a new partnership with St. Matthew UMC and their basketball teams. See information in the picture below to join a team!



BASKETBALL SIGNUPS!

We hope to form as many teams as possible within our own church, but some ages may need to partner with another church to form a team. Please let Jennie Carrington (jenniecarrington@gmail.com or 864-630-1698) know if you are willing to serve as a coach this year and please reach out if you have any questions!

REGISTER NOW



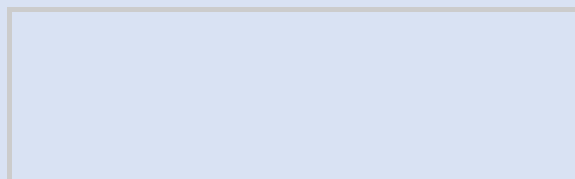
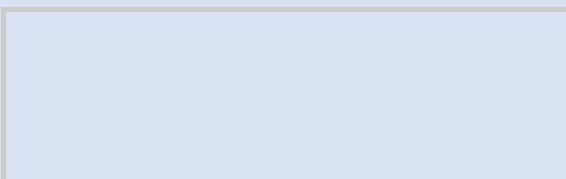
DEADLINE OCT. 6

Open Hearts UMC participants register via this [link](#) or the QR code below.



LOOKING BACK

WOMEN'S DINNER





On Thursday, September 12th, almost 70 women gathered in Trinity Hall to celebrate one another, sprinkle some love for Miracle Hill's Shepherds Gate, and kick off the fall Women's Ministry at Open Hearts UMC. We enjoyed a meal prepared by Tropical Grille and some scrumptious desserts prepared by our Women's Ministry Board. We decorated 100 cookies for Miracle Hill's Shepherds Gate. A special thank you goes to our co-chairs, Vaughan Overman and Andrea Creech. We also thank Margaret Borklund for the beautiful centerpieces, the entire Women's Ministry team for helping set up and clean up and our church staff for all of their support.

SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you! Our blood drive in September saved fifty lives in our local community! Please mark your calendar for November 10th – for our upcoming blood drive, in partnership with The Blood Connection.



FAMILY ZOO OUTING



Twenty-seven people (including 14 children) participated in the Family Zoo Outing at the Greenville Zoo on September 21st. Many of them then went out for lunch and fellowship following the Zoo outing!

Remember to check our Amazon wish list to support our church needs as we grow! There are new items added all of the time!



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