



Special Edition Newsletter

September 5, 2024

OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS

Dear Beloved Church,

This Sunday, we will conclude our sermon series, 'Let Us Break Bread Together,' where we explored biblical stories of food and fellowship as they relate to God's kingdom. We've reflected on how hospitality, inclusion, and diversity at the table offer a foretaste of God's kingdom and how, by imitating these practices, we share God's grace and love with others. As we wrap up this series, we will put our learning into action through a ministry project of the same name, where hosts will coordinate meals across Greenville throughout September and October.

In addition to practicing discipleship, we're launching the 'Let Us Break Bread Together' ministry project to make church more accessible. Many people feel intimidated by the idea of attending church or are healing from spiritual trauma and avoid church buildings. By bringing church into the world in a low-pressure environment, we're following the example of the early disciples, who gathered for meals as a form of early church practice. As our congregation continues to grow, this initiative will help us strengthen existing relationships while fostering new ones. The best part of Open Hearts UMC is our people, so let's take this opportunity to meet one another!

Locations Near You

Open Hearts UMC volunteers have generously offered to host meals and invite you—yes, YOU!—to join us in breaking bread at any of our 17 gatherings. There's likely a meal near you, but don't feel confined to your

zip code. If another date works better, you're welcome to attend that dinner—or even join us for multiple meals! You do not have to be a member of our church to participate, so please come!

Your partner in ministry,
Rev. Karen Jones

Downtown
Augusta Road
Greer
Easley
Verdae

Simpsonville
Mauldin
San Souci
Taylors
Travelers Rest

RSVP and Be Our Guest

Please RSVP through Realm using this [link](#). There, you can learn more about the hosts, view the menu, check for any costs, and see considerations for families with children. "We hope you'll honor us with your presence and experience firsthand what it means to be part of Open Hearts UMC.

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Click the image below for a video on "Let Us Break Bread Together."



LOOKING AHEAD

Guest Preacher

Sunday, September 29th, 2024



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.

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



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