



# Celebrating Stewardship

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024

## PRAYERS



**13 soup deliveries** for people on our prayer list who were sick.  
**90 hours** of prayer and volunteering by our CARES team.  
**36 Christmas cards** written to men incarcerated on South Carolina's death row by the New Adult Sunday School class.  
**37 cards and welcome emails** sent to frequent visitors and **78 birthday cards** sent to members.

## PRESENCE



**16 children** participate in our new Sunday Bible School program, **9 participants** on our online Advent Bible Study, **16 youth** participating in their new Bible Study, and **30 women** in the Fall Women's Bible Study.  
**35 participants** at our first Young Adult Christmas party.  
**110 participants** at our Advent Family Dinner.  
On an average Sunday, we have present **85 disciples** in Sunday School, **149 in-person** worshippers, and **63 online** worshippers.

## GIFTS



**\$1,010 contributed** to United Ministries by Sunday School classes for their ministries.  
**\$1,900 contributed** by the Open Hearts Sunday School class to charities.  
**\$3,830** in Advent offerings to be distributed to United Methodist agencies and charities.  
**\$260,882.55** in tithes, gifts, and offerings given to God through Open Hearts UMC, which is a **60% increase** from last quarter.  
Our choir has grown to **20 members** who share their musical gifts in worship.

## SERVICE



**43 winter coats** and approximately **400 Thanksgiving food items** were donated for Alexander Elementary School students in need.  
**7 volunteers** served at United Ministries Winter Wonderland.  
**9 volunteers** prepared and/or served lunch for 16 Triune Mercy Center staff and served lunch on a different day to 70+ community members experiencing homelessness at TMC.  
**770 hours** from volunteers serving in music ministry and **84 hours** from volunteers serving in audio/visual ministry.

## WITNESS



**4 individuals** gave their testimony at our Moravian Love Feast worship service.  
**14 individuals** donated blood, saving up to **42 lives** through The Blood Connection.  
**21,400 people reached** on Facebook, which is **5.8 % increase** from last quarter, and **1217 new visitors** to our website, which is a **16% increase**.  
**308 worshippers** chose to celebrate Christmas Eve with us at Open Hearts, including **18 children** who sang an anthem during the Family-Friendly service.

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