

IMPACT REPORT



A Year of Transformation

2024 was an incredible year for us at Open Hearts United Methodist Church, marked by remarkable growth and exciting milestones. It was our first full calendar year together since our inception on July 1, 2023, and we have so much to celebrate!

Here are just a few of the many exciting ministry milestones we achieved this year:

- We sent seven youth and adults on our very first mission trip to Salkehatchie.
- We held our first-ever Youth Sunday worship service.
- We hosted our first Vacation Bible School, welcoming 61 children for a week of faith and fun.
- We joyfully celebrated our first birthday as a church family!

We also came so very far in establishing ourselves as a church with its own unique identity in the Greenville community, characterized by a warm and welcoming spirit, a deep commitment to service, and a passion for sharing God's love with all.

Here are some of the ways we proudly established our presence in the community:

- a fresh new logo and brand suite,
- a dynamic new website,
- a welcoming new street sign, and
- thoughtfully crafted vision and value statements.

We couldn't have come this far without doing it together! Thank you for being our partners in faith, both within our congregation and in the community, through your prayers, support, and unwavering encouragement. We are excited for all that the coming year will bring and look forward to another incredible year together!

Your Partner in Ministry,

Karen Jones

Rev. Karen Jones



Ministry Celebrations

Started Youth Bible Study Ministry to engage our teenagers.

We noticed that children's attendance on Sunday tripled in worship compared to the Sunday School hour, so we created **Sunday Bible School** to better engage the children in their discipleship.

We had 174 seats filled around our **Break Bread Together** tables, where members, visitors, and friends could build relationships together.

We launched **Safe Sanctuary** and trained 70 people to help create a "community of care" for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

We upgraded our building's outdated **fire monitoring system** with a grant from the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Our **choral ministry expanded** to include 21 choristers, including the addition of three new staff singers from the Furman music department.



Making a Difference

We gave **\$25,646 in missional funds** to our ministry partners like United Ministries, Samaritan House, and the Augusta Road Baptist Church - Child Development Center that operates here.

192 lives were saved last year through our quarterly blood drives in partnership with The Blood Connection.

We reopened the **Child Development Center** under a new operator and ministry partner, Augusta Road Baptist Church, allowing 65 children to have continued care and learning in our facilities.

\$55,786 in connectional giving to the following United Methodist agencies and ministries like Epworth Children's Home, Aldersgate Special Needs, Native American Ministries, Peace with Justice Ministry, and United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Ministry partnership is a powerful way to amplify our impact, and we are grateful to join hands with incredible ministries and non-profit organizations like Triune Mercy Center, Samaritan House, Julie Valentine Center, Safe Harbor, Girl Up, Thomas Kerns Elementary, Southside High School, United Ministries, and Greenville Church Without Walls. Together, we are able to extend love, hope, and support to those in need, making a greater difference than we ever could alone.

Our Vision at Open Hearts UMC is to cultivate a welcoming community -
united in God's love, guided by scripture, and empowered by the Holy Spirit - to live out Jesus Christ's teachings

A Year of Giving

2024 marks the first full calendar year of giving for Open Hearts UMC, establishing a foundation for our financial stewardship and shaping our approach to generosity. This year has been instrumental in identifying giving trends and gaining a deeper understanding of our church's financial health. Recognizing the uncertainties and opportunities that come with a new financial journey, we implemented a flexible budget, allowing us to adapt as our congregation grew and as new needs emerged. We are profoundly grateful for each and every one of you—our dedicated contributors—whose generosity, faith, and trust in our leadership have made this year possible. Your support enables us to carry out our mission, serve our community, and continue building a strong, faith-filled future together. Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.

REVENUES

Contributions	\$701,971
UMC Conference Support	119,116
Other Income	20,818
Total Revenues	\$841,905

EXPENSES

Compensation	\$266,747
Benefits	78,372
Property	103,008
Utilities	39,206
Worship	29,706
Administrative	23,960
Discipleship	14,244
Missions	10,470
Total Expenses	\$565,713

Donor-Designated Funds Report *

Beginning Balance	\$19,566
Contributions	110,389
Conference Support	160,483
Other Income	8,485
Total Available	\$298,923
Disbursements	199,055
Ending Balance	\$99,868

Ending Fund Highlights

Deferred Maintenance Fund	\$52,752
Missions	15,865
Memorials	12,464
Pastor Discretionary	8,138
Music & Pipe Organ	7,997
All Other	2,652
Total	\$99,868

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Total Revenue

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OUR VALUES:

Biblical Reflection - We apply scripture thoughtfully to guide us in discipleship while engaging reason, tradition, and experience.

Unity Through Christ - We welcome people of individual experiences, circumstances, and hopes, trusting in the creating, redeeming, and sustaining God to unify us in faith.

Grace as Our Guide - We see the best in each other and offer one another grace, because although made in the image of God, we fall short of perfection.



Ministry by the Numbers

The chart below compares Open Hearts UMC to the average Protestant church in the U.S., using data from Ministry Architects and graphsaboutreligion.com.

From these comparisons, we can see that our church has strong engagement across all ages. We also excel in welcoming young families and creating a nurturing space for children and their discipleship.

We can also see that membership is more than a name on a roster - it is a commitment to discipleship! Thank you being faithful to your membership vows by your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness at Open Hearts UMC.

MINISTRY METRICS	AVG CHURCH	OPEN HEARTS
% of CHILDREN in a worshipping congregation	15%	26%
% of YOUTH in a worshipping congregation	10%	9%
Ratio of MEMBERS over worship ATTENDANCE	29-34%	51.6%
% of MEMBERS who attend in-person worship	–	81%

While spiritual growth isn't always easily measured, metrics can help us see how God is moving and guiding us toward greater impact. They keep us intentional, refine our efforts, and ensure we are reaching people effectively—but they don't tell the whole story. Behind every number is a person on a discipleship journey, making each statistic in "Ministry by the Numbers" worth celebrating as a reflection of lives being transformed.

243 members on our roll
6 children and 2 adults were baptized
2 Bibles were presented to our 3rd grade children
450 visitors last year, many became regulars or members

We thank you for your ongoing support of our ministries!



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