



Celebrating Stewardship

JANUARY - MARCH 2025



PRAYERS

24 quarts of soup delivered for people on our prayer list who were sick.
74 new prayer requests received and prayed for by our CARES team.
86 inspirational cards and valentines written and sent to church members in need and delivered to 6 local agencies.
114 cards mailed and **68 birthday cards** sent to members.



PRESENCE

30 women attended the Spring Women's Bible Study.
30 ladies participated in the Galentine's dinner.
92 participants at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, hosted by our men.
6 youth and leaders attended the UMC weekend retreat, Revolution 2025.
16 men attended the quarterly Men's Ministry Night Out dinner.
On an average Sunday, we have present **94 disciples** in Sunday School, **154 in-person** worshippers, and **63 online** worshippers.



GIFTS

\$1,250 contributed to The Julie Valentine Center from OHUMC, increased by individual contributions from members.
\$2,000 contributed by the Open Hearts Sunday School class to **6 local charities**.
\$268,550 in tithes, gifts, and offerings given to God through Open Hearts UMC, which is a **2.9% increase** from last quarter.



SERVICE

11 members helped pack approximately **2000 meals** at Meals on Wheels.
5 volunteers prepared a meal for **12 young women** involved with GirlUp GVL.
65 members and community guests attended our educational presentation and dinner focused on poverty and homelessness in our community.
492 hours from volunteers serving in music ministry and **83 hours** from volunteers serving in audio/visual ministry.



WITNESS

12 adults and 6 children were added to our membership.
18 individuals donated blood, saving up to **54 lives** through The Blood Connection.
17.6K people reached on Facebook with **50 new follows**, which is **up 61%**.
3 members were affirmed for ordained ministry at called charge conference.
18 new and prospective members attended the Coffee with Karen gatherings, held the first Sunday of each month.



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 that we also celebrate from this quarter.

In response to our Poverty and Homelessness in Greenville Event in January: "I was glad to visit your church because I feel so invested in its success...I honestly feel you guys are doing the right thing - being open to God's Word, being kind to everyone, accepting the marginalized. I was honored to be included in the dinner."

*Deb-Richardson-Moore,
former pastor and director of Triune Mercy Center, humanitarian, and writer*

"I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your kindness in dropping off Valentine's Day greeting cards from Open Hearts for our participants! We handed them out during today's Emergency Assistance appointments, and they were met with so much joy and appreciation. Your thoughtful gesture truly made a difference, bringing warmth and encouragement to those we serve. Thank you again for thinking of us and for sharing the love in such a meaningful way. We are so grateful for your generosity and support!"

*-Jessica Primus,
United Ministries Associate Director of Community Engagement*