



2023  
ANNUAL  
**REPORT**

Duncan Memorial UMC  
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Dear Friends,

To be a steward of God's tithes and offerings means we are managers of those gifts. Accountability to God is a serious matter and one that requires transparency. To that end, the following report has been prepared to share how gifts received were used to serve our community and further the mission of our church- ***Make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace.***

I invite you to carefully review this report and see where the heart of this church and our priorities are revealed through its contents. Should you find you need additional information or have questions, please bring those questions to the attention of the church staff.

We are blessed as a church to have faithful givers, and we offer our thanks and blessings for your commitment to the work of the church. Behind every gift, every prayer, and every act of service are countless stories of comfort, change, challenge, and growth that have become woven into the beautiful tapestry of our faith family. Know that your gifts and the work they support have tremendous value in the Kingdom!

If you have not yet made a financial pledge for the coming year, or are not giving on a continual basis, I ask that you begin to ask God for guidance on how to begin doing so. The same is true if you have not yet committed to serving. Carrying out God's plan for Duncan Memorial is a monumental task! We are best equipped for this work when all members faithfully participate by their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

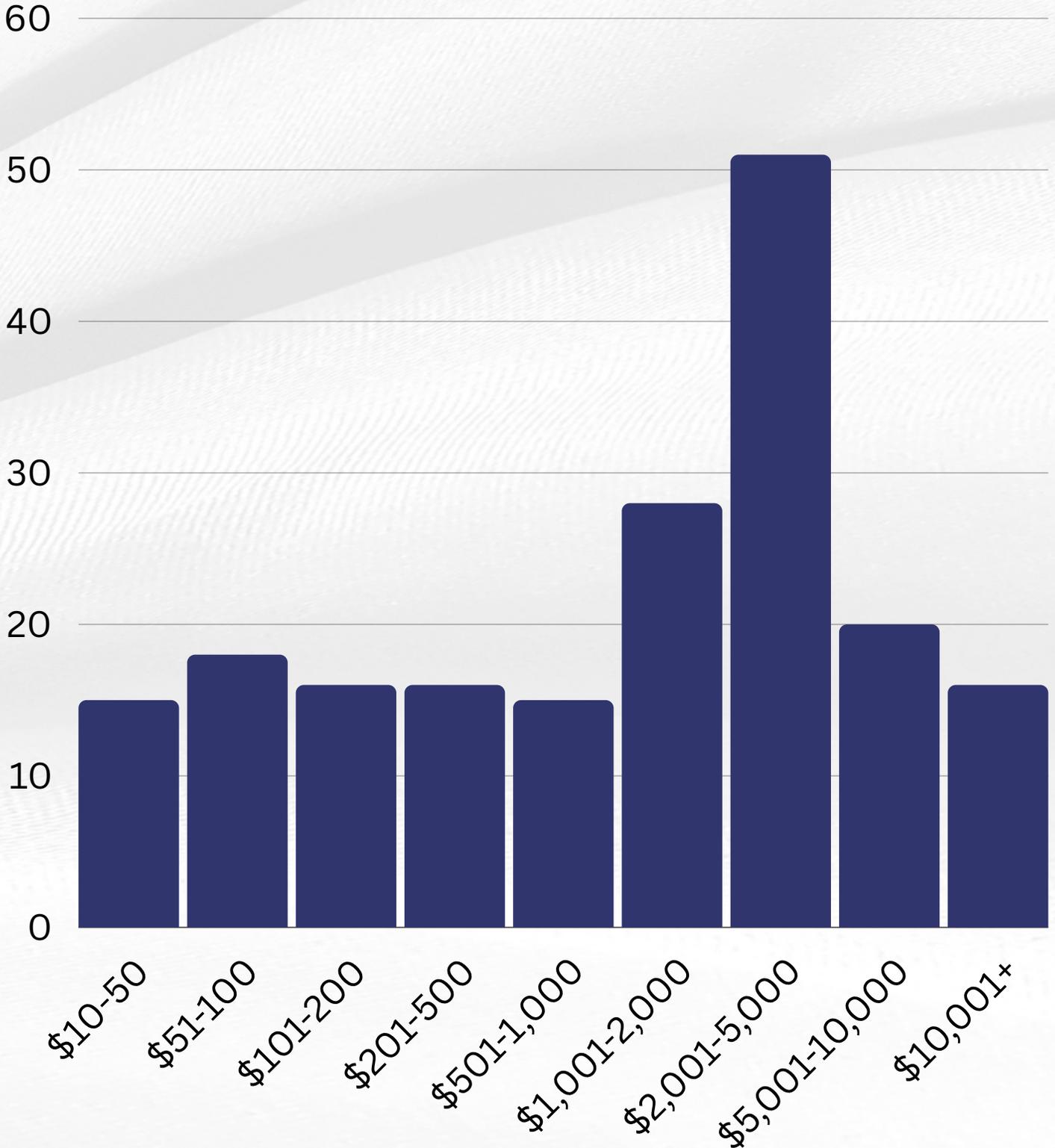
Our website, social media feeds, and YouTube page received thousands of visits this year. It is clear that many are searching for hope and looking to the church for answers and support. We thank God for positioning Duncan Memorial as part of His work in our community and beyond!

Blessings,

Rev. E. Rossiter Chellis

# Giving Report

■ Annual Giving by Household



**total number of recorded contributors in 2023= 195**

# Annual Financial Summary

Income:  
2023: \$679,268.38

Expenses:  
2023: \$676,646.10

**+\$2,622.28**

## Fundraising Efforts

Youth Oyster Roast: \$4,000

Boat Show Parking: \$1,300

Candlelight Dinner: \$2,843

Hoodie Mission: \$845

Wheelchair Mission: \$3,648

**TOTAL FUNDRAISING:  
\$12,636**

# Prayers

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18*

Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves to others. Prayer sends down deep spiritual roots. At Duncan Memorial, prayer opportunities abound offering a variety of prayer-centered experiences throughout the year, in addition to a time of prayer as part of every worship service.



A monthly prayer list



A Prayer Team



56 Services of Worship



All Saint's Service



Blessing of the Backpacks service

# Presence

*"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" -EPHESIANS 4:11-12*

So much of discipleship is showing up! Being present for weekly worship links us and strengthens the bonds among our congregation. However, The United Methodist pledge to be present goes beyond Sunday morning. Being fully present means being an active part of the body, both through Sunday's services and when additional events are offered throughout the week.



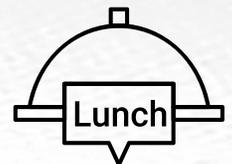
Communion shared  
14 times



34 Wednesday night  
fellowship meals



6 Lenten  
Coffee Hours



4 church-wide  
luncheons



32 Events for Adults



76 Children/ Youth Events



3 Bible Studies



3 Fundraisers

# Gifts

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 PETER 4:10*

Your financial gift is used to advance the mission of the church, to cover the costs associated with day-to-day operations, and to provide the necessary funding for all sacramental and foundational programs. Additionally, your contributions through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund extend the reach of our church beyond our walls.



Provided \$500 to support a Mission trip to Honduras



Served dozens of meals to Salkehatchie participants



Hundreds of pounds of food donated to Helping Hands



Hundreds of food/ personal care items shared through the Blessing Box



36 Wheelchairs donated to The Free Wheelchair Mission



Communion offered to homebound members



\$11,860 donated to Georgetown charities on Palmetto Giving Day



2 youth participated in Confirmation



3 new ministries were launched-LOL, Ktizo, and Busy Parents

## Service

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - MATTHEW 25:40*

As people of faith, we are called to serve, using our unique spiritual gifts and talents to contribute to the church. Serving at church can lead to personal growth, spiritual development, learning new skills, building relationships, and deepening your faith.

18

Ministry Teams

31

distinct serving options

145

members serving

680+

opportunities to serve

## Witness

*"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."- Matthew 5:14-16*

The word "witness" was added to the Baptismal Covenant by the 2008 United Methodist General Conference to highlight the mission and evangelistic responsibilities of church membership. This serves as a reminder to all United Methodists to live out their vows publicly. Leading a Christian life by example is a form of witness, whether it's acting with integrity, showing compassion, or helping others embody the love of Christ through advocacy and outreach.



Our podcast reached over 100 downloads in multiple states



Shared Jesus with 88 children through VBS



Our Live Stream received an average of 200 views each week



Hosted for Muzika! International

## Summary and Final Thoughts

2023 was a year full of victories! We are busy, vibrant, active, and ALIVE! The previous pages contain snapshots of twelve months of God's grace, mercy, and presence; and they reflect what we can achieve as a community of faith. We have so many reasons to be thankful!

Our church ended the year on budget, receiving 98% of pledged income. We were also blessed by the addition of 10 new members to our faith family, led 4 members through the rigorous training process to become new Stephen's Ministers, baptized 2 precious babies, added 2 new members to our choir, and saw an overall increase in engagement.

The Bible tells us in the book of Philippians *"he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Friends, we can claim and proclaim this as truth in our lives! God isn't finished with us. There is much to be done!

When considering our future, let us trust in the promise in Isaiah 40:31- *"But those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."* I look forward to continuing our work with renewed energy and enthusiasm in the coming year. May God bless you all!