



Dear Central UMC Family,

What a joy it has been to be at Central these past few months. We cannot help but marvel at the healing and hope experienced daily. Every week, we learn of people coming back to our church and even back to their faith as they hear the simple and profound message: *Jesus loves you. It's not complicated.*

Since the summer, we have had new discipleship and small groups emerge. We've multiplied children and youth Sunday school classes. We've welcomed 38 new members into our congregation, and we continue to feed 100+ individuals each Tuesday and Thursday through our community meals ministry. We are showing and sharing Jesus in so many transformative ways. Our ministers and lay leadership have done an exceptional job of growing our church, bringing new people to Christ, and continuing our great work in the community.

Our impact for the kingdom of Christ has not stopped during this season; in fact, it has not even stuttered. These ministries and missions survive and thrive thanks to your financial generosity. As we prepare for the final quarter of the year, we wanted to provide you with a thorough review of the church's financial position.

Our giving trends since July 1 would have us receiving between \$350,000 and \$400,000 for the last quarter of 2023. In order to fully fund the ministries and mission work discussed above, we need to raise \$750,000. This means that we must raise an additional \$350,000 to \$400,000 in new or increased gifts.

We are delighted to share with you that a number of members (including church staff) have committed nearly \$175,000 to help us reach our \$400,000 target in new or increased gifts. We are confident that we will receive the funding we need so we can continue the good work God has begun in our community. Together, we can do this!

How can you help? If you are already giving to the ministries here at Central, we want to share a heartfelt thank you. These last few months would not have been possible without your faithfulness. You are cheerful givers who are both blessed and a blessing. As we close out this last quarter, we ask you to prayerfully consider giving a second mile, above and beyond offering to end the year well at CUMC.

If you have not yet given a financial offering to Central but hear God's call, we ask you to prayerfully consider how a generous gift this year will help make a difference in someone's life today.

Central UMC, *now is the time*. Now is the time to continue the work you have started throughout the community and the world from our home on Dickson Street. Now is the time to be bold in our faith as we prepare for another year of powerful ministry. Now is the time to contribute to the kingdom that will last into eternity. If you are ready to invest in the work we are doing for Christ, we invite you to fill out the included form and return it to the church. You can also visit www.centraltolife.com to fill out your commitment electronically. Christ has already given us what we need to do his work; we need to be faithful with his gifts.

In Faith, Hope, and Love,

Rev. Jennie Williams, Senior Pastor

Jaime Reinen, Executive Director

Central UMC Finance Committee:

Jan Davidson, Brock Gearhart, Shawn Graves, Martha Haguewood, Jeanie Hill,
Bill Kincaid, Todd Lewis, Kym Patterson, Scott Rogerson, Craig Underwood

Rev. Chase Burns, Associate Pastor

Bo Bittle, Finance Chair

NOW IS THE TIME

the grace of giving

END OF YEAR COMMITMENT

Full Name

Full Address

Zip

Email

Phone Number

I/We are committed to give:

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Weekly

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Monthly

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By end of year

Non-cash gifts:

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Stock

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Charitable Gift Annuity

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Charitable Remainder Trust

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CUMC as Beneficiary

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Retirement Plan Assets

Since June 2023 we have had:

38

New Members

40%

Expense Reduction

60%

Attendance Increase

Fourth Quarter Giving Update:

\$ 65 K

october

\$ 175 K

committed

\$ 507 K

remaining

Reaching our goal of \$750,000 will fully fund the ministries of Central UMC and prevent us from drawing on a line of credit.

Digital Form



Online Giving

