



REACH. TEACH. **PRAISE.** SERVE.
MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

April 16, 2024

Dear Matthews United Methodist (MUMC) Disciple:

What an amazing three months since the beginning of the year: our **Global Impact Celebration**, **Embracing Disability Lenten focus**, and the building of hope and community around every corner.

Just a few days ago, I got the following note from one of our young adult men raising a family in our community. He said, **“MUMC has done a remarkable job of fostering a place where love is the guide and community is around every corner.”**

You, my friends, are the ones who make it possible. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, support, and financial gifts. As an update, our total income for the first quarter of the year was \$665,000. Our budget goal was \$673,000. Our total expenses, \$653,000.

I'm grateful that we have been invited to participate in God's slow, generous, world-remaking action. At Matthews United Methodist Church, we don't have a formula or template that will save the day, but we are drawn toward a Way, the Jesus-way. We don't pretend to possess any quick-fix processes, but we are (we hope) answering an invitation into a profound, hope-drenched, God-saturated life.

Eugene Peterson once said there are no experts in the company of Jesus. We are all beginners, necessary followers, because we don't know where we are going. Thankfully, we follow a God who's already ahead of us, already present wherever it is we need to be.

I hope you find joy in helping to make the work and ministry of MUMC possible. Thank you again for your support in doing this work.

grace + peace,

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