

July 22, 2025

Dear Matthews UMC Family,

As we write this letter, we are in the midst of the "camps" that our church offers each summer: Rainbow Express Camp (celebrating 30 years!), Vacation Bible School (over 300 children registered!), and Music & Arts Camp (45% of campers do not attend MUMC). These camps are signs of a healthy and vibrant church with strong commitments to the community. *Thank you* for your financial gifts that make all these ministries possible.

Because of your generosity and hearts of service, we are also able to offer the love of Jesus Christ through great missions like ZOE Empowers and work teams to Western NC, still rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. Of course, these offerings just "scratch the surface" of the many ways we can grow and express our faith through this church.

As of the half-year mark, we have received 45% of our tithing goal. We are also well on our way in our capital campaign with the realization of our **Beyond Hospitality** Sanctuary accessibility upgrades slated to begin next month. Thank you for going above and beyond!

Your leaders and staff work diligently to monitor our finances and are pleased to report that our audit for 2024 has been rendered with a clean opinion and a healthy year-end balance. This work will continue throughout the remainder of the year and into the future.

Please review your attached statement and prayerfully consider helping move Matthews UMC into the fall season with a strong financial position.

Thank you for the ways that you Reach, Teach, Praise, and Serve!

In Christ's Service,

David Christy Debbie Fitts

Senior Pastor Treasurer, Director of Operations