



**ROOF
DIGGING
CHURCH**
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**ANNUAL
GIVING
CAMPAIGN
2024**

WOODLAKE UMC IS A ROOF DIGGING CHURCH.

Like the people in Mark 2:1-12, we seek to make the love of Jesus accessible to all, even if it means digging a hole in a roof.

To do this, we:

**FOLLOW
JESUS**

**LOVE ALL
PEOPLE**

**IMPACT THE
COMMUNITY**



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FOLLOW JESUS

What if the 800 people who call Woodlake UMC home decided to follow Jesus?

The result would be transformation of families, our church, the community and the world.

Jesus invited his first disciples to follow him, and today he invites us to do the same. We follow Jesus by: being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and by doing what Jesus did. The way we strive to do this at Woodlake is through our discipleship pathway.

Worship- Be in God's presence by attending our weekly modern or traditional service regularly, reading your Bible and praying daily.

Grow- Become more like Jesus by learning in community with others in a group or class in ADULT Ministry. Children and youth grow with peers in our weekly energetic KIDS and YOUTH Ministries programming.

Serve- Do what Jesus did and use your God-given talents to serve others inside and outside the church through the SERVE Ministry to address food insecurity and support vulnerable children.

Give- Do what Jesus did and give generously from the gifts God has given you.

Share- Tell your story. If Jesus is good news for us, then we should want to share it with others.



LOVE ALL PEOPLE

What if the 800 people who call Woodlake UMC home decided to love all people?

The result would be transformation of families, our church, the community and the world.

Wherever Jesus went he loved the people that society considered unacceptable. On the night that Jesus was born, the angels appeared to the shepherds and said the birth of Jesus will be “good news of great joy for all people!” Not some, but all! We desire to share this good news of great joy with all people!

In January 2023, Church Leadership Council decided that Woodlake UMC will inwardly and outwardly declare we are a church for all people, where they know they are safe, loved, and cared about.

TO FULFILL THIS GOAL, IN 2024

- Form an inclusion team.
- Educate the congregation and staff on inclusivity.
- Conduct open and honest conversations about inclusion.
- Increase diversity in leadership and staff.
- Seek to learn from other churches on the path towards inclusivity.

IMPACT THE COMMUNITY

What if the 800 people who call Woodlake UMC home decided to impact the community?

The result would be transformation of families, our church, the community and the world.

Food-insecure individuals and families are helped when we...

- Give food and our time to 525+ families weekly at Belmont Food Pantry.
- Donate food to Woodlake UMC food pantry.
- Donate financially to Woodlake UMC Benevolence Fund for those who turn to the church for help in hard times.

Vulnerable children are helped when we...

- Serve the children who live and learn at United Methodist Family Services.
- Support hundreds of teachers which trickles down to support thousands of students.

“We are a church not just for ourselves, but a church for our community.” - *Pastor Gordon Pruitt*

Woodlake UMC started in 1986 with a goal to impact the community of Woodlake by introducing people to Jesus.

In 2024, the goal continues as we make the love of Jesus accessible to all.

We must reach those who are not here.



Thousands of school children
impacted by
Roof Digging Week 2023.



More than 525 families
served by Woodlake UMC weekly at
Belmont Food Pantry.



HIGHLIGHTS OF WOODLAKE UMC MINISTRIES IN 2023

WORSHIP



Traditional service

leads people to worship God through hymns and prayer.



Modern service

is a time of worshipping through band-led music and prayer.



Tech team

makes the love of Jesus accessible
anywhere on the globe.

As of September 2023,
650+ people are in the
building and online on
Sunday morning for worship
and programming.

SERVE

At Woodlake UMC, we prioritize serving vulnerable children and those facing food insecurity.



Guatemala Mission Team served vulnerable children in the Lake Atitlan region.



Food Insecurity

Roof-diggers give hundreds of hours getting food into the hands of 525+ families at Belmont Food Pantry each week.



Support of local schools provides encouragement to teachers which spreads goodness to students.



Vulnerable children

We partner with elementary schools and United Methodist Family Services to give support to children in need.



Christmas gifts

given to 40 children in need in Chesterfield County.

CARE

With a team of trained Care Ministers and a Prayer Team of 100 members, we walk alongside those facing life challenges with listening hearts and thousands of prayers.



Prayer Team

lifts up prayer requests from the congregation each week.



Care Ministers

are trained church members who listen and pray with people in need.



Care Ministry made nearly 500 touches with people in need.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

prays for the recipient of each shawl they create.

KIDS



Babies, preschool and elementary school kids are meeting Jesus and learning how He loves them in Sunday programming.

Nursery

is a place where Jesus' youngest followers are loved deeply.



Blessing of the Backpacks

started the school year off for 110 kids.

Kids Ministry teaches the love of Jesus to close to 100 children on Sunday mornings.



Kids Ministry

opens the hearts of children to meet and know Jesus.

YOUTH

Middle School and High School Youth are growing in their relationship with Christ and influencing the world in amazing ways.

MSM



Mission trips and retreats involved dozens of youth in a time of serving others and growing closer to God.



Confirmation

led 24 youth to consider who Jesus is and what He calls them to do.

More than 50 youth are growing in faith in weekly programming.

HSM



Youth enjoyed serving, bowling, fire pits, Squirrels games, Kings Dominion and more.



Youth shared their faith with those they served in Puerto Rico (above) and South Carolina.

ADULTS



Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meet together to celebrate and embrace motherhood.



Men's Ministry breakfast is a monthly time of good food and good male fellowship.



Tuesday Night Dinner is a great occasion to have a meal with church family.

A variety of classes and groups makes a place for adults to grow, no matter where they are on their faith walk.



Groups and classes meet throughout the week and offer something for everyone.

With 30 groups and classes for adults, there are more opportunities to connect and grow than ever before.



What if we achieved our
2024 GOAL of \$2,200,000?
What might we be able to do?

A fully funded 2024 Annual Giving Campaign would enable us to take our Roof-Digging Mission to the next level. We could:



Follow Jesus

by providing excellent programming for all ages that help us grow to look more like Jesus.

Love all people

by extending a welcome to all our neighbors through community events like Fall Festival and Night of Light and providing relevant worship experiences and radical hospitality on Sunday mornings.

Impact our community

through service in our local schools and with partners who focus on vulnerable children and food insecurity.

WHAT KIND OF GIVER IS JESUS CALLING ME TO BE?

FIRST TIME GIVER: 0-2%

Begin to give.

INTENTIONAL GIVER: 3-5%

Plan the specific percentage of your income to give.

GROWING GIVER: 6-9%

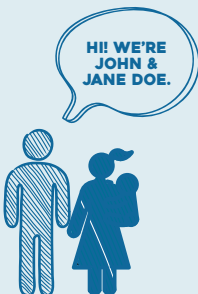
Increase the percentage of income.

TITHER: 10%

Begin to give a tithe.

EXTRAVAGANT GIVER: 11%+

Give beyond the tithe.



MEET JOHN AND JANE DOE

Gross Household Income of \$100,000

- 2023 commitment was 5%(\$5,000) of pre-tax income
- Total 2024 commitment of 6%(\$6,000) is 1%(\$1,000) more than 2023 giving of 5%(\$5,000) of pre-tax income



Giving Range (\$)	Household Count
30,001+	2
20,001 to 30,000	7
15,001 to 20,000	5
10,001 to 15,000	33
7,501 to 10,000	30
5,001 to 7,500	47
4,001 to 5,000	22
3,001 to 4,000	23
2,001 to 3,000	53
1,501 to 2,000	42
1,001 to 1,500	58
501 to 1,000	48
251 to 500	58
1 to 250	88

WORKSPACE

Calculate your 2024 Annual Giving Fund commitment

We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their giving in 2024 by 1% of gross annual income. First time givers, we suggest starting with \$30/week.

Your commitment to the 2023 Annual Giving Fund was...	\$
Your commitment to the 2024 Annual Giving Fund will be...	\$

SUGGESTED GENEROSITY

- If you gave last year, consider increasing your 2024 commitment by 1% of your gross annual income (ex. from 5% to 6%).
- If you did not give last year, please consider committing \$1,560 (only \$30/week) in 2024.



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