

**FAITH MISSIONS  
1ST QUARTER UPDATE**

- **“Blankets and Blessings”** received our donations of \$2,780 and 78 new blankets for Local homeless.
- **“One Way Out”** was given \$2,500 to assist local struggling women dealing with homelessness, poverty or transitioning from prison.
- **A.C.T. Abuse, Counseling and Training**, a charity for local women dealing with challenges, was given \$2,500.
- Our **Sister Church in Cuba** where living conditions are the worst in twenty years, was given \$1,500 of support .
- Our **Zambia Missionaries, the Groves**, were provided \$5,000 of added support for growing new churches from north to south Zambia. All children attending their pre-school & tutoring program advance to secondary school.
- **The Clothes Closet** This ministry was celebrated as it concluded after many years of faithful service. The Van that the CC used has been donated to Tice UMC to continue this mission.



**YOUTH MINISTRY  
1ST QUARTER UPDATE**

- **Summer Warren Willis United Methodist Camp:** Total funds raised through your generosity have provided over \$20,000 for this important, life-changing youth camp ministry.
- **Weekly Gatherings/Educational Activities:** Every Tuesday and Wednesday night, our youth ministry hosts engaging and educational programs for both children and teens.
- **Our new Bus** is a blessing and used regularly to provide transport to and from youth classes.
- **Easter “Resurrection” Egg Hunt** Our youth ministry will be hosting a larger-than-ever Easter egg hunt! This fun-filled event serves as a wonderful youth celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ while enjoying a morning of festivities and community bonding.



*Here We Are, Lord*  
— Loving - Worshiping - Serving —

**Dear Faith Church Family,**

We are delighted to share with you the first quarterly update of 2024 which details the progress we’re making so far this year. Our Stewardship Committee intends to send out quarterly updates throughout the year to keep you informed of all that’s happening here at Faith UMC. Your pledges and gifts matter! Because of your faithful giving and support, we are able to continue our mission of loving, worshiping, and serving. You’ll see just a few of the exciting ways you’re making that happen in the remainder of this pamphlet. If you’d like to be a part of all that’s happening, visit our Welcome Desk in the lobby on Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping to make our mission possible!

Yours in Christ,  
**Pastor Dennis**



## Faith Finances Report Card 1st Quarter 2024 Update

### Improvement from last year!



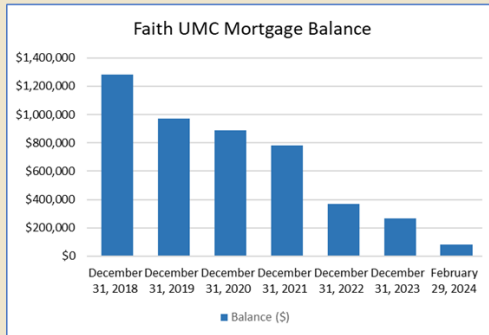
Attendance is up over 20% .  
Many are giving more. Thank you ❤️  
Gifts are up 1-2% from last year.

### However, we need your help!



Insurance costs are above budget.  
Most giving is from unpledged gifts.  
**The January-March giving that we have will not fund our 2024 ministries.**

### Faith & Future is on track!



**Please keep those gifts coming!**

### Hurricane Ian Recovery Progress

- Nearly \$1 million in damages to our campus, mostly in Buildings B, C, and D. Repairs are funded primarily through insurance and FEMA grants.
- Drywall in every building is nearly complete and painting is underway.
- Roof Repairs are being scheduled
- Cabinet repairs/replacement has started.
- Carpet and trim replacement will begin soon.

### Worship Update

- We are blessed to now have once a month contemporary "Night of Worship" service and a laid-back Healing Service in addition to our regular Sunday Worship services.
- Our choir is over 18 members strong.
- Our praise team adds to our blended service!
- We have had guest musicians including brass ensembles, a string quartet, and organist.



- William Dawson, Jr and Friends Night of Music performed a concert in March.
- Chris Golden from the Oak Ridge Boys, performed a concert in March.
- We are looking forward to our upcoming April Petra concert!



### Faith Community Nurse Program

- Began in January and is our newest endeavor in our Loving ministries and extending care through hospital and home visits.
- Collaborating with local UM Churches to support missions such as Grief Care, Dementia Support, and Stephen's Ministry.
- Our Nurse is developing new programs in Health & Wholeness and has just started a new group for pet therapy ministry!

### Other Congregational 1st Quarter Highlights

- Improv and Ice Cream Event** held in Feb.
- Feed My Starving Children Event** held in the Family Life Center, had 514 volunteers, who packed 108,864 meals sent to children in Somalia and Guatemala.
- Valentines Singles Luncheon** was held.
- Rice & Beans Event** had 93 volunteers who packed 3,757 Bags for Gladiolus Food Pantry, the most ever! (over 2 1/2 tons)



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