MUMC FACTS 2017

All about the people, place and reach of the ministries of Missouri United Methodist Church
A note from the lead pastor...

Our mission at Missouri United Methodist Church is: Connecting All People to Jesus Christ. Inside you will find our Mission Report which highlights some of the ways we have measured that in 2017.

You will notice that this report has quite a few numbers. These numbers are important to us, because every number has a name, every name is a person, and every person matters.

So, let me suggest that this report reflects the names of people who check out our website, listen to a sermon, read a publication or attend one of our services or events, seeking a life-giving connection to God in their lives.

In addition, this report is about the names of 16 young people who confirmed their faith and committed to following Jesus. This is about the names of many children who have learned about God’s love through our ministry with them. You will see the names of 43 people who pledged to serve Christ as they joined our local family of faith. You will see the names of people who lead us in worship and praise through music, people who serve in mission endeavors and service projects, people who give generously to advance the cause of Christ beyond the walls of this church.

You will also see the names of people who open the doors, extend hospitality, make the coffee, teach the Bible lessons and serve the needs of others. In short, to use the language from our mission statement, you will see the names of people who seek to connect others to Jesus by “welcoming enthusiastically, growing deeply and serving courageously”.

As you read through our Ministry Report, I hope you’ll celebrate the ways your name is represented, and pray that God will take our shared ministry and lead us to make an even greater impact in 2018.

I’m excited to see what God will do in this new year through the ministry of the people who make up this great congregation!

Blessings.

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WORSHIP
Getting the Word out

532 average weekly attendance at Sunday morning services (503 in 2016)

1,321 attended Easter services
1,808 attended Christmas Eve evening services
38 online Sunday sermon listeners weekly
3,694 total plays of sermon audio in 2017
7 worship services are held monthly in care facilities serving 90 homebound adults

1,900 Messenger newsletters emailed or mailed weekly
550 subscribers open or read the Messenger weekly
75 subscribed to new youth ministry weekly newsletter email
42 subscribed to new youth texting service
COMMUNITY
People finding new ways to connect with Jesus Christ through our ministries

43 new members
16 youth confirmed
9 infant baptisms
10 number of families the staff and clergy and staff pray for weekly, in addition to prayer requests

Online
1,836 Facebook followers (439 new followers in 2017)
103 Instagram followers
1,200 visitors to moumc.org monthly

Adults
23 Better Together Groups (3 new groups added in 2017)
175 people attended a Better Together Group
27 served as group facilitators
40 attended Hello Hospitality workshops
12 attended new Catch Your Breath Retreat
90 homebound adults on average attend monthly worship services in care facilities

WWW.MOUMC.ORG
College Age

LAUNCHED Ignite Sunday evening contemporary worship service

TRANSFORMED coffee shop area into Ignite worship space

LAUNCHED Tuesday night Bible study

55 college age persons connected with MUMC on leadership team, as a volunteer, nursery worker or participant

22 college students attend Ignite Worship weekly on average

19 college students attend weekly Bible study on average

Children

85 children on average in weekly programming (Kid’s Worship, Sunday School, FX, choirs)

65 children participated in Vacation Bible School

53 children from 45 families in Discovery Days Preschool

Youth

LAUNCHED new “High School Hangs” to help older students stay connected

27 youth on average in weekly programming

Music

70 Chancel Choir members

20 handbell choir members

8 praise band members
1.37 million dollars in member contributions during 2017, up 6%

2017 ended with a balanced budget thanks to strong year-end giving

100 percent conference and district apportionments paid ($180,348)

67,943 dollars given directly to missions outside MUMC in 2017

13,733 dollars given to local, national and international missions through United Methodist Women

115,000 dollars received from Heritage Fund for building improvements

19,000 dollars MUMC Foundation awarded in seminary scholarships in 2017

11,410 dollars MUMC Foundation awarded for missions work in 2017

Our Three Signature Ministries

32,200 dollars given to homeless ministries at Wilkes Blvd. UMC in Christmas offering

999 dollars given in 2017 to annual covenant and support of our sister church in Mozambique, Malhangalene UMC

11 years MUMC has hosted and supported Room at the Inn Winter Shelter since establishing it in 2008 to provide for those who have no place to go in the cold winter months
SERVING
Rolling up our sleeves to help

180
signed up to “Say Yes” to serving

39
volunteers serve each Sunday (including 12 hospitality--ushers, greeters, coffee shop, guest coffee bar, 11 children’s ministry, 2 youth ministry, 5 adult group facilitators, 2 transportation, 5 youth acolytes, 2 worship tech)

16
additional volunteers serve on Communion Sundays once a month

16
college students serve on the Linked to Learn Tutoring Ministry Team that serves MUMC’s Partner in Education, Jeff Middle School

8
college students served on mission trip to inner-city Los Angeles in January

11
middle school students served on summer mission trip to Kingdom House in St. Louis

19
high school students served on summer mission trip to Nashville in summer

27
students served at the Urban Garden and Boone Landing during Youth Week

A few examples of our impact

856
kits and school bags donated to Festival of Sharing by United Methodist Women in 2017

875
clients served by the AARP Tax Aide Program in 2017

12
middle school students are tutored weekly on average
Facility Resources

The building that seldom sleeps

Providing a place for growth,
social services and the arts in
the center of the city

250 persons with addiction issues

Serving about

17 weekly 12-step program meetings

4 Discovery Days

6 annual Concert Series events

150 meetings of community and ministry groups on average each month

7+ large annual community-wide events or programs, such as the True/False Film Festival, Volunteer Action Center’s Christmas in July, Empathy Bowl Fundraiser, or programs such as the Inn/False Room at the Inn Winter Shelter and AARP Tax Aide

7+ weekly 12-step program meetings

1,200 walk-throughs per week

17 weekly 12-step program meetings

1,500 persons with addiction issues

Serving about

4 days a week Preschool Discovery Days

6 large annual community-wide events