



# Settle Memorial United Methodist Church

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Dear Church Family,

I can't believe 2023 is here! The year 2022 was full of many blessings and challenges, but through it all, God was faithful. I would like to thank each of you for making my family and I feel so welcome here at Settle. We have thoroughly enjoyed our six months here and are excited about the future.

But before we get too far into the new year, I wanted to take a moment of your time and share with you some of the highlights of our church and its ministry in the past year. I think this list may surprise you, but I know you will be excited because you played a major part in all of this through your generosity and service.

## Highlights of Settle Memorial UMC ministry in 2022

- 14 families received Thanksgiving meals
- 30 prayer shawls made and distributed
- New website launched
- Senior high mission trip to Texas with 10 students and 4 adults
- God's Troubadours gave 9 performances in area nursing homes
- Easter egg hunt with 100 kids and 25 adults
- Children's Christmas program
- Adult Choir Cantata
- VBS with more than 140 kids and 40 volunteers
- New church phone app
- Two quilts made
- Averaged 232 in person worship and 212 online
- 99 gifts collected for mission tree gifts and distributed to 28 students
- 225 coats given away
- Trunk for Treats outreach event
- Middle school mission trip to Crossings with 13 youth and 4 adults
- 205 students in the Preschool
- 3,118 weekend food bags for students at Audubon and Eastview Elementary schools
- Bereavement meals for six families after funerals
- Mailed cards to homebound and nursing home church members
- Distributed school supplies and money to our four elementary partner schools
- 365 pairs of socks collected and distributed
- JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship for 2nd- to 5th-graders) average 15 kids every other Sunday
- Parents Day Out program with 60 kids
- Canned goods, paper products, and money collected for Help Office
- 2,640 meals for St. Benedict's mens shelter
- Sandwich trays for seven families during funeral visitation
- Church, Preschool, and Parents' Day Out collected cleaning supplies for Oasis Shelter

I would say that's a pretty good list. Many lives are touched by the ministry of this church throughout the year. And the question that begs to be asked is, "What is God going to do with us in 2023?" I can't wait to see how that question is answered in the days to come. Thank you for all that you do and give. God's kingdom is alive and well because of the ministry of Settle Memorial UMC!

Sincerely,

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Mark W. Dickinson, senior pastor