



Praising God Through Worship and Music

Worship is at the heart of Methodism. John Wesley believed that through worship God conveys grace to us and through that grace we are transformed. Each week we gather for worship to be transformed by God's grace. In 2024, we celebrated our 150th Anniversary of worshipping as a congregation. Services include traditional worship in the Sanctuary and contemporary/praise worship in the Family Life Center. Special seasonal services occur throughout the year but especially during Advent, Christmas and Lent.

The Music and Fine Arts Ministry is a multi-generational, multi-faceted ministry. The Music and Fine Arts Ministry consists of vocal ensembles, as well as instrumental ensembles. The visual arts are also represented by projects of the Craft Group, special altar displays, and classes in various artistic techniques such as the use of watercolors.



Scope of Ministries

Ministry is advanced in many ways. This Scope of Ministry describes some of our church activities in ministry. Each ministry category includes a proportionate share of staff and volunteers, with time allocated for ministry involvement and where leadership occurs.



Teaching and Equipping Believers for Effective Service and Ministry

Our goal is to help people of all ages find themselves in God's redemptive story by studying God's Word and discovering how their gifts and talents can be used to build up God's kingdom and love and serve others. We offer many small groups and Bible classes where people can find community, fellowship, learning, and service opportunities. Emphasis will continue to be on connecting new visitors, members, and families to the church through Discipleship Pathways, lessons and discipleship-forming experiences for youth, and fellowship opportunities.



Step Up, Into the Future

In 2024, we celebrated 150 years of ministry, service, and leadership at Manchaca United Methodist Church. In addition to celebrating where we are now, we have been given the opportunity to reflect on the past. This church wouldn't exist without the work of those who came before us; the gifts of time, money, and resources of those dedicated to creating a community of love and service in our small corner of Texas.

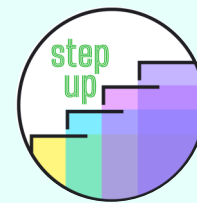
But it is not enough to look behind at what things used to be. As we continue to celebrate, we must also look to the future. Inside this pamphlet, you will have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the many ministries of the church, and how your giving supports them directly. From financing educational efforts for all ages to helping pay to keep the lights on, financial gifts make ministry possible. Continuing this work is not possible without the work of many.

Matthew 17: 20-21 says, "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Individual gifts may not feel like much. However, when we all give together, our gifts multiply. We encourage each other to step up and give what you are able, but give with intention, so that we may continue the legacy of MUMC well into the future.

We are all a part of Manchaca United Methodist Church's heritage. Pray for the church, for what we have once been and what we may become. Pray for our ministries, as we serve our members and our surrounding community. And pray about how you might support Manchaca UMC's future. We ask that you step up and be ready to commit to a financial pledge or estimate of giving for the calendar year of 2025.



Our Scope of MINISTRIES



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Mission and Outreach Reflecting God's Love

Our church touches the community through our mission activities. Our Food Pantry provides essential support for families in our area, and in 2024 we became partners of the Central Texas Food Bank, greatly amplifying our impact. We help provide Christmas gifts for needy children, feed Menchaca Elementary students through our Weekend Food For Children ministry, raise funds and bi-annually participate in building a home with Habitat for Humanity, support students experiencing homelessness at Akins High School, prepare manna bags for the unhoused, and provide financial support to our missionaries on the border with Mexico. The youth and families of the church live out their faith through hands-on mission trips and projects near and far.



MUMC is a part of the Manchaca community every day. The pavilion offers the community the opportunity for fellowship through sports. Our Child Development Center provides a faith-based learning environment for young children. We provide access to mental health resources. We welcome visitors to enjoy the season with us through the annual Pumpkin Patch, Fall Festival, and Christmas events.

Direct Support for Ministries

Groups such as GriefShare, Craft Group, Boomers Exercise, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Women of the Word, and the United Methodist Men invite our community to connect through shared interests, needs, or desire to serve. Our Youth groups for tweens (FISH) and middle and high school students (UMYF) provide a safe, nurturing community for building character and developing an authentic faith that continues after childhood and adolescence. Even our youngest disciples are encouraged to live out the call to love through various mission projects throughout the year.



Daily Ministry Support

Our church office is the hub where our church staff and volunteers revolve around in their daily individual ministry work preparation. Stocked with machines and supplies, the office – both in person and virtually - provides space for the staff and volunteers to prepare the materials to support the congregation and its ministries. Written communications include worship bulletins, newsletters, signs, forms, mailings, and class materials. Church attendance records, membership information, and prayer chain requests are input electronically. Electronic communications led by staff include the creation of weekly



informational slides to display on the hospitality area TV and updates to our church website. Weekly emails to our congregation through Constant Contact cover important announcements and reminders about our ministries. The office coordinates volunteers to assist with phones, food pantry, attendance help, and correspondence folding/ mailing. There is even a volunteer to assist with straightening the sanctuary each week, so that our worship space is welcoming.

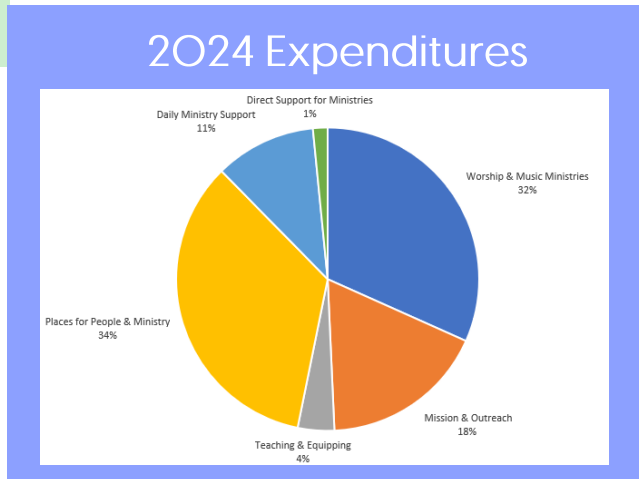
Places for People and Ministry

A clean, safe, and well-functioning church facility is vital to providing a welcoming environment for all and to fulfill the church's many programs and missions effectively. Manchaca UMC is a large campus that provides spaces for meaningful and inspiring worship experiences, Christian education for all ages, fellowship opportunities, and a wide variety of community outreach and mission work. Maintenance requires long-term commitment and crucial financial support for the day-to-day operations that enable us to accomplish such meaningful activities and work. Those operations include many important aspects such as utilities, supplies, custodial support, equipment and facility repair, upkeep of the grounds, and insurance, to name a few. Financial support for our capital improvements, renovations, and debt retirement is also an essential part of our commitment to keeping the church complex updated and accommodating. We strive to be good stewards of what God has provided and the work entrusted to us in our world each year.



Generosity and Financial Gifts Create Ministry

This description is not intended to replace the tools used by our Finance Team. If you would like to see a detailed line-item statement of how ministry funds are used, contact the church office.



Everyday Expressions of Generosity

Your actions allow others to experience God's love through you. Look for ways to express your faith.

- Say "yes" to volunteer roles that make ministry happen
- Assist older adults with unmet life needs
- Serve as a youth leader or chaperone
- Teach or join a study group or Sunday class
- Participate in intentional prayer efforts
- Ask neighbors to attend church with you
- Greet and welcome people on Sundays
- Serve on a committee