

GUCC ANNUAL REVIEW 2025

Showing up with Love



Dear friends,

As I look back on 2025, I am filled with gratitude and hope. It was a year of resilience, creativity, and community impact at our church. Together we worshiped, cared for one another, and served our neighbors in ways both familiar and new—from emergency food access to a growing children's ministry, from fellowship and prayer to hospitality and outreach.

A highlight of the year was my sabbatical, made possible through an Eli Lilly Clergy Renewal grant, which gave me space for rest and renewal. Your faithfulness in carrying forward worship, pastoral care, and daily programs during that time reminded me that GUCC's true strength lies not in one person, but in the shared gifts of the whole community.

At Greensboro United Church of Christ being church means being a hub of love, connection, and mercy for our neighbors near and far.


I offer thanks to our members, friends, and community supporters who make this ministry possible. Walking with you in faith is a privilege and a joy, and I trust that the Spirit is preparing us for even greater things in the year ahead.

With gratitude,
Pastor Ed



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Your Love in Action



“GUCC is where my children feel at home, where neighbors become family, where we learn to put love into action.”

CHURCH MEMBER

This year was GUCC's...

- 1st year “blessing the backpacks” & new kids’ program
- 1st year providing space for Greensboro’s weekly community meals
- 3rd season of Silence and Soup
- 5th year of the Village Trick or Treat Trail
- 6th year flying social justice flags (1st year on a tractor!)
- 198th year of worship in the historic GUCC sanctuary

28 Families served through Food Share & Little Food Shelf

840 Pounds of food delivered to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry

50 Church World Service hygiene kits assembled and distributed

10 Scholarships awarded to local students for post-secondary education

\$1600 Raised for Hardwick Food Pantry at Puzzling for the Pantry

\$6324 in Community Assistance Grants to meet emergency needs

\$9500 in Pleasants Fund grants awarded to community groups for innovative ideas.

\$7826 to support UCC ministry across our nation and our world.



Sunday Worship

Each Sunday at 10am, we gather in person and online to worship together, followed by coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Our worship weaves scripture, prayer, silence, music, and sharing—helping us connect timeless lessons of faith to our daily lives.

Ongoing Events

Our building is a hub for community life. Throughout the year, GUCC provides a welcoming home for partners to host programs, classes, and gatherings that wouldn't happen without our space.

Greensboro Food Share: Distributing fresh, local food to neighbors

Classes in Fellowship Hall: Pilates, Tai Chi, and Bone Builders keep bodies and spirits strong

Greensboro Community Meal: Free weekly suppers

Meetings for local groups, from civic organizations to grassroots initiatives

Concerts & Performances, including Greensboro Summer Music series events

RuralArts & Spark Co-working Space: Shared workspace and creative collaboration



“Even though I don’t regularly attend services, I appreciate all this church does for the community.”

COMMUNITY FRIEND

2026 Special Events

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Winter Family Fun Silence & Soup Series	S'mores in the Snow	Puzzling for the Pantry Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Maundy Thursday Potluck Easter Egg Hunt
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Green-up Day Cupcakes	Open House Ice Cream Social	Funky Fourth Parade Farmers Market Table	Blessing of the Backpacks Art Show
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Porch Sing	Fall Weenie Roast Blessing of the Costumes Village Trick or Treat	Thanksgiving Turkeys A Christmas Story w/ Bread & Puppet	Ladies' Luncheon Carols & Tree Lighting

JOIN US Together, We Make it Possible



As we enter a new year, we are deeply grateful for all who help sustain GUCC. From online worship and a blossoming children's program to expanding community partnerships and responding to urgent needs for food and emergency support, GUCC is being called to show up in bigger ways.

The rising cost of utilities, supplies, and maintenance of our historic building mean your partnership matters more than ever. Every dollar makes an impact—keeping our doors open, serving neighbors, and sustaining a ministry of welcome and love.

We invite you to be part of this work in 2026 through your gifts, your presence, and your prayers.

Focus for 2026

- Ensure our building is open and ready whenever the community needs it.
- Continue growing our children's and family programs.
- Deepen partnerships to address food insecurity and other community needs.
- Build and expand our Friends of GUCC support base.



Leadership

All of this work is made possible by our incredible staff, dedicated volunteers, and you—working together in big and small ways to build a beloved community, to love as Jesus loved, and to joyfully serve God, our neighbors, and the world.

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