

# Outreach Giving Report

November 2023 – November 2024

Since last November St. Andrew's has supported five different ministries through our Monthly InGathering program. Here are the ministries and the amounts that we were able to give them this year:

Grace Food Pantry	\$6,425
OWNIT	\$2,577
West High Social Work Department	\$3,300
Clergy Discretionary Fund	\$4,065
Triangle Community Ministry	\$565 (total do date for this November)

**Total            \$16,932**

At last year's Annual Meeting we reported that we had given \$40,955.

It is unclear why the drop in giving this year, but the reduction in giving through the Monthly Outreach InGatherings has paralleled a drop in our "plate offerings" collected during the Sunday morning services. It may just be that fewer and fewer people carry cash or a checkbook, and giving as the offering plates are passed on Sunday morning doesn't line up with the ways that people manage their expenses.

**We are currently working to re-establish an Outreach Committee** to help shepherd our outreach efforts. This group will be responsible for naming the recipients of the monthly InGatherings, and for educating us on the work those ministries do to support folks in our community.

Judy Mills, Annette Harmon, and Donna McDowell will be hosting a **meeting on December 8th, after the 10:30 service** for anyone interested in being part of the Outreach Team at St. Andrew's. Come and ask questions, explore the possibilities, and know that we will feed you!