



## MORGAN UMC

**WE HAVE A  
JESUS SIZED  
ANNOUNCEMENT!**

## BE A GAME CHANGER

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER:

When God gave us the theme "Be A Game Changer" for 2023, I never saw where He was taking us. His plan is always more extravagant than I can see. In 2022 we took a break from the building search, call it fatigue, lack of time, or maybe a better management of time, but we determined to improve our logistics and wait on God. We have been waiting on God and praying for a building for over 5 years, so waiting was not a popular idea. But, we stayed behind Jesus, determined for Him to get the glory in our story.

On our last workday of the year, December 23, 2022, we were invited to tour Morgan United Methodist Church. As soon as I stepped on the campus, I felt immediate peace and believed God was going to unite us. After Pastor Matt gave us a tour and we prayed together, he asked what we needed and I asked him what we could ask for. On January 15, 2023, the church unanimously approved our proposal.

Phase 1 is almost complete before we have the graphics ready to promote the BIG story and we will be beginning Phase 2 in May 2023. We anticipate needing **\$325,000** for the entire project which will allow us to move the FeedBHM Headquarters, our food rescue initiative, to their current education building. We will be intaking and distributing food to partners, from the Morgan UMC location, and continuing to operate our current drive thru locations around the community. We will also be using the basement space for further community outreach programs and coming alongside the existing Morgan UMC garden project to "Grow More, Give More," alongside our friends from Jefferson County Master Gardeners.

We cannot wait for you to see what God is doing with our collective YES! Someone from our team will be onsite, Monday thru Friday, from 9-4pm, beginning April 3, 2023. Consider investing financially in the project, bringing your entire team for a work day or coming with your family for a tour. Join us and Be A Game Changer!

**Our God is the God of the impossible!**  
**We are living it, we know!**

*Jenny Weetman*

## HOW DO WE FIND WORDS FOR WHAT GOD IS DOING AT MORGAN UMC?!

Welcome to the story God is unfolding. Morgan United Methodist Church gifted us shared space and we hosted a Meet and Greet on January 29, 2023, to begin our official partnership together. Since we began, Valleydale Church committed \$10,000 to the project, ACIPCO surprised us with \$12,000 and The Welch Group brought a check for \$35,000, as well as many more in-kind supporters. Plus, early adopters Asbury UMC, Honda, Vulcan Materials, Waverly Advisors, King Simmons and other individuals contributed before we knew of the possibility of Morgan UMC space. Ahead of launching an official fundraiser, the community is seeing the need and taking action.

We are working on our final punch list, purchasing shelving, and sourcing décor such as rugs, furniture and accessories for Phase 1. How will the Phase 1 space be used? Think baby mama support, school supplies, Christmas, shoe collections for Zambia, the We Sew Love repurposing initiative, our Give and Take Room (to share clothing), and community space for troops, Bible studies, and training courses.

Did you know, at Morgan UMC, volunteers have given 1,504 hours (a value of \$45,000 in wage dollars!!)?

### We are off and running!! Will you help us slide into second?

METRICS	AS OF MARCH 31, 2023	2023 GOAL
DONATIONS (CASH)	\$261,350.94	\$1,572,800
DONATIONS (IN-KIND)	\$2,932,981.00	\$13,900,000
POUNDS OF FOOD RESCUED	686,086	3,000,000
VOLUNTEER HOURS	20,981	80,135
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS	111	340
FOOD DONORS	119	276
FOOD RESCUE HEROES	229	500
PEOPLE FED (UNIQUE)	88,197	420,000

8 out-of-state serve teams and 36 local serve teams, plus our food rescue heroes, families and individuals have contributed **20,981** volunteer hours, a savings of **\$628,380.95** to our organization.



## BE THE CHANGE

Children and teenagers collected coins to Be the CHANGE and raised **\$1,283.06** to support our efforts to feed the hungry through FeedBHM.



## COME SHARE LIFE WITH US

We have hosted **75** out of state visitors in our 4 community homes with the support of the incredible people of Birmingham. All guests receive welcome goodie bags, are fed with home-cooked meals throughout the duration of their stay, and receive an encouraging devotional letter every morning to inspire and motivate their service to our community. If you have never experienced community, these weeks are a great way to get to know new people and practice the gift of hospitality.

BOOK YOUR SERVE:



Love Does is a Grace Klein Community lifestyle, not a holiday. Have you delivered a Love Does to someone who serves you every day, every week or every month? Think of your dentist, doctor, gas station attendant, church secretary, post office, DMV representative, workout staff, etc. Come by for baskets or bouquets of flowers and get your love on! For 2023, we have already delivered over **425 flower bouquets/plants and 22 gift baskets/snacks/candy** to members of our community.

# LOVE DOES

To schedule a Love Does pickup or help prepare Love Does giveaways, email [giavanna@gracekleincommunity.com](mailto:giavanna@gracekleincommunity.com).



Our month-long, non-perishable March for Hunger food drive was a huge success! We had **25** businesses or schools host a food drive barrel, collecting over **20,000** pounds of food, blowing our **5,000** pounds goal out of the water. We also hosted a Food Truck Rally, sponsored by King Simmons, at Veteran's Park. It was a fun-filled day with **10** food trucks (raising **\$731**), yard games, and gingerbread house builds. We also engaged with the community about our services and how to become a volunteer, to help us in the fight against hunger in Birmingham.

You can donate non-perishable food or host a food collection barrel any time of the year. Visit [barrel.feedbhm.org](http://barrel.feedbhm.org) to host a barrel or find a barrel location near you.

## WHAT'S COMING AROUND THE BEND?

### SPRING VARIETY BASKET

ENTER OUR PRIZE  
DRAWING FOR A CHANCE  
TO WIN!

THE WINNER WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED ON  
MAY 5TH!

Buy A Ticket Today!  
[chance.feedbhm.org](http://chance.feedbhm.org)



### WAVERLY ADVISORS/OLIVER WALTMAN GOLF INVITATIONAL

THURSDAY | 11AM | MAY 25, 2023  
Ballantrae Golf Club in Pelham, AL

LEARN MORE & REGISTER:  
[golf.gkcbhm.org](http://golf.gkcbhm.org)

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