

**Ebenezer United Methodist Men (EUMM)
2024 Annual Report (Final: 24 Feb 2025)**

2024 EUMM Executive Committee (EUMMEC) Officers

President	Bob Skewes / Barry Mills (June 2024)
Vice President (Programs)	Micheal Russ
Vice President (Membership)	Barry Mills / Dennis Benjamin (June 2024)
Secretary	Frank Fota / John Roystone (June 2024)
Treasurer	Mark Greggs
Chaplain	Ted Hoffer
At Large Member	Rusty Rodrick
At Large Member	Mark Baldo

Background:

Following the Covid pandemic, toward the end of 2021, several planning meetings were held to determine a way forward for EUMM, with substantial input being garnered from men who attended the Tuesday evening Fuel for Men Bible study group. Volunteers were identified to serve as members of the 2021 EUMMEC, and monthly meetings were reinstated in November 2021. EUMM had a full slate of activities in 2022, 2023 and 2024. This is the third EUMM Annual Report since the EUMM reassembled in 2021.

Summary:

During 2024, additional changes were made to improve administrative and operational control, and to expand men's ministries and activities. Minor changes were made to EUMM roles and responsibilities, the process to fill committee vacancies, and funds management. Monthly EUMMEC meetings continued (typically held 10 days before each monthly EUMM meeting). EUMM meetings were held on the second Saturday of each month, except in July. All meetings were moved from the Gym to the Ministry Center to streamline setup logistics and reduce ambient noise issues that impacted meetings in the Gym. Efforts continued to improve outreach efforts, with the Communications Director and Graphic Designer helping to identify ways to improve awareness of EUMM activities and events. The EUMM website, which was created in 2022, was also expanded. In 2024, fundraising efforts were further enhanced by two very successful yard sales. Through these events and donations from the congregation, EUMM was able to provide \$8,050 to 10 community ministries. Several members of the EUMMEC left during the summer, and volunteers were identified to fill those vacancies.

Events/Activities:

The following is a summary of the events and activities held in 2024:

On February 20, 2024, several EUMM members attended the Noble Man Conference at The Mount Church in Stafford, VA.

On March 17, 2024, EUMM held a Chili Cookoff event, which featured a Kitchen Dedication Ceremony. The EUMC kitchen was dedicated to Warren and Edna Schaeffer, for their years of selfless service, ministry work and leadership.

On April 20, 2024 a Yard Sale was held in conjunction with the United Women in Faith. The Yard Sale raised \$3,331.00.

On June 21, 2024, EUMM members and guests attended a Fred Nats baseball game.

During the period of July 19 to 27, 2024, EUMM members participated in the Eagle Scout project to upgrade the EUMC Playground. Eagle Scout candidate Chris Mills led this event.

During the summer, EUMM members completed a project to install new coat hooks for the EUMC Preschool.

In addition to EUMM providing financial support, several EUMM members supported Go for Bo at the Stafford Airport on September 21, 2024 by volunteering to assist onsite.

On September 24, 2024 a Yard Sale was held in conjunction with the Scout Ministry. This Yard Sale raised \$2912.

On October 11, 2024, EUMM members supported the Dolly Parton Information Library Fall Festival, by travelling to Locust Grove Farm to load pumpkins, and then deliver and offload them at Cloe Field. EUMM members also set up pumpkins, performed cleanup activities before the Fall Festival, and manned a hot dog stand featured at the festival.

For the third straight year, EUMC conducted a drive to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) disaster relief campaign. EUMM members helped the Director of Missions and Outreach successfully complete this event.

On December 14, 2024, EUMM volunteers helped Pastor Jeff construct an Outdoor Nativity to support church events. They also helped disassemble the nativity after those events.

During 2024, EUMM members joined other volunteers to help Pastor Jeff move to his family's new home.

EUMM members also participated in several cleanup activities around the Church property to remove downed trees and other storm damage, worked at Cloe Field to prepare for the Fall Festival, and assisted in several events setting up rooms, event tables, funeral preparations, and completing minor repairs around the church.

A substantial number of EUMM members continued to participate in the Tuesday evening Fuel for Men Bible study.

Numerous EUMM members continued to serve in the Compassion Restoration Ministry Woodcutting Ministry which provides wood for heating and cooking for needy families. In 2024, that ministry delivered 42 cords of wood to 18 families. Members also led and participated in the Ebenezer Acres ministry, which provides fresh food to the SERVE ministry.

Elections for 2025 EUMM Executive Committee Officers were held in December 2024. The 2025 slate officers are shown below. Because no Past Board Member candidates were identified to serve on the EUMMEC, two At Large Members were nominated and elected. The 2025 EUMM Executive Committee will again have eight members.

Mission Support:

In 2024, various fundraising activities including the yard sales, and donations from the congregation to support EUMM, continued. These funds allowed us to raise \$8,050 and support ten ministries including SERVE; Go for Bo; Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity; Heart Havens, Inc; the Society of St Andrew; Campus Christian Community of Mary Washington University; Micah Ecumenical Ministries; The Brisben Center; Compassionate Restoration (Wood Cutting Ministry), and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

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