

**FLORIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PREPARED FOR: Church Council

PREPARED BY: Executive Director

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**FEBRUARY COUNCIL REPORT**

**MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

	January 2018	January 2017	January 2016
Weekly Worship Attendance (average)	1,313	1,248	1,226
New Members	13	18	15
New Members YTD	13	18	15
First Time Guests	43	48	29
Unique Attenders	2,045	2,333	2,311
YTD Weekly Attendance	1,313	1,248	1,226
Avg Times Attending	2.09	2.3	2.33
Restoration Weekly Worship Attendance	139	107	122

***KEY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS BY MINISTRY AREA***

**Worship Ministries**

**Traditional Music**

- All choirs and musical groups resumed rehearsals in the first week of January.
- The Lenten Cantata choir rehearsal began on January 31.
- The Cantata choir will have rehearsals each Wednesday night and Sunday following the 11 a.m. service until March 30.
- The Hallelujah choir (older children’s choir) will attend a chorus festival held by the Chorister’s Guild on February 25 in Maryland.

**Contemporary Music**

- Open Mic Night was a great success this month, and it was the first time for several of the performers who participated with a variety of acts.
- The Full Circle members gathered together for fellowship in January with twenty people attending including children and spouses.

- Preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent is underway and we may include storytelling throughout all of Holy Week.
- This month Megan attended a songwriting retreat in Colorado where she learned skills to effectively host co-writing sessions with people in Full Circle.

### **Care and Concern Ministry**

- We are pleased to welcome Carol Benson as our new Care and Concern Administrator. Carol will work 20 hours a week and support all of the Care and Concern ministries.
- We want to express our gratitude for the team of volunteers who led the funeral receptions this month.

### **Serve and Connections**

- Floris hosted the Guest House for the fifth straight year from January 21-28. Due to the milder weather, we hosted fewer guests than previous years. This year's focus was on improving our safety and security measures while still prioritizing our guests' experience through services provided. All told, 315 people volunteered for the week-long program.
- Floris received more than \$270,000 from the Christmas Eve Offering. The distribution to-date was as follows: Helping Children Worldwide, \$90,000; Cornerstones, \$60,000, Disaster Relief, \$45,000, World and Community Impact Fund, \$68,382.
- Coffee with the Pastors was held on January 22 and hosted almost 40 guests. Of the guests in attendance, 23 planned to join the church in the months of January and February. A majority of the attendees were between the ages of 40 and 60. Connections Ministry provided administrative and hospitality support to the event through scheduling, organizing paperwork and providing refreshments.
- Connections Ministry announced plans to the congregation about postponing and rebranding the Chocolate Festival for 2018. The fundraiser will still benefit the Help Hungry Kids program and maintain elements, such as a silent auction, family games, bake sale and packaging event. New features include the expansion from a one-day event to a three-day fundraiser. The event is set to take place in late May and is in the planning stages. Two meetings have determined that multiple volunteer teams will be the primary leaders and managers of the event.
- Here are upcoming ministries for Serve and Connections:
  - Spring Happenings Fair: February 18
  - Help Hungry Kids Packaging Event: February 25
  - Easter Basket Ministry Distribution: February 25
  - Rise and Shine Open House: March 6

Serve Ministries by the Numbers:

<b>Ministry Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>People Served</b>
Grace Ministries	1/5 & 6	88	271	546
Embry Rucker	1/20 & 27	7	21	150
SOME	1/20	5	20	450
FACETS	1/2	10	41.50	100
ESL	1/2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25 & 30	34	340.50	160
Hypothermia	1/2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	31	93	125
Hutchison PALS	Daily	24	52	48
Hutchison Volunteers	Daily	3	8	6
HHK Packaging	1/28	34	68.50	600
Floris Guest House	1/21 - 28	315	1882	40
<b>Totals</b>		<b>551</b>	<b>2,797.50</b>	<b>2,225</b>

**Grow Ministries**

January is the month we give all programs a boost. It is the return and kick-off of several ministry areas. In addition, we begin introducing Dan Yoon, Student Min. Director at the same time as we said goodbye to Donita Dickerson, Student Min. Coordinator, who left to pursue a career in the technology sector, after 11 years of faithful service.

## Floris UMC Preschool

- The preschool opened its registration for the 2018-2019 school year with a couple of changes made to the class offerings. We changed one of our afternoon 4-day programs to a Pre-Kindergarten class and we converted one of our Tuesday/Thursday classes to an older 2s/younger 3s program. These options are popular with our families and will increase the opportunities for new families in our 2-year-old segment.
- The preschool hosted an Open House for Prospective Parents on Monday, January 22. It was well-attended by approximately 25-30 families and we are experiencing a high rate of enrollment.
- The preschool continues to operate at 95% capacity.

## Children's Ministries

- Our focus for the returning students was to remember to bring their Bibles and tithes each Sunday as we continue year three of our 3-year curriculum studying prayer, the church, and the life of Jesus. Specifically, we learned about the Miracles of Jesus, Prayer Stations, Hymns, and the Fruits of the Spirit. For our Prayer Stations students prayed for animals, people in other countries, our soldiers, those who are hurting emotionally, their families, and children in hospitals. They had a great time completing a service project, decorating prayer rocks, and contributing to a hall display about their prayers.
- Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade F.I.S.H. (Fifth In Service for Him) event in January was our annual Winter Games event. 50 fifth-graders came to play games, eat fun snowman treats, and have fun making new friends.
- In continuing our preparedness and safety training, we held an unannounced Lockdown Drill during both Kid Nation service times. Kids did a great job and locked down in record time! A few small points are being addressed so we continue to be more efficient completing these drills.
- Our students finished completing over 700 decorated placemats to be used during the Guest House which took place January 21-28. These placemats were used during the meals served here at the church.
- On January 27 Renee and Kelly represented Children's Ministries at both the Fair Oaks Summer Camp Fair and the Reston Community Summer Camp Fair. Hundreds of people stopped by the booths and picked up flyers for our upcoming summer camps (VBS in June and Kids Quest in July).
- On January 28 registration for Vacation Bible School opened for congregants and the community. VBS will be held June 18-22 from 1-4pm.
- Upcoming spring events will include:
  - February 18 FISH distribution of Hershey Hugs gifts to all who attend church that day
  - February 23 Family Potluck and Games Night
  - March 9 FISH Family Missions Madness
  - March 9 Kids Night Out
  - March 16 Second Annual 4<sup>th</sup> grade Green and Gold Glow-In-The-Dark Event
  - March 25 Palm Sunday Processional during services

## **Student Ministries**

- Dan Yoon, our new Student Ministry Director was formally introduced to our students and congregation on January 28 at each of the four services and was followed by an evening Meet and Greet which drew nearly 90 individuals. Several student involvement opportunities were offered including Worship Teams, Creative Teams, and general leadership. We had more than 15 unique students sign up among all groups.
- Dan has been spending the majority of his time attending, listening, and gaining an understanding of the various programs including:
  - Attending confirmation small groups
  - Running Wednesday night HS small group
  - Attending the other HS small groups
  - Meeting with leaders
  - Starting to develop student involvement based on data gathered at the Meet and Greet.Dan's goal is to get a solid understanding of the ministry's history leading up to the present, the overall rhythm and pace of its programs and functions, identifying growth-areas, and possible ways to move forward.
- We said goodbye to Donita who has been the bedrock of Student Ministries for the past 11 years. Her administration skills, passion for students, and her level of commitment has literally touched and effected hundreds of our student's lives. While she will be missed we send her off with prayers for success at her new chapter in life.
- Confirmation was kicked-off with an in-house retreat for our 42 confirmands. A great weekend was enjoyed by all highlighted by an afternoon of team building at Claude Moore recreation center as well as a pancake breakfast in the Hangar.
- Our Winter Carnival kicked-off the return to CrossRoads from the holidays. Carnival games, food and fun was had by nearly 70 students who enjoyed the various offerings from the fellowship hall to the Hangar and Wesley rooms.
- New Orange curriculum called "stressed out" was begun. This focusing on the stress points in student's lives and how the community of Christ can be the answer.

## **Adult Ministries**

- The Guest House provided a great way for our small group ministry to come together and serve as groups rather than just individually. Over 150 small group members helped feed our guests each night with full entrées, sides, desserts, full breakfasts, bagged lunches, emergency casseroles and other baked treats.
- Lent 2018 kicked off at the end of the month with the beginnings of book sales and small group sign-ups. The first week was successful with nearly 200 books sold. We will be doing *Creed* by Adam Hamilton, focused on the foundational Christian beliefs as stated in the Apostle's Creed. Training for all small group leaders on Trinitarian theology and atonement theory has been created.
- A significant amount of Bill's time continues to be spent in Student ministries. Acclimating Dan and working with Drew Ensz on structure and leadership continues to be a top priority for Grow Ministries.

## **Restoration**

- Restoration celebrated its third birthday with a "Three Ring Circus Themed" worship service and party. Attendance was strong and there were many new guests.

- Restoration is currently serving dinner two times weekly at the Embry Rucker shelter.
- Restoration provided weekend meals for 250 students at Forest Edge Elementary School.
- Restoration held its first coffee with the pastor with six people in attendance and thirteen people interested in a future coffee event.
- A young man in the community died. He was the son of the owner of Chesapeake Chocolates at Lake Anne Plaza. These were unchurched people who reached out to Tim to do the celebration of life service that happened at the Reston Community Center. It's another example of Restoration being at the center of its community.
- The innovation team (formerly the Champion Team) met to discuss a new structure for Restoration. A tiger team has been developed and a lay communications team has already been created from this work. There are additional teams being created and a structure of leadership will come out of this work as well.

## **FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

### **January**

- Receipts/Income: \$408,954
- Expenses: \$361,216
- Net Ordinary Income: \$47,631
- Loan balance: \$6,481,982
- Reserves (Avg): 2.51 months

### **YEAR-OVER-YEAR COMPARISON**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>	\$406,988	\$319,922
<b>Net Income</b>	\$47,738	\$685
<b>Building Fund Receipts</b>	\$55,590	\$34,272
<b>Reserves (Avg)</b>	2.51 months	2.04 months
<b>Indebtedness</b>	\$6,481,982	\$6,894,500

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- The Floris UMC Twitter account is down two followers, and the Floris UMC Facebook page is up six fans. Restoration's Facebook page is up three fans.
- The blog, Today I Saw God, reached 1,478 views for the month with the most popular post, "Alive Again," reaching 779 unique views.
- The blog, Today I Saw God, has a total of 71 subscribers.
- We posted the Lenten Cantata Rehearsals beginning soon which was the most popular post on our Facebook page for the month. It reached 646 people, 10 likes, and 15 post clicks.
- Floris UMC's Instagram account posted a picture of the Creed graphic with a link to register for Lenten Small groups. The picture received 22 likes.
- Restoration's Facebook page posted a 2017 recap video that reached 1,114 people and received 561 views and 36 reactions, comments and shares.

- Floris UMC eNote open rates for the month averaged 43 percent with an average click rate of 20 percent, a click rate increase of 7.2 percent. Restoration Church continues to post their eNote to The City.
- Floris UMC website was visited 9,226 times with 26,057 page views. The website was visited by mobile users 4,890 times. Preschool registration and Floris Guest House were the most visited web pages.
- Restoration Website was visited 583 times with 1,539 page views. The website was visited by mobile users 257 times. The Second Chances sermon series and The City were the two most visited pages.
- Communications department received 28 communication requests this month.