

**FLORIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PREPARED FOR: Church Council

PREPARED BY: Executive Director

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**MAY COUNCIL REPORT**

**MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

|  | April 2018 | April 2017 | April 2016 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Weekly Worship Attendance<br>(average for month) | 1,742      | 1,659      | 1,276      |
| New Members                                      | 52         | 65         | 18         |
| New Members YTD                                  | 76         | 98         | 67         |
| First Time Guests                                | 132        | 57         | 22         |
| Unique Attenders                                 | 2,961      | 2,946      | 2,003      |
| YTD Weekly Attendance                            | 1,452      | 1,407      | 1,340      |
| Avg times attending                              | 2.1        | 2.2        | 2.07       |
| Restoration weekly worship attendance            | 169        | 134        | 104        |
| Restoration YTD weekly attendance                | 143        | 118        | 119        |

**KEY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS BY MINISTRY AREA**

**Worship Ministries**

**General**

- The entire worship team has assisted with several funerals over the last few weeks.
- We are preparing for summer worship and will be launching a “Church on the Go” program on June 24.

**Traditional Music**

- The choir and wind ensemble joined the Full Circle Band to lead the worship at 9:15 and 11 AM on May 6.
- The children’s choirs will lead worship on Mother’s Day as their last Sunday of this season.
- The choir’s final Sunday to lead worship for the school year is June 10.

### **Contemporary Music**

- Our final Open Mic of the season is coming on Friday, May 11.
- We are gearing up for our all-day worship event on May 12. Jon Nicol is going to do a great job leading our band. We will video the sessions for members who cannot attend. The youth band and Restoration's worship team have been invited to attend.

### **AV**

- Created and distributed the first edition of a new quarterly newsletter for the AV team to promote unity and consistency of work.
- Continue to work with the Restoration Worldwide Team to eliminate issues and create ways to provide desired outcome for church online.

### **Care and Concern**

- Carol Benson is contacting all Care and Support Group leaders as well as touching base with our Care Support teams in an effort to discover their needs and wishes for providing effective ministry.
- Carol has been working with MaryBlair Fabry to determine the best way to use data in Fellowship One. We are experimenting with a new way of entering information and assigning attributes. This process will take a few months to refine but should allow us to have better information for providing care and for measuring care given.
- Our Congregational Care Ministers have taken on two new care receivers this month.

### **Restoration Worldwide and Celebrate Recovery**

- In April, Restoration Worldwide had an average of 180 viewers in worship with 243 viewing on Easter Sunday. An average of 30 viewers per week engaged in the live chat.
- Celebrate Recovery has grown to an average of 30 each week. We have added a men's step study and are recruiting women's leaders for a women's step study to start in the near future.
- Visioning and planning is in place to take next steps of engagement and community building for both Restoration Worldwide and Celebrate Recovery. These next steps focus on deeper discipleship and evangelism. Celebrate Recovery leaders have begun meeting the second Saturday of each month for a time of prayer, evaluation, visioning and team building. On Saturday May 12 our Celebrate Recovery worship team will take part in a worship workshop which will focus on how to be newcomer minded as worship leaders.

### **Serve and Connections**

- Coffee with the Pastors took place on April 18 with 17 guests in attendance. Two of the attendees were under the age of 30 and nine of the attendees plan to join the church in the next two months.
- The Annual Empty Bowls Event in partnership with the Giving Circle of Hope was held on April 20 in the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Space. This year, \$38,015 was raised for Food for Others, one of the largest food banks in Northern Virginia.

- Floris participated in National Rebuilding Together Day on April 28. Assisting a homeowner in Burke, our 37 volunteers did landscaping, flooring, made accessibility modifications for the homeowner and even installed a kitchen.
- The Summer Happenings Brochure was compiled by Connections Ministry and the communication team. This is the fifth iteration of the Happenings brochure and fair. The feature for this brochure is Diversity ministries, which includes South Asian Ministry, Latino Ministry, and Disabilities Ministry. In April, process updates were implemented to streamline staff participation, minimize revision time, and lower production costs. The corresponding fair is scheduled for Sunday, May 6.
- These are upcoming events and ministries:
  - Summer Happenings Fair: May 6
  - Help Hungry Kids Ministry Celebration Dinner and Final Packaging Event: May 20
  - Mission Team to Virginia Beach: May 24-29
  - Mission Team to Cuba: late May/early June
  - Coffee with the Pastors: June 12

Serve Ministries by the Numbers:

| Ministry Activity    | Dates     | Volunteers | Volunteer Hours | People Served |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Grace Ministries     | 4/6 & 7   | 86         | 283.50          | 493           |
| Embry Rucker         | 4/21 & 28 | 6          | 21.00           | 100           |
| SOME                 | 4/21      | 5          | 24.00           | 300           |
| FACETS               | 4/3       | 11         | 51.00           | 102           |
| Hutchison PALS       | Daily     | 33         | 78.00           | 66            |
| Hutchison Volunteers | Daily     | 2          | 10.00           | 4             |
| HHK Jobs & Packaging | Weekly    | 52         | 144.50          | 180           |
| Rebuilding Together  | 4/28      | 37         | 296.00          | -----         |
| SL Mission Team      | 4/14 - 28 | 1          | 120.00          | -----         |
| <b>Totals</b>        |           | <b>233</b> | <b>1,028</b>    | <b>1,245</b>  |

**Young Adult Ministries and Wesley Fellows Highlights:**

**Wesley Fellows**

- The current class of Wesley Fellows is wrapping up their year with us, and we have had fruitful discussions surrounding their next steps. Each of our three fellows evidences a clear sense of direction, and two of them have secured full time jobs with their employers from their Fellows' year.

- Recruitment for next year's class took a surprising turn, with our one confirmed Fellows out and two others declining our acceptance offer. We are still hoping to recruit a full Fellows class for the fall.

### **Young Adult Ministries**

- Planning with The Harbor is going well as we continue to evaluate our ministry plan and roll out new interest-based small groups around hiking and board games this summer and discern a third to begin this fall. We are also ready to launch a more robust pub theology schedule this summer and are considering an option for a young adult small group to begin in the fall.
- The basis of our ministry planning relies on relational meetings, which our leadership team is planning to do with at least 50 young adults already connected to Floris and in our community, to discover needs our ministry can meet and to receive feedback on what we and the broader church offer.

### **Grow Ministries**

Much of Grow Ministries were involved in the Dream Campaign. Children's Ministries Director, Kelly Crespin, designed and distributed a guide for children to participate in the campaign. Students shot video to support the initiative to re-architect a new vision for Student Ministries. Small group leaders were invited to present to their groups the various initiatives and the importance of the campaign's objectives. We also had a successful confirmation retreat and service.

### **Children's Ministries**

- Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade F.I.S.H. (Fifth In Service for Him) event in April was our Movie Night and Parent Meeting. Fifth graders watched the movie *The Perfect Game* while parents met with Pepe Miller and Dan Yoon from Student Ministries with ideas of what to expect next year in Student Ministries. Parents also learned about writing a blessing for their child which will be prayed over them at the May Celebration event.
- On Friday, April 13 approximately 100 people attended our most recent BINGO night. Gift cards were awarded to the winners and, as usual, the families had a great time socializing and enjoying fellowship.
- On Sunday, April 29 our children learned about giving to others and what Jesus said about sharing your talents with others. The kids put together 150 felt flower bouquets to be given to local nursing homes, assisted living homes, and senior living homes.
- On April 22 the focus was on children during the services. Children in grades K-5 processed into the sanctuary and later handed out prayer cards to congregants. Each person was invited to take a card and pray for a specific child between now and the week of VBS. In addition, we hosted a recruitment table for VBS volunteers and signed up 20 interested adults.
- In looking ahead May 20 will be our last day of Kid Nation small group classes for the school year. Beginning Sunday, May 27 we will move to our Large Group format. Preschool students will move up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where they will meet in Kids Crossing. Students in grades K-5 will meet in the Hangar for large group lessons.
- Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held June 18-22. Our theme this year, Shipwrecked, will help children see that when they are struggling, sad, or are confused, God will rescue them!
- Upcoming events include:
  - Nick Carper and John Barone will be our Children's Ministry Summer Interns this year
  - FISH Celebration and Parent's Blessings on May 20

- Last day of Kid Nation for 2016-2017 school year on May 20
- May 27 Summer Session Large Groups begin
- June 18-22, Vacation Bible School – Shipwrecked!

### **Student Ministries**

- Confirmation retreat with 41 students and 9 leaders was held at the Summit Lake retreat center. Students participated in various experiential events that helped to demonstrate the various aspects of Jesus as savior, lover and teacher.
- Confirmation Sunday, April 29, was a success with 42 students and mentors being represented at the various services. All our confirmands are now members of the church and we also had 4 baptisms by profession of faith.
- New curriculum subject regarding the various masks we wear and how that compares to the people God intended us to be, was introduced into the small groups for both Sunday morning and evening. During the April 15 evening session, students acted out representations of the various masks they wear.
- CrossRoads completed a service project that focused on cleaning and clearing the areas around the basketball court. Approximately 30 students participated and enjoyed a sundae bar afterwards.
- After holding a number of interviews, we are pleased to have hired a new Grow Ministries Coordinator, Danielle Light, who we believe will be an amazing addition to our team.
- Krew on 4/8/18 focused on what it means to be good stewards of our God-given gifts in light of Floris' Dream Campaign. Dreams can only be achieved when we pair our faith with action and participation. We captured video footage of HS students responding to questions about "What does it mean to dream?" which was used during one of the Sundays of the Dream Campaign.
- Coordinated a high school outing to Escape Room Herndon on April 28<sup>th</sup> with 16 of our high school students. Had a great time of fun and team work to successfully solve mysteries and escape each of our rooms.
- Joined the Herndon VOICE caucus at Hutchison Elementary to begin developing relationships with the organization and provide them a connection to the middle and high school students in our area. The hope is to conduct listening sessions with students from Floris UMC and empower them to continue to make differences in their areas of influence.
- FISH Movie Night was held with parents. A presentation was given about what their kids could expect when they transition into 6<sup>th</sup> grade and our middle school programs. Partnered with Pepe Miller to go over the major differences and new opportunities 6<sup>th</sup> grade students would be offered, along with ways parents could make meaningful contributions through their participation.
- Connected with the lead consultant from Ministry Architects to plan their upcoming visit later in June. Crafted an itinerary for the various listening sessions we'll host with students, parents, staff and volunteers.
- Organized future meetings with the students and adults participating in the upcoming Florida Hurricane Relief Mission Trip and began completing the paperwork process.

### **Ongoing & Future Items:**

- Attend the Leading Edge conference at Church of the Resurrection and share content with the rest of the SM team

- Have final meetings with the FL Mission team and complete preparations
- Connect with Ministry Architects and begin formal work with them

### **Adult Ministries**

- Easter ended the Lenten study on April 1. We had a very engaged group of nearly 700 participants in the *Creed* study by Adam Hamilton. Very positive feedback regarding focusing on the foundational elements of our faith.
- Dr. Ryan Danker spoke to a group of approximately 40 people regarding the life of John Wesley. In preparation for the pilgrimage trip to England, Dr. Danker focused on sites and experiences of Wesley that the group will get to experience.
- Signed contract with Ministry Architects to move the Student Ministry initiative forward. We will be hosting several listening sessions as part of the assessment that will begin in early June. Work is underway to identify the various participants.
- Work continues as we create the concept of family ministry and what that will look like here at Floris. Several resources have been identified and we are working to catalogue a best practices source.
- Jesus, Man, Myth, Savior was subscribed by 32 participants which includes 6 weekly online participants from Ghana.
- Biblical responsibility and our SafetyNet programs for children and the poor was subscribed by over 25 participants. The 8-week session is being led by our own Dr. Wendell Primus.

### **Restoration**

- Restoration has been working diligently on completely restructuring the leadership of the church. The new structure has just been finalized and a new leadership team has been selected. The team has started working on ways of inviting new people into leadership roles.
- Amy Cox has announced that she will be vacating her position in August. Restoration has begun looking for a new worship leader.
- Pour Theology was on April 24 with Michelle Mullany as the speaker, 55 people attended, and the topic was Mental Illness. Next month's topic is "A Rabbi and a Pastor Walk into a Brewhouse – Christian & Jewish Relations". The speakers will be Rabbi Michael Holzman and Pastor Tim Ward.
- Restoration's Dream Campaign is underway. Tim met with the majority of the Lead Gift donors and has received commitments for \$157,500 of the \$200,000 goal. To see the foci of Restoration's campaign, see this link: <http://restorationreston.org/dream-e-newsletter>.
- Tim led the invocation at the 2018 Best of Reston Awards with 700 people in attendance. Restoration was recognized for its work with the South Lakes Food Pantry.
- Restoration packaged more than 100 meals for kids who were hungry in their community.
- Restoration was nominated for a Volunteer Service Award through Volunteer Fairfax. Restoration was recognized with many other volunteer groups in Fairfax County on Friday, April 27.
- Tim spoke to Conference Developers of the UMC from all of the US. It was a gift for him to speak at this event and share the learnings of Floris and Restoration.

## **FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

### **April**

- Receipts/Income: \$467,330
- Expenses: \$329,944
- Net Ordinary Income: 137,386
- Loan balance: \$6,437,246
- Reserves (Avg): 2.61 months

### **APRIL YTD COMPARISON**

|                       | <b>2018</b> | <b>2017</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>   | \$1,568,378 | \$1,399,011 |
| <b>Net Income</b>     | \$187,076   | \$97,892    |
| <b>Reserves (Avg)</b> | 2.61 months | 2.53 months |
| <b>Indebtedness</b>   | \$6,437,246 | \$6,813,592 |

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### Social Media

- Floris UMC
  - The Floris UMC Twitter account lost three followers
  - The Floris UMC Facebook page is up 16 fans.
  - We posted Happy Easter message and photo which was the most popular post on our Facebook page for the month. It reached 2,398 people, 278 reactions including 199 likes, 27 comments, and 137 post clicks. It was also shared 20 times.
  - Floris UMC's Instagram account posted a Happy Easter photo. The picture received 80 likes.
- Restoration Reston
  - Restoration's Facebook page is up 12 fans.
  - Restoration's Facebook page shared an article from the Reston Patch about their Easter Egg Hunt that reached 737 people and received 42 reactions, 33 likes and 3 shares.
- Restoration Worldwide
  - The Restoration Worldwide Facebook has gained one follower.
  - The most popular post this month was a Happy Easter photo and reminder to tune in for services. It reached 44 people and had 44 reactions and 4 likes.

### Blog

- The blog, Today I Saw God, reached 464 views for the month. This number has decreased due to difficulty finding blog contributors.
- April 17, SiteOrganic began transitioning the blog to an easier to use and more visually appealing format. During this time, no new blogs could be posted. Transition will be complete by May 11. Following completion, we will relaunch and begin posting again.

### eNote

- Floris UMC
  - Floris UMC eNote open rates for the month averaged 41 percent with an average click rate of 13.75 percent.

- Restoration Reston
  - Restoration Church continues to post their eNote to The City.

#### Website

- Floris UMC
  - Floris UMC website was visited 4,341 times with 21,756 page views. The website was visited by mobile users 2,261 times. Preschool and Vacation Bible School were the most visited web pages.
- Restoration Reston
  - Restoration Reston was visited 772 times with 1,683 page views. The website was visited by mobile users 318 times. Pour Theology and Summer Sports Camp were the most visited pages.