

FLORIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PREPARED FOR: Church Council

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JUNE COUNCIL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

	2018 May	2017 May	2016 May
Weekly Worship Attendance (average for month)	1190	1208	1195.8
New Members*	7	1	75
New Members YTD	83	99	122
First Time Guests	24	49	26
Unique Attenders	1919	2088	2167
YTD Weekly Attendance	1402	1371	1307
Avg times attending	1.92	1.90	2.18
Restoration Reston weekly worship attendance	124	114	109
Restoration Reston YTD weekly attendance	139	117	117
Restoration Worldwide weekly worship attendance	147	79	107
Restoration Worldwide YTD weekly worship attendance	146	127	157

*2016 numbers reflect Confirmation

KEY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS BY MINISTRY AREA

Worship Ministries

General

- The entire worship team has helped lead at several funerals this past month.
- Summer worship plans are underway, to include a “Church on the Go” program which will launch on June 24.
- Vacation Bible School Sunday is planned for June 24.

Traditional Music

- The Hallelujah Choir (older children’s choir) led the 11 a.m. worship service on Mother’s Day as their last Sunday of this season. The Little Praisers led the worship service on May 22 as their last Sunday of the season.
- Two combined handbell choirs will play all three worship services on June 10 as their last Sunday of the season.

- The handbell choir members have been invited to play the national anthem at a Nationals game on June 19.
- Summer choir Sundays will take place on July 29 and August 26 at the 11 a.m. service.

Contemporary Music

- The all-day worship training event that took place in May was an overwhelming success. Over 30 members of FCB attended, and those who were unable to participate will attend a make-up session. Sessions included: “The Heart of a Worship Leader,” “Practice Tips,” “Arrangement,” and tips to better serve our online community.
- Each week, FCB members are challenging themselves to memorize one piece of music. This is difficult, because all are volunteers and we play different songs each week. Members have been citing how much more fun worship has become as a result.
- We have a new acoustic guitar player who is skilled in several different instruments. He is a great asset to the team.
- Great Falls UMC has reached out to Megan to seek musicians. We are considering providing music for their Fall Festival in September.

AV

- We are pleased that three new volunteers were recruited for Sunday morning services.
- Work continues with the Communications team and Ashley on the live stream/web iteration, to further enhance the Restoration Worldwide experience.
- Videos were created for families from several events we produced in-house.

Care and Concern

- We automated our card ministry reporting so more Floris members in need are receiving cards during difficult life situations. We are now able to track who receives cards and for how long they are receiving them.
- We held four memorial services with lunch receptions in May, the largest had 350 attendees. The families were exceedingly grateful for the care that they received during their times of sorrow. We also had two funeral attendees sign-up to volunteer for Vacation Bible School.
- Our second Reboot Combat Recovery course is well under way and making a difference in the lives of 5 veterans working through challenging times.

Restoration Worldwide and Celebrate Recovery

- In May, Restoration Worldwide had an average of 147 viewers in worship on Sunday.
- Celebrate Recovery has grown to an average of 30 each week. We have added a men’s step study and continue to recruit women’s leaders for a women’s step study to start in the near future.

Serve and Connections

- The one year mark for the quarterly Happenings fairs was on May 6 and featured the Floris UMC diversity and disabilities ministries. Four of the twenty tables represented groups from outside

organizations. About 200 members attended the fair and twenty-five unique sign ups were recorded.

- The Help Hungry Kids (HHK) end of the school year packaging event and celebration dinner took place on May 20 before and after the 5 p.m. service. The HHK leadership team managed the packaging event and Connections ministry utilized two staff members and ten volunteers for setup, cooking, and hospitality for the dinner. More than 5,500 backpack meals were packaged and distributed to Hutchison Elementary students throughout the 2017-18 school year.
- Two mission teams traveled from Floris in May to Virginia Beach to serve families impacted by Hurricane Matthew and to Cuba to serve with the Methodist Church of Cuba.
- Kid Nation and Serve worked together to collect gently used books for Hutchison Elementary students to have over the summer. More than 1,327 books were collected, and more are coming.
- Here are upcoming events for Serve and Connections:
 - Coffee with the Pastors: June 12
 - Meet-and-Greet for Bob Riggles, our new Associate Pastor: July 1
 - Summer Camps at Hutchison and Summer Stories: July 9-26, days in August
 - Rise and Shine: August 7

Ministry Activity	Dates	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	People Served
Grace Ministries	5/4 & 5	66	201.00	535
Embry Rucker	5/19 & 26	4	15.00	135
SOME	5/19	5	20.00	400
FACETS	5/1	10	31.00	108
Hutchison PALS	Daily	29	70.00	58
Hutchison Volunteers	Daily	3	14.00	6
HHK Weekly Jobs	5/2, 9, 16, 23, 30	3	15.00	181
HHK Packaging/ Inventory	5/15 & 27	43	97.00	_____
May Relief Team	5/24 - 28	8	320.00	_____
Cuba Mission Team	5/25 - 6/3	14	1120.00	_____
Totals		185	1,903	1,423

Wesley Fellows and Young Adult Ministries 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 opting out and two others declining our acceptance offer.

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

The month of May has become the unofficial start of Summer. Planning for end of the year celebrations and summer curriculum has begun in Children's and Student's ministry. The FUMC Preschool has ended for the 2017/18 school year and most of our small groups are coming to an end for the usual summer hiatus. The team welcomed Danielle Light as the new Student Ministry Coordinator, replacing Donita Dickerson. She is a great addition and we look forward to the innovations and energy she brings.

FUMC Preschool

- The preschoolers hosted their moms for the annual Mother's Day Celebrations. We had total participation from each family during the week.
- During the week of these celebrations, we had our annual Scholastic Book Fair, which was a great success.
- The preschool concluded its school year with its "Bridging Program" with 85 children "graduating" from the preschool on Friday, May 25.
- The preschool also had its end-of-year family picnic at Frying Pan Park. "One-Man-Band" performed for all of the families. We had a tremendous turnout with well over 250 in attendance.

Children's Ministries

- Our 5th grade F.I.S.H. (Fifth In Service for Him) event on May 20 was our *F.I.S.H. Celebration and Parent Blessing*. Fifth graders and their families celebrated the service projects they worked on this past year, how much they've grown physically, emotionally and spiritually, and they heard from our Middle School Director Pepe Miller about what next year will be like for them. At the

end of the event parents stood next to their 5th grader and prayed a very special blessing written just for them.

- On Sunday, May 20 we held a Volunteer Appreciation Day. Gifts were given to the teachers and SIMs as they were recognized for all their hard work and dedication over the past year.
- Our new 4:10ers program was introduced to current student ministry students. This program will be implemented in fall, 2018 and will take the place of our current SIM (Students in Ministry) program where students in grades 6-12 volunteer in Kid Nation classrooms on Sunday mornings.
- Our Preschool and Elementary Vacation Bible School will be held June 18-22. We are expecting approximately 330 children with an additional 130 volunteers who will be learning about how Jesus saves when we are lonely, when we worry, when we have done wrong, and more!
- Our summer session large groups began Sunday, May 27. Throughout the summer all students in grades K-5 will meet together in the Hangar where we'll enjoy a fun story book with a Christian theme along with crafts, games, and activities to reinforce the lessons learned in the story. Children in the 3's and 4's classes will enjoy a fun morning in Kids Crossing where they'll have their own special lesson and learning time.
- Upcoming spring/summer events will include:
 - June 18-22 Vacation Bible School –Shipwrecked!
 - July 10 – One Day Summer Adventure – The Case for Christ (grades 3-5)

Student Ministry

- “Bring a friend and water” imitative in Crossroads was a student led initiative that collected 20 cases of water for those in need of clean water.
- Monthly small group curriculum focused on three weekly themes of compassion, integrity and humility.
- Preparations are underway for the end of the year bash for both Krew and Crossroads which will take place on June 10.
- Dan Yoon, Student Min. Director, attended the *Leading Edge Conference* at UMCOR in Kansas. Met with other youth leaders to gain best practices and other key insights for healthy youth ministry.
- Preparations for the HS Florida Missions team continued with a meeting on May 6 for team-building exercises and to cover more logistics. Scheduled and planned our final team meeting for June 10 before our departure on June 24.
- Conversations took place with Todd Freneaux, of The Jeremiah Project, and their new high school edition of the mission experience. Shared ideas about the unique needs of high school experiences and will continue to think through a potential partnership in the future.
- Met with different VOICE leaders both from within and outside Floris to share ideas of potential partnerships, specifically about youth involvement, and joining as a Core Team member.
- Prepared for the senior blessing and celebration dinner.

Adult Ministry

- Preparations were undertaken to invite students, parents, staff and volunteers to listening sessions hosted by Ministry Architects. The firm has been contracted to deliver an analysis of our student and family ministry areas; identifying core strengths and challenges and a timeline for introduction of recommended program and structural changes.

- Concluded the first ever international small group. Using Zoom, Jesus in 5 weeks class was conducted with approximately 7 people from Ghana. The group was a success and we are now set to work with the house church, they are attempting to form, to offer Alpha in the fall.
- Small groups across the board began to have their last meetings for the current curriculum year 2017/18. We are working with leaders to offer some “drop in” opportunities during the summer months.
- Bill Gray, Director of Grow, helped lead a team of 12 to San Antonio de los Banos, Cuba. There we helped a church with light concrete work as well and painting the interior and all fretwork in addition to sharing the love of Christ with each other.

Restoration

- Amy Cox has announced that she will be vacating her position in August. As a result, Restoration has started looking for a new worship leader. We have two leads that we are currently pursuing.
- This month’s Pour Theology topic was “A Rabbi and a Pastor Walk into a Brewhouse – Christian & Jewish Relations “. The speakers were Rabbi Michael Holzman and Pastor Tim Ward, and 40 people attended. Pour Theology is off for the months of June and July and will be back on in August.
- Restoration has completed the beginning stages of the Dream campaign. Tim met with most of the Lead Givers at Restoration. In addition to this two Inspire Gatherings were held. Restoration has received commitments for \$273,298.68 of the \$200,000 goal. To see the foci of Restoration’s campaign, see this link: <http://restorationreston.org/dream-enewsletter>.
- Restoration packaged 125 meals for kids at Forest Edge Elementary School.
- Tim was asked to write an article about Pour Theology for the Around Reston magazine. This will be published in the summer/fall version of the magazine.
- Tim attended a training on Fresh Expressions. Currently Restoration is looking at ways to create Fresh Expressions within the community. Fresh Expressions are new “ways” of doing church to meet people where they are. Pour Theology is an example of a Fresh Expression.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

May

- Total Income: \$344,883
- Expenses: \$313,785
- Net Ordinary Income: \$31,098
- Loan balance: \$6,422,255
- Reserves (Avg): 2.81 months

MAY YTD COMPARISON

	2018	2017
Total Income	\$1,913,261	\$1,723,453
Net Income	\$218,175	\$82,307
Reserves (Avg)	2.81 months	2.69 months
Indebtedness	\$6,422,255	\$6,798,638

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

- Floris UMC
 - The Floris UMC Twitter account neither gained nor lost followers this month.
 - The Floris UMC Facebook page is up 7 fans.
 - We posted a photo and message about Bill Gray's graduation which was the most popular post on our Facebook page for the month. It reached 858 people, 73 reactions including 64 likes, 4 comments, and 315 post clicks.
 - Floris UMC's Instagram account also posted photo of Bill Gray's graduation. The picture received 79 likes and received 2 comments.
- Restoration Reston
 - Restoration's Twitter neither gained nor lost followers this month.
 - Restoration's Facebook page gained 13 followers this month.
 - Restoration's Facebook page shared the "Dreaming" music video that reached 801 people and received 39 reactions, 21 likes and 3 shares. The video was viewed 434 times.
- Restoration Worldwide
 - The Restoration Worldwide Facebook has gained one follower.

Blog

- The blog, Today I Saw God, was transitioned to a new web provider May 15. Adjustments were still being made through the end of May.
- There is no data for this month because of the blog transition. Analytics will begin again next month.

eNote

- Floris UMC
 - Floris UMC eNote open rates for the month averaged 48.2 percent with an average click rate of 13.6 percent.
- Restoration Reston
 - Restoration Church continues to post their eNote to The City.

Website

- Floris UMC
 - Floris UMC Website was visited 6,288 times with 17,738 page views. The website was visited by mobile users 1,709 times. Preschool Registration and the Dream sermon series were the most visited web pages.
- Restoration Reston
 - Restoration Reston was visited 702 times with 1,404 page views. The website was visited by mobile users 247 times. Pour Theology, The Greatest Gift and Summer Sports Camp were the most visited pages.