

FLORIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PREPARED FOR: Church Council

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NOVEMBER COUNCIL REPORT**MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

	2018 October	2017 October	2016 October
Weekly Worship Attendance (average for month)	1,189	1,149	1,239
New Members	4	27	24
New Members YTD	110	151	182
First Time Guests	44	51	31
Unique Attenders	1,834	2,149	2,179
YTD Weekly Attendance	1,265	1,249	1,227
Avg times attending	2.00	2.20	2.38
Restoration Reston weekly worship attendance	114	112	99
Restoration Reston YTD weekly attendance	127	114	108
Restoration Worldwide weekly worship attendance	175		
Restoration Worldwide YTD weekly worship attendance	149		
Celebrate Recovery weekly worship attendance	33	21	19
Celebrate Recovery YTD weekly worship attendance	30	21	22

KEY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS BY MINISTRY AREA

Worship Ministries

General

- We are preparing for Advent and getting excited about the possibilities. We continue to discern the path for all of our worship services at Floris UMC and to make sure we are paying attention to the different needs and hopes of the congregation.

Traditional Music

- We are pleased to have 27 new people join the choir for the upcoming Christmas cantata. Rehearsals are underway and occur on Wednesday nights and following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sundays.
- A new women's vocal ensemble "The Circle of Faith" led the worship on October 28 at both the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
- The "Little Praises" and the "Hallelujah Choir" will sing on November 18 at both the 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services with songs of thanksgiving.

Contemporary Music

- Rehearsals with the new contemporary choir are underway. This choir will lead worship on November 18 at the 9:15 a.m. service and on December 2 at the 5 p.m. Celebrate the Season service.
- The women's conference is gaining momentum. We had a zoom conference call for speakers on Friday and everyone is excited about their role. Jamie Coffey is helping with logistics and communications will begin soon.
- We have now had two songwriting sessions. The band members have loved it so much that they asked that we consider holding them once a month. We have begun writing our own music for a Holy Thursday service.
- A few new members will be joining the team in the near future.
- We have secured a small section of the Chantilly High School Drum line for the Celebrate the Season service.

Care and Concern Ministry

- The Adoption Care consultant is planning an Adoption/Foster Care kick off meeting that will soon be communicated to the congregation.
- During the month of October 28 Floris members/friends received multiple cards from our card ministry.
- In October 37 Floris UMC members/friends received follow-up, (calls, visits, coordination of assistance), from Floris Pastors and Care Ministries staff. Two Floris UMC babies received a pastor signed Beginner's Bible and handmade baby blanket or quilt courtesy of our New Baby Ministry.

- One new family was added this month to receive services from our Family Support-Special Needs Respite Care Ministry. There are now have 5 families receiving babysitting from this ministry.

Connections:

- Coffee with the Pastors (CWP) was held on Wednesday, October 17. Of the 14 attendees, 8 intend to join as new members during to month of November. The ages of the CWP guests were evenly split between the 18-49 and 50-70.
- Trunk or-Treat took place indoors for the first time due to inclement weather on Saturday, October 27. There were 1,100 total attendees and over 28 trunk hosts decorated tables and handed out candy in the Gathering Space. About 10 event volunteers served by preparing snacks and games and performing hospitality duties during the event.
- Floris UMC served as the host site for the Five Talent Academy on Tuesday, October 30 and live streamed to over 419 viewers at 12 locations. Floris provided hospitality volunteers, breakfast and lunch service, registration, book sales and dynamic worship for over 120 guests. Connections Ministry coordinated with the Worship Team, Audiovisual team, volunteers from the Floris UMC congregation and the Five Talent staff to coordinate the stated agenda and close out the event by collecting participation evaluation.

Diversity Ministries:

- The South Asian Fellowship continues to grow as they invite friends to their monthly worship gathering and connect with newcomers on Sunday mornings.
- We had 63 in attendance in the October Worship/Bible Competition and Quiz event.
- Weekly rehearsals and preparation for Christmas pageant to be held on December 8.
- Planning and logistics are underway for the Christmas Day service December 25, and the Watch Night Service New Year's Eve.
- On October 24 a member of the Floris Latino Ministry received the news that his father died in Honduras, two days later we organized a Service in Memory of him. There were 64 people in attendance, most came to our church for the first time. This was a way to evangelize his family and friends.
- On October 27 we held our 5th Christian Karaoke, with 50 people in attendance. Adults, teenagers and children participated, it was a night of rejoicing, praising God with songs in Spanish and some in English. Afterwards everyone enjoyed having dinner together.
- Once a month during the 9:15 worship service musicians from the Latino Ministry join the band to sing in Spanish. Once a month the Scripture is also read in Spanish. We have volunteer Ushers and volunteers in A/V from the Latino Ministries.
- On the first Saturday of the month a group representing the Latino Ministry rounds through the neighborhoods, various 7 Elevens and markets, distributing flyers and inviting people to attend Floris UMC. People are invited to our different groups and our Services in English and Spanish.

- The first Saturdays of the month an average of 20 volunteers from the Latino Ministry serve in Grace Ministries as volunteers in different areas.
- The Racial Reconciliation initiative has growing interest and participation from the congregation.
 - October 13 – Herndon History Immersion Walk – 17 participants
 - Nov 4 –Meaningful Conversations: Race, Culture, Community - Approximately 80 participants
 - Nov 11- Floris/Herndon Walking Tour- 12 currently registered
 - Dec 2- Meaningful Conversations: Part II

Young Adult Ministries:

- Harbor Game Night was held on October 12, with a blend of new recruits and regrouping of some former leadership.
- While preaching at Restoration Reston, Bob Riggles was able to meet and connect with some of the Young Adults and Leaders in ministry.
- A joint Thanksgiving luncheon is being planned to include Young Adults and CR for outreach to FACETS.

Celebrate Recovery and Restoration Worldwide

- Celebrate Recovery has had a good month of relationship building. Attendance remains stable at an average of 33 worshippers each week. Our women’s step study continues to form and remains open for newcomers. We are in the planning process to add an additional men’s step study in the new year. Our focus right now is on restructuring the leadership team and planning fellowship events.
- Restoration Worldwide is midway through their fall small groups and planning for 4 groups to begin in Advent. Online small groups have proved to be excellent for establishing relationships, engaging those in the life of the church even if they can’t physically come to Floris and to serve as a bridge to worship participation. Worship attendance remains steady with approximately 150 in worship each week. Ashley has been working with Jay Kranda, the online campus pastor at Saddleback Church and others from the VA UMC Conference to explore next steps toward growth for Restoration Worldwide. Ashley has begun a weekly vNote which is received by our online only worshippers.

Serve

- The Help Hungry Kids ministry delivered packaged meals to Hutchison this month. Due to the quantity of meals packaged at the last event, we will not need to do another packaging event until January.
- Much preparation has been going into the starting of the Hutchison PALS program. Returning PALS have already been assigned their students and have begun working

them. The new PALS will receive their assigned students and will start working with them during the month of November.

- Meetings and plans are being made for the Floris Guest House in January. Fire inspection and all preliminary reports have been turned into FACETS in preparation for this year's event.

Serve Ministries Numbers:

Ministry Activity	Dates	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	People Served
Grace Ministries	10/5 & 6	75	223.00	650
Embry Rucker	10/20 & 27	5	21.00	120
SOME	10/20	6	24.00	300
FACETS	10/2	8	37.00	118
ESL	10/2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25 & 30	33	417.00	120
HHK	OCTOBER	46	135.00	180
Oct SL Mission Team	10/13 - 27	1	96.00	-----
Totals		174	953.00	1,488

Grow Ministries

Floris UMC Preschool

- The preschool had its Back to School Night on October 2. It was well attended, and we received positive feedback.
- One of our favorite fundraisers was on October 4 at the Franklin Farms Baskin Robbins. From 5-8 p.m. that evening, the restaurant was packed with preschool families while the preschool teachers scooped ice cream. The families filled the sidewalk and had a fabulous time socializing with each other.
- The preschool also conducted a diaper drive for Grace Ministries. We collected over a hundred boxes of diapers.
- On October 25 and 26, the preschool had its annual Fall Festivals and they were a blast! We loved the looks on the children's faces as they walked into the Fellowship Hall. We couldn't do this event without our parent volunteers. They painted faces, helped the children "milk the cows", manned the two moon bounces, assisted in

fishing for pumpkins, chased the golf balls as we "putted" into the pumpkins' mouths, tossed the rings onto the pumpkins, set up the pumpkin bowling and retrieved bean bags at the bean bag toss. The festivals were wonderful successes! Events like this one are great opportunities for our parents to come and share this time with their children and to help make a special time even better.

Children's Ministries

- In Kid Nation we are continuing with our Route 66 curriculum having studied the books of Leviticus through Judges. Kid Nation volunteers served a total of 319 hours with 37 additional volunteer hours being given in other areas.
- Our annual Trunk or Treat event was held Saturday, October 27 from 3-5 p.m. The weather was overcast, raining, and cold and a last minute decision was made to bring the event into the Gathering Space. Although the atmosphere of having decorated trunks and being outside was missed, volunteers and attendees really appreciated being warm and dry. Over 14,000 pieces of candy was handed out, and everyone enjoyed the games and sense of community.
- Floris UMC Pillars that had focus this month were:

Date	Pillar(s)	Event
October 5	Hospitality Humble Service	Sterlingfest Table
October 15	Safety	MOPS Fire Drill discussion (actual drill cancelled due to rain)
October 14 & 21	Humble Service Hospitality	Kid Nation Volunteer Training & Treats
October 21	Safety	Fire Drills held during Kid Nation
October 27	Hospitality	Trunk or Treat

- The grade 5 F.I.S.H. (Fifth In Service for Him) Scavenger Hunt event took place Friday, October 12. While we only had 20 fifth-graders attend, six of those were visitors to Floris.
- For the preschool, we once again began our weekly chapel lessons. Our new Children's Ministries Assistant, Sara Holl, began teaching the lessons and building relationships with the children. Through these relationships, Sara will be able to connect our preschool children and families to Kid Nation/church on Sunday mornings.
- Upcoming fall/winter events will include:
 - KNO on Friday, November 09
 - FISH BUNCO on Sunday, November 16
 - Celebrate the Season Family Advent Activity on Sunday, December 02
 - FISH Christmas Party, Sunday, December 09
 - Happy Birthday, Jesus! party, Sunday, December 16
 - NO Kid Nation on December 24 nor 30
 - Christmas Eve Children's Service, December 24

Student Ministries

- Bright Life Sunday Large Groups met on 10/7, 10/14 and 10/21. We had Jonathan Fuller, worship leader of Restoration Loudoun, help lead worship with us one week. We're building momentum with each week as students and leaders become more familiar with our new model, which includes our group activities, worship, a teaching and breakout groups.
- The October Renovation Team met with Ministry Architects in October. We checked in on our monthly deadlines addressing the four main "pressure points" of student ministries and assigned new ones. Three of the pressure points have been addressed with the exception of developing a youth council. New tasks will include securing a system to identify "MIA" students who have been absent for different periods of time and creating a volunteer application for future leaders.
- Continue to have good participation in morning small groups with an average of over 40 middle schoolers each week.
- Family Fall Festival was enjoyed by 42 families (over 100 participants), 26 volunteers with 8 new students.
- Coordinated efforts with Children's Ministry to host a Floris UMC booth for Sterlingfest, October 6 promoting our Family Ministries to the local community.
- Began initial planning for a 2019 High School Summer Mission Trip. Researched possible opportunities but will likely go with a hurricane relief trip to the Carolinas.
- Several dinner meetings took place with different high school volunteer leaders to build relationships and leadership coaching.
- Assisted Trunk or Treat by helping two Bright Life families host a trunk as well as host a game.
- Met with Dylan Nichols to shore up our student ministries social media presence. This will be an ongoing effort, particularly in the area of gathering/collecting content.
- Began coordinating work on Confirmation 2019. Secured a communication plan, providing dates, deadlines and a revised parent letter for families.

Adult Ministries

- Launched a new "test" idea in small group format. Kitchen Theology is being hosted on Wednesday nights and combines the idea of people cooking a meal together, talking and spending time where everyone always congregates – the kitchen. We are using the Alpha video material as a talking point for ease but if successful, we intend to roll this out on an ongoing basis and offer different topics.
- Reviewed and ordered church-wide advent devotional material for adults as well as children and preschool. The children and preschool devotions are advent calendar based and will provide activities for families to use during the season.
- Continued working with Alison Malloy and Tim Ward on our Gallup Strength Finder's initiative which received Council's backing to be rolled-out in the new year. The focus while being driven by a desire to increase volunteerism, will actually provide a new platform to engage existing and new congregants in discipleship that spans not only service but also how faith is interwoven in all we are and how our strengths can lead to greater faith filled life satisfaction.
- Began development of small group Strength Finder curriculum and identification of existing congregants who have used/led SF initiatives in their own places of work.

Restoration Reston

- On Sunday, October 28 Restoration said goodbye to Amy Cox, our worship leader of 4 years. It was a day of celebration of all that she brought and a day to welcome Restoration's new worship leader Matthew Na. Matt has been building the worship team and already bringing new things to Restoration's team.
- Restoration collected supplies for the South Lakes Food Pantry. Restoration is the largest partner of the SLHS Food Pantry. Restoration is working on an official business partnership through Fairfax County that should be completed by the end of November. Pastor Tim Ward and Tracy Saunders met with the principal of South Lakes and determined several ways that Restoration and SLHS can be in partnership together.
- Restoration's has received more than \$123,000 towards the \$300,000 Dream Campaign. Currently Restoration is looking at replacing the truck that is no longer functional. In addition, Restoration is looking at signage replacement and working on the live stream component of the capital campaign. An initial meeting was held with representatives from Opportunity Neighborhood to begin dreaming about the after school program at Forest Edge Elementary School.
- Restoration packaged meals for 125 children at Forest Edge.
- Restoration hosted a well-attended (40+) Pour Theology event on October 30. The topic was mental illness. The next topic is "Let's talk about Sex" on November 27.
- Restoration held Trunk or Treat in partnership with Forest Edge Elementary School PTA. There were more than 25 trunks and hundreds of kids and parents participating. It was a wonderful event and was a great example of partnership with the community.

Restoration Loudoun

- The second Restoration Loudoun preview service was held in October at Mercer Middle School. There were approximately 90 people attending, both adults in worship and children in the nursery.
- The month of October was busy for Restoration Church. In addition to the preview service, we participated in the South Riding Fall Fest on October 6, hosted a barbeque on October 14 and an evening program for students on October 28 which was also well attended.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

October

- Total Income: \$361,140
- Expenses: \$371,122 (97.8% of budget)
- Net Ordinary Income: (\$9,982)
- Reserves (Avg): 2.58 months

OCTOBER YTD COMPARISON

	2018	2017
Total Income	\$3,644,410	\$3,375,721
Net Ordinary Income	\$120,667	35,074
Reserves (Avg)	2.60 months	2.40 months
Indebtedness	\$6,346,704	\$6,628,713

COMMUNICATIONS

Social Media

- The Floris UMC Twitter Account gained one follower this month.
- The Floris UMC Twitter Account received 6,693 impressions this month, an increase of 15.3%.
- The Floris UMC Facebook page is up 18 fans.
- We posted videos of Sunday sermons with links to the sermon archive. The first video reached 1,200 people, received 672 video views, 58 reactions including 45 likes/loves, 3 comments, 10 shares, and 219 post clicks. We also posted a video promoting Kitchen Theology. The video reached 1,073 people, received 568 video views, 56 reactions including 48 likes/love, 4 comments, 5 shares, and 174 post clicks.
- The Floris UMC Instagram account has 548 followers, an increase of 6 this month.

Restoration Reston:

- Restoration's Twitter gained 4 followers this month.
- Restoration's Twitter received 2,336 impressions this month.
- Restoration's Facebook page gained 5 followers this month.
- Restoration's Facebook page shared an image from Trunk-or-Treat. It reached 624 people and received 30 reactions, including 28 likes/love, and 2 shares.
- Restoration's Instagram account gained 44 followers this month.

Restoration Worldwide:

- Restoration Worldwide's Twitter lost 3 followers this month.
- Restoration Worldwide's Twitter received 647 impressions this month.
- Restoration Worldwide's Facebook page neither gained or lost followers this month.

Restoration Loudoun:

- Restoration Loudoun's Twitter page neither gained or lost followers this.
- Restoration Loudoun's Facebook page gained 4 followers this month.

- Restoration’s Facebook page shared a video of Mack and Stella to promote the next preview service. It reached 951 people and received 103 reactions, including 95 likes/love, 6 comments, 2 shares, and 243 post clicks.
- Restoration Loudoun’s Instagram account gained 31 followers this month.

Tom Berlin Facebook Page:

- Tom’s Facebook page gained 81 followers this month.

Blog

- Today I Saw God posted no blog posts in October.

eNote

- Floris UMC
 - Floris UMC eNote open rates for the month averaged 41 percent with an average click rate of 19 percent.
Click rate info breakdown:
 - October 4
 - 120 Clicks
 - Most on – Floris UMC Picnic video
 - October 11
 - 135 Clicks
 - Most on – WooFu Christmas Eve Eve poll
 - October 18
 - 96 Clicks
 - Most on – Trunk-or-Treat video
 - October 25
 - 292 Clicks
 - Most on – Tom’s video
- Restoration Reston
 - Restoration Church continues to post their eNote/vNote to The City.

Website

- Floris UMC
 - Floris UMC website was visited 7,871 times with 20,961 page views with 2,429 mobile views. Restoration Worldwide was the most visited web page, followed by the sermon archive.
- Restoration Reston
 - Restoration Reston website was visited 833 times with 1,543 page views and 284 mobile views. Meet the staff and Trunk-or-Treat were the most visited pages.