

Dear Church Family,

Two years ago, we launched a new chapter in the history of Messiah United Methodist Church. In many ways, our history has been defined by building projects as a result of continued growth in our community. But two years ago, we began praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in launching a new life cycle defined not by building facilities but by building disciples and reaching new people. As we conclude 2017, we have implemented most of the strategies that would position us for this life cycle, and now look forward to what God can do through us in the years ahead.

In 2017, we **added live streaming during both worship opportunities** which has extended our reach and kept our congregation connected. We have **more than 50% of our average worship attendance participating in a faith group for spiritual growth**. We are **engaging with the community** through our MLK service day, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* musical, the Living Nativity, and #blessthebusiness gatherings in local restaurants. We are also engaged in significant ways around the world. We **added a faith community nurse** to add health and wellness ministries. We were able to give away **\$365,436.20 to local and global mission projects**. We are seeing our **youth ministry serve in important roles** in our congregation and continuing their strong history of service projects and mission trips. Our **children's ministry has begun a retooling process** for even greater vitality. And, we **added a family ministry team**.

We are committed to being a place where life is better as we enrich the lives of all who connect with Christ through us. We need each and every one of you who call Messiah Church home to commit to the vision before us.
Will you join us in 2018?

Pastor Steve



WHERE LIFE & PURPOSE CONNECT



2017

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



SERVED ON MISSION TRIPS **79**

WHERE GOD WAS
AT WORK IN
2017
AT MESSIAH...



AVERAGE WEEKLY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

401



2,450
ATTENDED JOSEPH MUSICAL

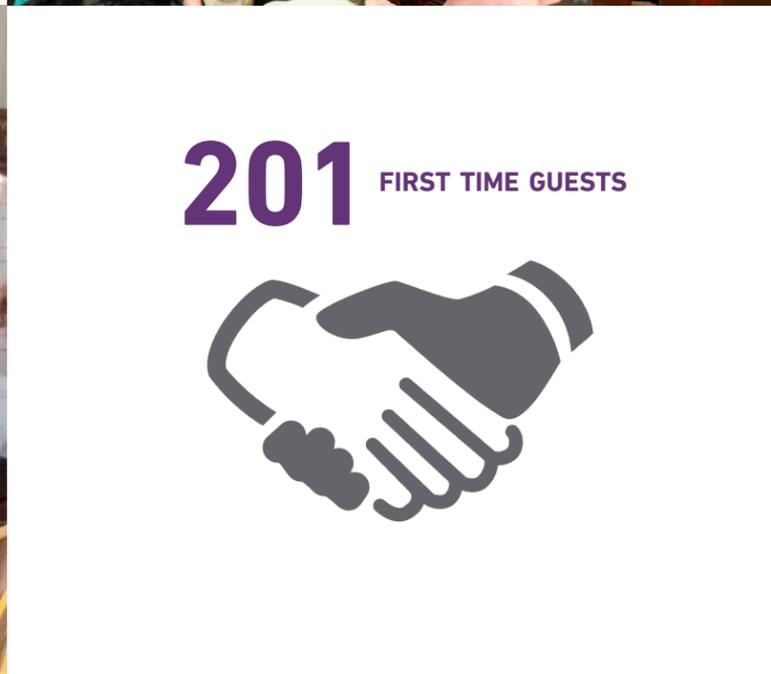


ATTENDED THE LIVING NATIVITY

547



407 PARTICIPATED IN
#BLESSTHEBUSINESS



AVERAGE WEEKLY
STREAMING ATTENDANCE

97



OUR VISION

Go build relationships, transforming lives through deep meaningful connections with others.

OUR MISSION

Grow disciples of Jesus Christ through loving God, loving each other, and loving the world.

22 LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS SUPPORTED

- Connectional Giving*
- Bloom Early Learning & Child Care
- Conference Special Campaign
- Imara International
- UMCOR
- Simpson Housing Services
- Simpson UMC/Inglesia Piedra Viva Church
- Light of Hope School
- Interfaith Outreach
- UMCOR Sager Brown Depot
- Helping Haiti Work
- Smith Eng/Mercy Ships
- Re-Member
- Walker United Methodist Church
- Feed My Starving Children
- Minnesota Annual Conference
- Emma Norton Services
- Cru
- ICA Food Shelf
- World Vision
- Habitat for Humanity
- Minneapolis Parks & Recreation

\$365,436

GIVEN TO LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSION PROJECTS



	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
INCOME			
Giving	\$1,203,411	\$1,252,363	\$1,246,280
Rental Income	\$41,233	\$37,200	\$38,614
Other Income	\$2,245	\$2,600	\$2,245
Income from Fund Accounts (Non-Budgeted)*	\$268,532	\$ —	\$ —
Total Income	\$1,515,420	\$1,292,163	\$1,287,138
EXPENSES			
Donations from Fund Accounts (Non-Budgeted)*	\$168,826	\$ —	\$ —
Missions/Outreach	\$228,459	\$204,010	\$181,976
Programs	\$116,326	\$130,530	\$101,700
Facility/Administrative	\$268,845	\$231,450	\$215,190
Personnel	\$662,257	\$663,046	\$644,575
Finance and Mortgage	\$135,565	\$128,300	\$102,800
Total Expenses	\$1,580,279	\$1,357,336	\$1,246,241
Excess/Deficiency**	(\$64,859)	(\$65,173)	\$40,897

* Represents giving from members specified for a specific purpose. (For example: missions, Bloom, Imara, youth mission trips, etc.)
 ** 2017 deficit funded with prior years' surplus.

* Often called "apportionments," these are the funds that we contribute each year to connect us with ministry and missions at the conference and global levels.



SERVANT STEERING TEAM:

- Steve Richards
- Tami Luckhardt
- Sarah Hellekson
- Brian Dreibelbis
- Paul Hoekstra
- John Madsen
- Linda Munch
- Pete Thorp

\$280,388



- Grant Recipients:**
- Bloom Early Learning & Child Care
 - Eco-Awareness Committee of Messiah Church
 - Iglesia Piedra Viva (Operating out of Simpson UMC)



MISSION TRIPS **7**

2018 BIG EMPHASES

Build Relationships
Impact the Community
Grow in Ministry with Children & Youth