

ANNUAL REPORT 2018







LETTER FROM THE PASTORS



There is a fresh wind blowing at Mount Pleasant Community Church. Over the last year, several moments of God's blessings have been realized. For each one, we want to give praise to Him.

Our vision statement, "Together on Purpose", rings true throughout the church. The unity we have as a staff, as elders and deacons and trustees, has been augmented by your unified love of our Lord. Together, we have seen God accomplish many things that have advanced His kingdom.

In August, we became a non-denominational church. In October, by faith, we began a third service. Praise God for the volunteers who have "stuck it out" and made this addition successful. Also, the number of new attendees began to grow leaving us with a record attendance during November, and again in April of this year. The challenge of five services on Christmas Eve was met with great attendance as well as a large offering for our Deacon Ministry. This selfless group of men and women has been diligent in their care of so many people in need both in the church and in our community. In response to these ever increasing needs in the Mt. Pleasant area, we launched the Care Store.

The renovation of the lobby, the carpet in the children's wing and the auditorium is complete. A big thank you goes out to all who have worked to make this happen, and to you who have been patient during the process.

One of the biggest changes occurred among the staff as we saw the departure of Angie Coleman, our business manager, and Eric Barz picking up the baton to lead us into the future. God is so good!

Perhaps one of the most exciting things that happened this last year has been the number of new families that are now calling Mount Pleasant Community Church their home. According to the survey we conducted in January, there have been scores of people who have made first time commitments to the Lord. That's what we're all about, leading people into a focused life with Jesus Christ.

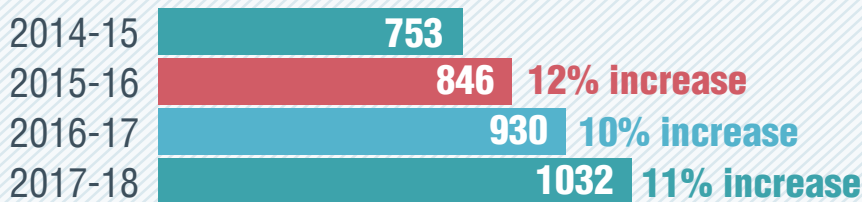
We are so thankful and blessed to be part of the leadership team of this great church. Thank you for your prayers and your trust as we serve "Together On Purpose".

Pastors Wally Hostetter and Alan Cullen



community
CHURCH

AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ADULT ATTENDANCE



**GATHER
TOGETHER**

AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

1291

TOTAL FIRST TIME GUESTS

441

BAPTISMS THIS YEAR

28

AVERAGE NUMBER OF KIDS

259

NEW MEMBERS

41

RIGHT NOW MEDIA USERS

610

GROW IN GROUPS



TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

56

PEOPLE GROWING IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

524

JOINED FREEDOM GROUPS THIS YEAR

196

EXPERIENCED ALPHA THIS YEAR

75

DEACON REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

335

FAMILIES SERVED BY DEACONS

215

NUMBER OF DEACON TEAMS

10



**GO LIVE
IT OUT**

DEACON FUND ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDS



NEW LOCAL MISSION LAUNCHED

CARE STORE

REFERRALS

1300

FAMILIES SERVED

750

ITEMS PROVIDED TO FAMILIES

10,000

MP AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

\$6000

REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY (MAY 2017 THROUGH APRIL 2018)

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% Difference</i>
<i>General Fund Giving</i>	\$1,400,003	\$1,600,661	\$200,658	14.3%
<i>General Fund Expenses</i>	\$1,400,003	\$1,350,874	- \$49,129	-3.5%

2017 / 2018
GIVING \$1,600,661

CURRENT ASSETS AS OF APRIL 30, 2018

Undesignated Funds

Primary Checking	\$ 184,524
Secondary Checking	\$ 7,062
Money Market	\$ 279,200
12 Month CD	\$ 204,311
SII Investments Fund	\$ 103

Total Undesignated \$ 675,200

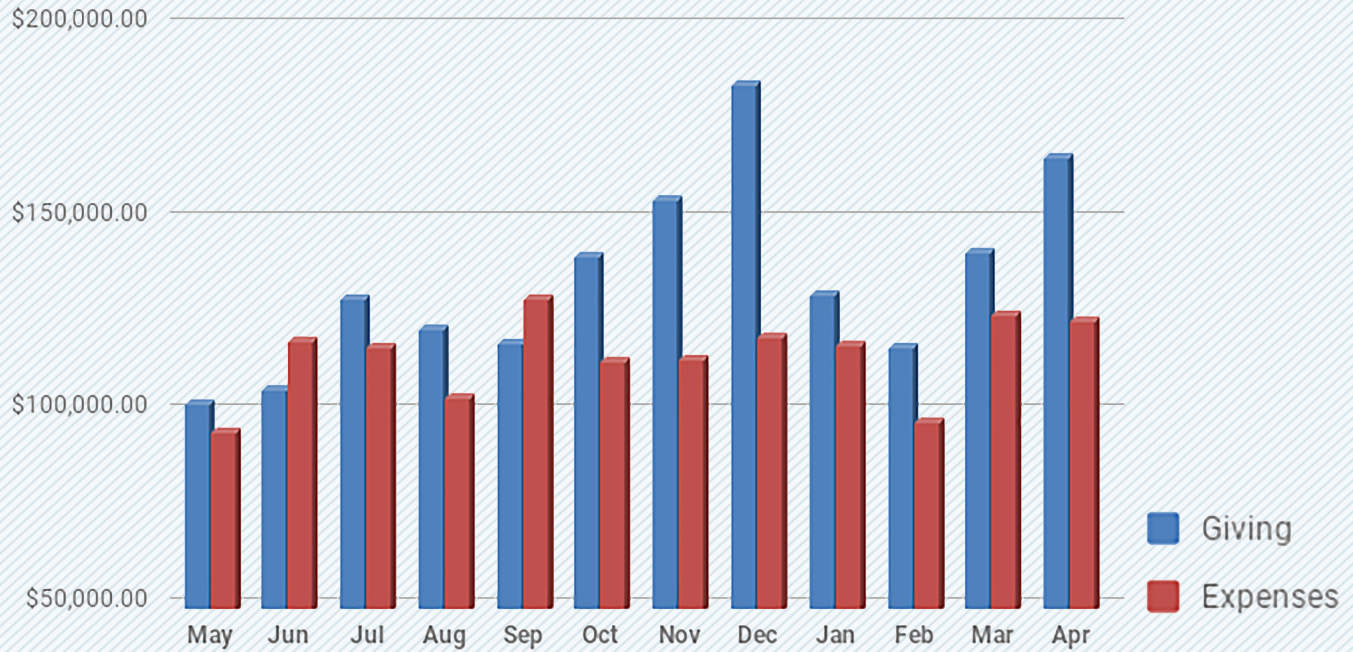
Designated Funds

Building Fund	\$ 5,409
Youth	\$ 2,017
Campus Ministry	\$ 802
Deacons	\$ 29,264
Tech Equipment Accrual	\$ 16,558
Deferred Maintenance	\$ 30,855
Seminary Education	\$ 1,906
Missions	\$ 24,497
Mission Seed Fund	\$ 2,285
Walker Designated	\$ 160

Total Designated \$ 115,391

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 790,591

GENERAL FUND GIVING / EXPENSES (MAY 2017 THROUGH APRIL 2018)



ACTUAL EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT

kidLife	\$ 111,996
studentLife	\$ 73,016
uLife	\$ 29,973
Adult Ministries	\$ 31,929
Hospitality / Assimilation	\$ 42,080
careLife	\$ 63,934
Community Engagement	\$ 76,815
Worship / Technical Arts	\$ 245,935
Operations	\$ 237,688
Building and Grounds	\$ 195,397
Missions	\$ 242,112

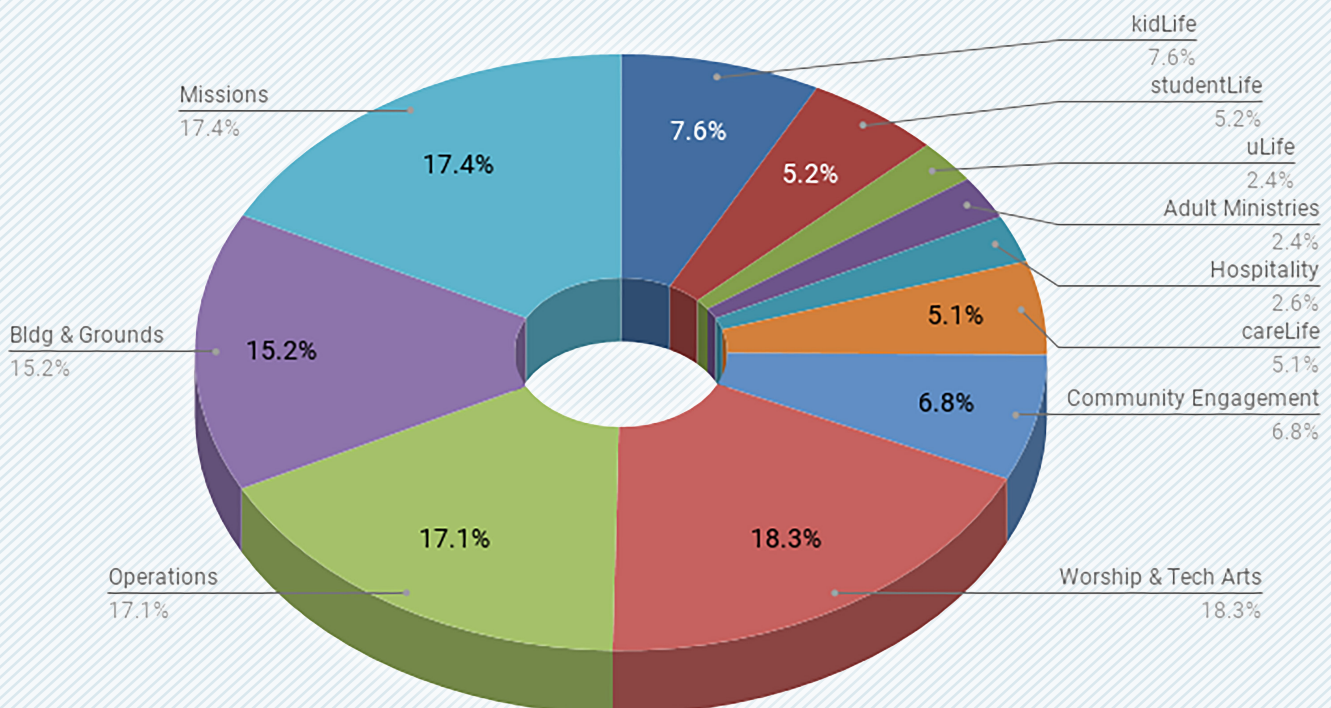
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES \$ 1,350,874

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Department	2017-2018	2018-2019
kidLife	\$ 111,649	\$ 114,495
studentLife	\$ 69,719	\$ 77,506
uLife	\$ 41,941	\$ 35,411
Adult Ministries	\$ 30,097	\$ 35,411
Hospitality	\$ (reallocated)	\$ 38,589
careLife	\$ 56,930	\$ 76,369
Community Engagement	\$ (reallocated)	\$ 102,731
Worship / Technical Arts	\$ 267,016	\$ 275,589
Building / Grounds	\$ 211,134	\$ 227,927
Operations / Administration	\$ 233,406	\$ 257,485
Missions	\$ 250,275	\$ 261,291

TOTAL \$1,400,003 \$1,502,804
(7.3% increase)

DEPARTMENTS AS PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND



MISSIONS BREAKDOWN (2018 / 2019)

Local Missions	Amount	% of Local
Christian Counseling Services	\$10,000	15.2%
Community Compassion Network	\$10,000	15.2%
Goodrow	\$ 1,500	2.3%
Salvation Army	\$ 1,500	2.3%
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,500	2.3%
Care Ministries / Local Missions	\$ 2,000	3.0%
Isabella Non-Profit Center	\$ 8,000	12.1%
Life Choices of Central Michigan	\$10,000	15.2%
Kids Hope	\$10,000	15.2%
Youth for Christ	\$ 5,000	7.6%
Young Life	\$ 5,000	7.6%
Gideons	\$ 1,500	2.3%

Local Total **\$66,000** 48% Local

Global Missions		% of Global
Orchard Africa	\$10,000	16.7%
Samaritan's Purse	\$10,000	16.7%
Widows Might	\$10,000	16.7%
Fred & Lili Phelps	\$10,000	16.7%
Dave & Debbie Walker	\$10,000	16.7%
Discovery Church	\$10,000	16.7%

Global Total **\$60,000** 44% Global

Discretionary Mission Funds		% of Discretionary
Missions Support	\$ 9,619	90.6%
Missions Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000	9.4%

Discretionary Total **\$ 10,619** 8% Discretionary

Missions Grand Total **\$136,619**

MISSION:

Leading people into a focused life with Jesus Christ.

VISION STATEMENT:

Together on purpose.

VALUES:

- Unconditional Love
- Empowered Living
- Healthy Families
- Intentional Discipleship
- Community Impact



DIRECTOR UPDATES



Eric Barz
Business Manager

This year has been one of change for Community Church and for me personally. From May to December, we worked hard within the Worship Arts Department to continue to create engaging, Christ centered, experiences of worship. Along with our Pastors and teaching team, we developed 12 distinct preaching series and our amazing volunteers served diligently and went above and beyond by seamlessly taking on the addition of a third service in October.

The end of 2017 brought lots of change as I made the transition to the Operations team as Business Manager. In this short amount of time we have seen an incredible transformation of the Lobby, guided by some incredible leadership from volunteers and supported by our Facilities Team. We have also seen the church continue to grow numerically and have watched as the Lord's favor, the generosity of the congregation, and the stewardship of our staff team helped Community Church to be in a position of incredible financial health.



Amy Durfee
Director of kidLife

kidLife had a fantastic ministry year with almost 600 kids at VBS Ultimate Voyage and over 300 volunteers. Everyone at VBS heard all about Jesus' life and miracles and that Jesus loves us. Hundreds of children made decisions to be Christ followers!

Adding an additional service was a challenge that many new volunteers joined in to help us with. We now regularly see over 300 children, nursery through 6th grade, each Sunday. Bridge 56 had some big changes this year and we now have new volunteers teaching the 5th and 6th graders and leading their small groups. We have seen a better transition from kidLife to studentLife this year with 6th graders able to participate in both.

kidLife had 4 Family Fun Nights that included a Fall Festival with about 200 people, 2 movie nights, and a Family Fun Breakfast on the Farm with close to 200 people to get excited about VBS 2018 Sonshine Farm.

A highlight of this year was the Core Retreat in August 2017 where almost 30 6th and 7th graders came to CranHill Ranch overnight to be encouraged in their faith and to join in the life of the church.

This upcoming ministry year kidLife plans family nights, encouragement for parents as the number one spiritual influence in their child's life, another Core Retreat, kids growing spiritually on Sundays and unreached kids finding the hope of Jesus.



Aaron Mora
Director of Community Engagement

My role provides leadership for our core groups ministry as well as oversight of the communications for the church. Our groups ministry is the primary method by which people engage the church and are actively disciplined. Thanks to an incredible team of group leaders, Community Church continues to be a place where many have come to know Christ and grow in their faith. The primary goal of our groups ministry is to allow people to experience and live out a focused life centered on Jesus. This year we have been focused on developing our discipleship pathway. We will continue to develop our group strategy which will lead to an increasing number of people getting plugged into community and moving toward following Jesus more fully. Our Community Groups continue to focus on three primary areas: worship, discipleship, and mission.

Language develops culture. How our church communicates about faith, ministry, and discipleship determines how effective we will be as we pursue our mission of leading people into a focused life with Jesus Christ. This past year we shared more stories of God at work in our midst. We will continue to provide resources and information that eliminate barriers to engaging people and make it as easy as possible to discover and get plugged in at Community Church.



Jeff Huisjen
Director of studentLife

This year has been an exciting year for studentLife! We expanded our program to include 6th grade students and that addition, coupled with some programming changes, has increased the feeling of energy and fun at studentLife! In the midst of fun and excitement we've also seen God moving in powerful ways in our students' lives. Over the course of the year we've dived into questions about what a true Jesus culture looks like both at studentLife at the church, we've challenged each other to be disciples in the very truest sense of the word, and we've evaluated our relationships in order to better align them with God's design for us.

studentLife is constantly seeking to engage our students and build a Christ focused community for them to belong to. We've continued our rhythm of events that happen outside of our normal Sunday nights and continue to emphasize small groups as a key part of our program. Pairing these smaller events with our larger trips: OneEighty Winter Retreat, Still: High School Retreat, Mission: Grand Rapids, and the Core Retreat have allowed us celebrate what God has been doing in our lives and community, while simultaneously seeking God's heart for us and the world around us.

This summer studentLife will continue building community and seeking God with events that range from After-VBS connections, to Mission: Lansing for the middle school students, and Mission: Chicago for the high school students. It's been a great year at studentLife and we are expectantly looking forward to what God has in store for us!



Kim McBryde
Director of Care Ministries

This year we launched a new ministry called the Care Store which provides personal and household care items (items not eligible for retail purchase with a Bridge Card) to individuals in need who have earned Care Bucks from local human services agencies. The Care Store is located in the William Strickler Non Profit Center on High Street in Mount Pleasant along with three other agencies (The CCN Food Pantry, Clothing INC, and the Isabella County Restoration House/Rotating Homeless Shelter).

To date, the Care Store has served approximately 550 individuals/families since it opened in October 2017. This equals over 1000 Care Store visits with approximately 1200 professional referrals from partner agencies.

Many groups in the community have donated over \$20,000 worth of items. These groups include Mount Pleasant Community Church, Sacred Heart School, People Helping People/Max & Emily's, Martha & Mary Group at First United Methodist Church (Mt. Pleasant), The Downstairs Salon & Boutique, iRide (Isabella County Transportation Commission), Victory Church, SingleSource plus many other individuals. We are also able to purchase some items thanks to a grant from the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation.

Reactions of guests who have used the Care Store: "I'm so grateful for the Care Store. I didn't know where I was going to get toilet paper this week." "Jesus knew I needed those!" "Thank you for not treating me like I am a pauper." "The ladies at the Care Store have shown me more care and concern than my own family."

This outreach as a service to people who are struggling in our community is a great example of Community Church "Going and Living It Out".



Marc Knudson
Director of Adult Ministries

This has been a great year of refreshing the focus for uLife, our college ministry. Along with the help of 6 interns, our "Interger" volunteers, and fellow staff, we took on the challenge of bringing uLife to CMU campus this last fall for the entire month of September.

We also participated in several CMU tailgating parties where we distributed over six hundred hot dogs and cold drinks for students and got to share who we were as a ministry and why we were there. So many students were moved that we were giving out free stuff simply because there is a God that loves and cares for them.

Students have been challenged to grow beyond their previous limitations this year. We are striving to make uLife a cultivating ground for building disciples, where there is high invitation and acceptance, but also high challenge to go outside their comfort zones. We've been through a Discipleship series bringing the idea and language of discipleship to the forefront of students' minds and relating it to our church's mission statement of "leading people into a focused life with Jesus Christ." We're excited for the depth of spiritual growth we have seen in this last year and eagerly anticipate there will be more numerical growth as a result of that this coming year.

Momentum, our post-college ministry has been going through some refining this year and we're excited to see some signs of great growth opportunities! We've been regularly getting new people recently showing up each week with the help of advertising. The leadership team has been stepping up in a major way creating events and activities throughout the week and month to help cultivate the sense of community in the group.



Additional Staff Members

We are blessed with an incredible staff that equips and supports our congregation!

Marjie Brownson: Office Administrative Assistant

Allison DuBois: Director of Worship Arts

Lisa Dvorak: Hospitality Coordinator

Deb Fahr: Kids Hope USA Coordinator

Kelsey Goddard: Assimilation Coordinator

Lowell Graham: Facilities

Norm Knott: Facilities

Holly Knudson: kidLife Late Childhood Coordinator / Front Office Assistant

Jenna Larson: studentLife Programming Assistant

Linda Longuski: Facilities

Nancy Reighard: kidLife Early Childhood Coordinator

Claudette Sienkiewicz: Facilities

Melissa Sweet: Kids Hope USA Coordinator

Reese Wickes: Technology Coordinator



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