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A NOTE FROM Pastor Paul

2020 has been a year like no other in most of our lifetimes. Superlatives like “unprecedented” and phrases like “the new normal” have become part of our daily vocabulary. We have experienced quarantine and have become familiar with the practice of “social distancing.”

For fourteen weeks, Madison Park met exclusively online. Even now roughly two thirds of our congregation continue to connect digitally while the rest spread out in the sanctuary each Sunday morning. This phenomenon has given rise to a new buzzword - “phygital.” It refers to the new, and likely lasting, concept of a congregation that is simultaneously gathered physically and digitally.

If you look around the room on Sunday morning or only see our congregation on a screen, it might be easy to wonder about our ongoing impact in the world. Much of the visible evidence of our ministry seems less tangible. Many of our systems of assessment, the measures we use to gauge our missional effect, are impossible to compare to previous years. Perhaps this points out how limited our measurements have always been. Our call is to go and make disciples. How do we accurately measure the extent to which a life is transformed?

On the pages that follow, we attempt to share some information to help provide insight into our ministry impact this past year. Numbers never tell the full story, but they do represent the things that matter: people, relationships, lives. I pray you will be encouraged, as I am, by the stories that are changing us.

We are not the church we once were, nor are we the church we will become. Our call is to be faithful in this moment in time, to love the Lord with all our hearts, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are learning and we are growing in these areas. God is at work, and we are grateful.

You are loved.

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Congregational Care Report

Bereavement Care

by a team of 61 volunteers.
Over 300 meals served,
122 hand-written sympathy
cards received, and
64 families who received
pastoral care.

Meeting Needs

through hospital, nursing home,
and homebound visitation,
Stephen Ministry, service to
widows (MPJ1:27), and telephone
touch. We form relationships,
listen, encourage, and pray!

158 Volunteers

Serving in Congregational Care Ministries

Congregational Care Testimonials

“I love being at our church office...talking to people that call and need things or a person to talk to.”

—Paula Burgan
Volunteer Receptionist

“To me, volunteering is not work; it’s reward. It’s the icing on the cake of Christian service and fellowship! Serving as a small group leader and as part of the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team, has brought joy, great satisfaction and a great sense of belonging to and with the family of God. Being given the opportunity to volunteer at Madison Park Church has enriched my walk with the Lord while giving me the opportunity for a relationship with some of the finest people on earth.”

—Cherie Ritz
PHHS Resource Teacher





2020

A Year for Prayer

Countless prayer requests come in directly by phone where people are connected to pastors and ministry staff.

Dedicated pastor and volunteer teams pray daily for anonymous requests from Celebrate Recovery, illness and hospital reports, and all prayer requests sent to our care team.

Church attendees continue to ask for prayer on service live-streaming platforms where our Online Campus Pastor, Stephanie Collins provides pastoral care and follow-up.

The NextGen team has continued praying fervently for children during quarantine and has connected with volunteers to pray for them as well.

300

Over 300 requests for prayer or connection have come in through our new texting program, launched April 2020.

36

36 prayer requests have been posted to our digital prayer wall on our new church website, launched April of 2020.

Our Worship and Production teams have started gathering as a unified group prior to weekly rehearsal and services to pray for each other and pray for God to take control and be glorified through worship. This has produced a tangible change in the team attitude and atmosphere on Sundays.

We launched 2020 with the series, “Pray First”, which included extra evening prayer services in which many individuals and families participated.

MP Mission Report



770 Hours

**Dedicated by volunteers this year
serving throughout all MP Missions
areas and events.**

Pirate Pantry Testimonial

“The Pirate Pantry has been an invaluable resource for not only providing food to our AIS families, but it has also been a wonderful conduit to building relationships with our students and families. The volunteers from Madison Park are an integral part of this experience for our families. We appreciate MPC very much! Thank you for investing in our school.”

—Julie Russell

Anderson Intermediate School
Social Worker



Community Partner Testimonial

“Working with Madison Park, as a local community partner, has been an absolutely wonderful experience! We have appreciated the flexibility and willingness to share their space, people, volunteers, materials, and overall resources with local community projects and programs. Without their help and strong partnership, many of our goals and aspirations would not have been met for providing available resources to those in need over the last year.”

—Chelsie Jaramillo
Purdue Extension





MP Mission Report

Celebrate Recovery

- Weekly attendance average:
 - **64 adults** and **9 kids** (prior to Covid)
 - **33 adults** and **5 kids** (following Covid)
- Completion of Journey Begins program:
 - **76 adults**
- **276 Sobriety tokens** and coins celebrated

DivorceCare

- **12 participants** for Fall 2019 session
- **8 participants** for Spring 2020 session

Foster and Adoption Support Ministry

- **4 active foster families** in MPC congregation serving **6 foster children**
- **12 volunteers** trained for Care Communities

Hunger Initiative

- **684 local families** served through Anderson Intermediate School Pirate Pantry and Anderson High School Food Boxes
- **130 unique volunteers**
- **8,000 gallons of milk** distributed to area food pantries and the community in partnership with Purdue Extension
- **2 local partners** utilized fridge and freezer space for overflow donations
- **75 pounds of prepared food** rescued from catered events and distributed to families and community partners

Dove Harbor Prepares to Relaunch

The residential program finished strong by fulfilling our commitments to DH families and providing supportive services to recent graduates. We are actively preparing to relaunch the first of the year.

Dove Harbor will serve women and children for a minimum of 6 months, fostering long-term relationship and life change. The non-residential program will continue providing education in supportive Christ-centered relationships, emphasizing spiritual and emotional wholeness, fostering a healing renewal of faith, responsibility, and the achievement of life goals. Read more [here](#).

Care Kits

75 distributed through Celebrate Recovery, Stripped Love, Operation Love Ministries, THRIVE Coaches, and Anderson High School

Blood Drives

- **4 blood drives** hosted at MPC
- **176 units** collected

Weekly NOW text

57 numbers subscribed

THRIVE

74 individuals and families received financial and employment services from our two THRIVE Coaches.

Worship Report

1,120

Total Weekly Average Attendance

The average weekly attendance includes an increase in online attendance from an average 15 views per week in January of 2020 to approximately 500 views per week in August. Each individual view likely includes multiple family members.

Worship Team Wins

2 identical services created a unified approach toward worship

Partnered with local churches for Outdoor Baptism and other events

Stronger Volunteer Team

- Shared vision
- Removing barriers to worship
- Adding new team members

NEW Role: Production Director, LeMont Marshall

- Upgraded streaming technology
- Improved online worship experience by implementing volunteer producer and director roles and coaching volunteers on camera, audio, & more.
- Continually leads us in how to take our technology into the future to reach our local community and beyond

Worship Testimonial

“My life journey has endured many unlit moments; however, becoming a piece of Madison Park, specifically its worship ministry has revealed a type of luminosity that has transformed me entirely...The Lord uses me to be a living example of His mercy and grace. In a world full of negative disruption, this ministry is my safe place to run to.”

— Emily, Worship Team Member





Connections

149

Volunteers

22

**Decisions for
Jesus**

125

**First time
guests
welcomed and
contacted**

33

**Inquiring to
volunteer**

\$5,710.71

**Raised for Missions
via Holy Grounds**

9/2019-8/2020
(minus 3/2020-7/2020 being
closed due to COVID-19)

1,632

**People contacted
during COVID-19**

Discipleship

30

Baptisms

36

**Community
Groups**

59

**Group
Leaders**

395

**Group
Members**

10

People

who experienced the first round
of a newly implemented 4 session
Discipleship Experience "Engaged"
in February

150

Members

who engage with weekly
messages and questions in the
Madison Park Church Virtual
Community Group

NextGen Report

30

**MP Youth
High School**
Average Sunday
Attendance

24

**MP Youth
Middle School**
Average Sunday
Attendance

117

**MP Kids
(Infant-5th Grade)**
Average Sunday
Attendance

109

**Madison Park
Learning Place**
Kids Served (this includes
our Summer Care Program)

Serving Kids During Quarantine

- Providing activity bags for kids to engage in 'big church'
- Weekly parent enews with Sunday School resources, videos, and more
- Hand-written postcards and letters of encouragement mailed to over 200 kids and teens
- Weekly live teaching videos
- Chalk drawings encouraging kids over the summer
- 9 Kids baptized over the summer
- Weekly zoom calls with Youth
- Restarted MP Youth with successful safety measures in July
- Approximately 30 new guests attended MP Youth



MP Youth Volunteer

"I serve because of the lasting impact that MP Youth has had on my life in middle school and high school. I love spending time with the students getting to know them and being a friendly face they get to see every week. One of my favorite things is watching students have that "aha" moment where they experience God in a new way. No matter what type of week I'm having, showing up on a Sunday night is always a highlight of my week." — Maddie Pleninger



MP Youth Parent

"MP Youth has had a huge, positive impact on my kids. They are growing in their faith because of leaders who love them deeply and encourage them. And they sure adore their leaders. They feel safe to be themselves and are making wonderful friends here. They always look forward to MP Youth and leave with smiles on their faces. I am so thankful to the Lord for bringing us to Madison Park." — Jamie Harstad



MP Kids Parent

"The experience my children have in MP kids is absolutely essential, the hands on activities, the learning of new songs, and the lessons they learn about the Lord will stay with them as they grow. My kids look forward to MP kids very much." — Jeremiah Davis

YOU are the Church.

Here are ways to engage in 2020 and beyond.



PRAY

Our prayers are powerful. They help us see the heart of our Father, who always hears and answers us. Please pray for our pastors, our church, and our community. An easy way to do this is to engage with our [Digital Prayer Wall](#).



CONNECT

The most important thing you could ever give to the family of God is yourself. Find a place to connect that makes sense for you and then invest in relationships, remembering that loving each other well starts by building relationships with each other. Click [here](#) to join a group.



VOLUNTEER

When you serve in Madison Park's ministries and missions, you are being the hands and feet of God to His family and the people He misses most. You grow, others grow, and you make it possible for Madison Park to reach people with the love of God. [Contact us](#) for opportunities to serve.



GIVE

Open-handed living allows us to give and receive blessings from God, knowing that all we have is His. We are on a mission to see lives transformed by Jesus locally, regionally, and internationally and we invite you to prayerfully engage with us to love others no matter what! Click [here](#) to give online.



SHARE

Tell the story of how you see God moving in your life, in Madison Park, and in His church word-wide. Being a missionary isn't reserved for people who move overseas, it is a command for each of us. Be sensitive to the spirit and then be BOLD in sharing the good news of God's power and love!



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NO MATTER WHAT



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