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2018

IMPACT

PEACHTREE ROAD UMC



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THANK YOU

Dear Peachtree Road Church Family,

My mother was a stickler for good manners. She taught us to not wear a hat in the house, to hold the door open for others, and to always say “thank you” when others were kind to you. Today, I write with a heart that is full of gratitude to say “thank you” for the generous way you have shared your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the last year.

As you will discover in the pages of this report, through the ministry of Peachtree Road, lives have been transformed and God’s kingdom has been extended. Thank you! 2018 was a year in which we grew in our devotion to Christ through prayer, extended our outreach ministries in new and creative ways, and retired our church debt. We are a blessed congregation, and I am grateful for you.

This brochure is published to help provide an accounting of the ministry of this congregation — the impact of our ministry as we seek to fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As you read through these pages, know of my gratitude for your support as we nurture one another in the faith, reach out to others with a hope and help, and seek to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. With God’s help, I believe our best days are ahead!

Grace and peace,

Bill Britt, Senior Minister

EVANGELISM

- **8019** MEMBERS
- **4500** ACTIVE MEMBERS
- **222** NEW MEMBERS
- **22** WEDDINGS
- **96** INFANT BAPTISMS
- **5** ADULT BAPTISMS

We made use of the digital billboard just south of the church on Peachtree. We invited those outside our walls to worship services as well as community events such as The Blessing of the Animals, Halloween Extravaganza, and *An Evening with Sandra Stanley*.

EDUCATION

- **1375** Adults in 21 Sunday School classes
- **100** Adults in 6 Disciple classes
- **500** Adults in 23 Small Group Study classes
- **457** Youth in Sunday School & Sunday Night Fellowship
- **500** Children on average in 36 Sunday School classes with 1200 active on the rolls

We invited compelling speakers to discuss relevant topics:

- Rev. Ron Greer’s *Compassion*
- Sandra Stanley’s *Breathe*
- Dr. Jennifer McBride’s *Repentance* (Hoffmann Lecture Series)

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship is the heart and soul of our faith community. Our tradition of worship is strong, and we continually seek ways to make the experience meaningful and relevant to all stages of our church family.

OUR AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN 2018 WAS 1584

- 1454 In-house
- 130 Online

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Our Chancel Choir heightened our worship experience in our traditional Sunday morning worship services. To date, the Chancel Choir has 88 members.
- The PRUMC *Friends of Music* hosted Chanticleer, the world's reigning male chorus, as their annual sponsored concert with 500 guests.
- The Chancel Choir made an historic pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey from July 30 through August 5, serving as the choir in residence. 50 members of the choir shared their musical gifts with people from around the world.
- Our Children and Youth Choir programs included 10 choirs and over 200 singers and bell ringers.
- Doxology Youth Choir hosted the inaugural Youth Choir Festival with Athens FUMC and took their talents across the country on their Pacific Northwest Tour.
- Our 2018 Musical *Step Right Up* highlighted the talents of all of our Children's Choirs.



PRAYER

2018 was a *Year of Prayer* at Peachtree Road, and we were intentional about using this practice to draw us closer to God and to each other.

- 2000 Prayer requests received through traditional channels
- 500 Prayer requests placed on Lenten prayer walls
- 4 Prayer forums
- 1 Prayer workshop
- 1 Prayer vigil
- 5 Lenten prayer walls (1 prayer wall remains available)
- 2 Lenten prayer boxes
- 40 Prayer volunteers during each of our 5 seasons
- 1200 Advent prayer devotionals distributed + online
- 95 Prayer blankets sent to members and around the country

PASTORAL CARE

Our ministers visited those we knew were hospitalized, in rehabilitation, or homebound.

1200 visits were made to our members in need of pastoral care.

PRUMC, along with 7 other congregations in the Buckhead and Midtown communities, formed *Respite Care Atlanta* to serve those with cognitive impairment and their caregivers. This new, volunteer-driven, non-profit provides five hours on weekdays in a safe, stimulating environment for loved ones suffering with forms of dementia. This gives their family caregivers time for self-care — participating in a Bible study, lunch with a friend, running errands, or meeting with a support group. A new website launched in tandem with this initiative: respitecareatlanta.org.

LOCAL OUTREACH

In 2018, our signature events were The Great Day of Service and Christmas Kindness.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

- **5000** Hours of service
- **1000** Volunteers
- **38** Projects
- **26** Years of helping others

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

- **2132** Adults & children received Christmas
- **750** Volunteers
- **28** Agencies assisted
- **\$167,000** Raised to fund program



SPECIAL INITIATIVES

In addition to the events listed above, we were able to contribute to other meaningful ministries and special initiatives:

- We built our 47th Habitat Home.
- We donated 624 bags of groceries and 900 Thanksgiving turkeys to BCM.
- We raised \$23,500 for Covenant House through our *A Just Cause* Golf Tournament. These funds will provide services to youth entering the program.
- We sponsored the Hollis Back to School Open House, provided continuing education and Christmas bags for teachers, STEM Lab supplies and more.
- We lovingly started the Restoration Prison Ministry and sponsored the first family day at Metro Re-entry Center with 1500 participants. Christmas bags were distributed to every returning citizen at Metro Transition and Metro Re-entry facilities.

LENTEN OFFERING HIGHLIGHTS

The inaugural Lenten Offering raised \$335,000 for 15 local outreach partners. A few accomplishments include the following:

- Action Ministries was able to end homelessness for 3 families and offer 1100 hot meals to senior adults.
- Atlanta Police Athletic League was able to offer field trips and outings to keep kids off the streets this summer.
- BeLoved was able to open a new safe home for women rescued from human trafficking.
- Habitat for Humanity was able to confirm our 2018 Build (coming up!) and 2 *Brush with Kindness* projects.
- Hollis Innovation Academy was able to give their teachers gift cards for supplies and Thanksgiving turkeys to student families.
- Trinity Community Ministries was able to house 36 men in their residential recovery center.





GLOBAL MISSIONS

PRUMC had mission teams in the field 9 months in 2018.

185 members and friends served those in great need through global missions trips.

January: <i>Nicaragua</i>	June: <i>Costa Rica</i>
February: <i>Nicaragua</i>	July: <i>Guatemala</i>
March: <i>Kenya</i>	August: <i>Kenya</i>
May: <i>Georgia</i>	October: <i>Georgia</i>
June: <i>Belize</i>	December: <i>Guatemala</i>

SPONSOR A CHILD

In 2018, \$106,000 was raised to sponsor 324 children in the nation of Georgia, providing food, medicine, and clothing.

WATER FOR KENYA

In the past 4 years, PRUMC has raised over \$930,000 for *Water for Kenya*. Over 335,000 people will have 10 years of clean water from the time of their filter distribution.

- 2015 Lanet Goal: \$150,000 | Raised: Over \$180,000
- 2016 Lake Victoria Goal: \$200,000 | Raised: Over \$220,000
- 2017 Rongai Goal: \$240,000 | Raised: Over \$270,000
- 2018 Kabazi Goal: \$240,000 | Raised: Over \$319,000



DOGWOOD SHOP

\$87,986 in initiatives were funded by The Dogwood Gift Shop in the following ways:

\$26,000 | NATION OF GEORGIA

- \$8K - Sponsored 25 children at \$315/year
- \$9K - Renovated vocational training center and lab
- \$9K - Built playground

\$26,000 | KENYA

- \$16K - Provided a year of hot lunches for 400 students
- \$10K - Poured concrete floor at elementary school

\$5,500 | BELIZE

- \$5K - Sponsored two missionaries
- \$500 - Provided safe drinking water for school children

\$8,400 | GUATEMALA

- Built 2 houses with bathrooms (family mission team)

\$18,000 | NICARAGUA

- \$8K - Restored farm workers' cabin
- \$10K - Paid 5 farm workers for summer months to maintain farm during civil unrest

Another \$4,086 was raised for *Water for Kenya* through the sale of Ron Greer's newest book, *The Path of Compassion*.

THE PRESCHOOL

- **343** Children enrolled at The Preschool
- **266** Families enrolled at The Preschool
- **19** Zip codes represented by families at The Preschool

The Preschool had its first ever Capital Campaign to raise money for an indoor Creative Play Space and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Lab in the basement of the Children's Building. The space was completed in December 2018.

The Preschool received another 5-year term of Accreditation through the AdvancEd/SACS organization having met the requirements of the Accreditation Commission.

Andrea Petsche became Director of The Preschool after a year-long, nationwide search. Andrea is successor to Linda Young who retired after 21 years of serving in that role.

The Preschool continued to maintain important, caring partnerships with agencies who serve children in need including Feed My Lambs, PRUMC missions in the nation of Georgia, Tender Care Preschool in Greensboro, Georgia, Murphy-Harpst, and Buckhead Christian Ministry.

The Preschool partnered with Young Harris College by supporting students entering early childhood education and The Adaptive Learning Center.



DROP-IN CHILDCARE

Our Weekday Drop-in Childcare program provided flexible, faith based enrichment for young children (8 weeks - 6 years) year round in 2018:

- **450** Children served
- **278** Families served



SPORTS & RECREATION

- **2733** area households served with youth sports leagues, camps, and classes designed to enrich lives and promote physical, mental and spiritual growth
- **\$35,000+** contributed to church initiatives and operating budget
- **\$10,000+** gifted in charitable contributions





CHILDREN & FAMILIES

In 2018, we hosted and co-sponsored several relevant authors to speak to our families including Terence Chatman, Sissy Goff and David Thomas, and we offered retreats and outreach opportunities for kids and parents to take our faith outside the walls of the church. In addition, we celebrated wonderful growth in our ministries:

- **84** Babies were born into, and celebrated by, our church family last year.
- **93** 3rd graders received the gift of a Bible to begin a lifetime of exploration.
- **100+** Volunteers nurtured our children each Sunday through the Nursery and Elementary Sunday School, and 200+ volunteers nurtured our children throughout the year as Bible Olympics and other leaders.
- **160** Kids and 100 parents discovered that life with God is full of wonder at "Rolling River Rampage" Vacation Bible School.
- **500** Children and parents searched for 6,000 eggs and enjoyed fellowship at our annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- **125** Kids and 65 families created and crafted to begin the season of Advent at our annual workshop.



YOUTH

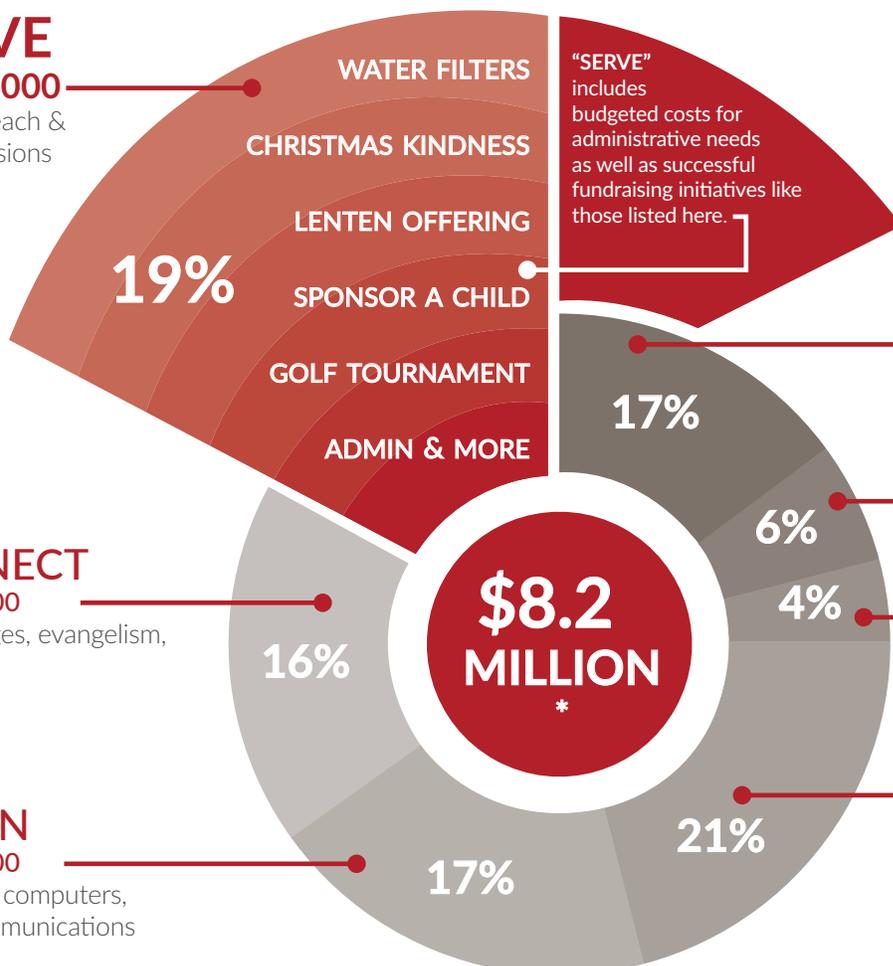
- **102** Youth confirmed
- **186** Youth participated in missions
- **457** Youth served through Sunday School & Sunday Night Fellowship



SERVE

\$1,539,000

local outreach & global missions



"SERVE" includes budgeted costs for administrative needs as well as successful fundraising initiatives like those listed here.

This chart reflects a narrative budget showing comprehensive investment in ministry, including salaries, programming, administration and outreach costs.

WORSHIP

\$1,385,000

worship, adult music, guilds

APPORTIONMENTS

\$538,000

General/NGC Apportionments

NURTURE

\$293,000

sunday school, bible study, forums, prayer, pastoral care

FACILITIES

\$1,706,000

maintenance, buildings & grounds

CONNECT

\$1,326,000

all life stages, evangelism, fellowship

ADMIN

\$1,413,000

IT service, computers, audit, communications

* Percentages on chart have been rounded to whole numbers. Staff salaries are included in the areas they served. 2018 financials will be reviewed by independent auditor Brooks, McGinnis & Co.

Our John Wesley Society Endowment increased from \$2.6M to \$2.8M.

We ended 2018 with a deficit in the budget of \$219,266.

OUR INDEBTEDNESS WAS REDUCED FROM \$3.7M TO \$0!