



## **2017 Congregational Meeting Information Packet**



**Empowered Together**

# Vineyard Church of Marysville Update

August 2017

Hello everyone!

This information packet is designed to give you a brief overview of the ministries of Vineyard Church of Marysville over the past church year (September 2016 – August 2017), as well as a brief overview of where each ministry plans to focus in the church year ahead. Also included below is a brief financial report. Please take time to read through it prior to our Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday, August 27. Please email any questions or comments that come to mind as you read through this packet. Email Erin Wallace at the church office by Wednesday, August 24: [adminassistant@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:adminassistant@vineyardmarysville.org). We will seek to answer these questions during the Annual Congregational Meeting, along with providing further opportunity for Q & A near the end of the worship service.

## Overall Direction of Pastoral Team

Steve Wood, Senior Pastor

As you probably know, we are in an extended season of pastoral transition. We are in the middle of a five year plan in which I transition from senior pastor to an associate role. Conrad will be stepping into the lead role as we progress. This transition will be complete by the end of 2020. Jerry will continue serving in the combined role of discipleship pastor and in providing business oversight of the church.

We are committed to developing team ministry in every area of the church, and this includes the pastoral team. Our goal is to utilize the unique Holy Spirit gifting of each member of our pastoral team. Being *empowered together* is our ongoing theme. I have been taking the summer season to prayerfully seek to identify my focus as we move forward. While nothing is set in stone as of yet, I will share the basics of my role moving forward.

I will continue to be a part of the regular preaching/teaching team. This is one of my primary gifts and I am blessed to be used in this way. I will also continue to be involved in coaching and encouraging the upcoming preachers in our midst.

One significant change for me includes a renewed focus on the counseling ministry. This was something the Lord clearly told me to limit over the past years, but with Conrad and Jerry on board, I have sensed the release to re-engage this ministry. My counseling time will primarily

focus on marriage counseling. I will work to develop a team of others to engage and grow this ministry and ultimately to carry on in the years ahead when I will do less. Together with that team we will design a series of resources developing a coordinated and effective program consistent with our distinctive values as a church. This ministry will also generate some income to help offset the expense of our expanding pastoral team.

Along with other team members I plan to focus on targeted small group “mini-seminars”, generally in the 6 week range. Topics could include but not be limited to: marriage enrichment, parenting, conflict management, overcoming addiction, concerns of aging/caregiving, money management, blended family issues, finding balance in an out-of-balance world, etc. I would also like to periodically do an outreach-focused small group: “Finding Your Way Back to God”, “Exploring Faith”, etc.

I also would like to devote energy to some level of involvement in worship ministry. I don’t have a desire to lead a team at this point, but rather simply be available to help fill in gaps of need and support current team leaders.

Finally, I want to have some level of involvement in ministry to elderly in care facilities. I don’t know at this point what my involvement may look like, but the stirring continues in my heart and I think it is God inviting me to consider something in that regard.

I hope this brief overview helps you to engage the blessing God has in store for us in the year ahead. I trust you will be blessed as you read below the many good things God is already doing and will continue to do.

*Steve Wood*  
*Senior Pastor, Vineyard Church of Marysville*

## A New Season of Ministry

Conrad Esh, Associate Pastor

Approximately 25 years ago, I sensed a specific calling from God to pastor His church. Even now, this sense of call, this “divine nudge”, continues to captivate my heart. I love the church! I still think the local church (when it’s working right) is the hope of the world! Even though I’m fully aware of the challenges of pastoring in the 21st century, there’s nothing I would rather do. I can’t think of anything that would bring me greater joy or a greater sense of fulfillment than serving God’s people in this way.

There’s a number of reasons why I’m excited about this new season of ministry:

*First*, my family is in a place where we feel more at home and settled than we have felt in quite some time. We are here. Living in Marysville, Ohio. We are allowing our roots to dig deeper and deeper into local soil. We are here and ready to minister long-term. With that said, people are going to have to get used to seeing our faces!

*Secondly*, I love pastoring in the context of a team of pastors. I’m very excited to continue to work with both Steve Wood and Jerry Poe, and I hope to continue to pastor alongside of them into the future. Additionally, my wife Vicki has been feeling that God might be leading her to preach and pastor as well. I couldn’t be more happy about this! Vicki has the God-given gifts to strengthen our church and grow our fellowship beyond what I could do without her. I love to see her in the preaching rotation more and more, along with having additional opportunities for the pastoral oversight of various areas. She is a very strong and courageous leader in the kingdom of God; we complement each other in so many ways.

*Thirdly*, I’m thankful for what the Lord has already instilled in our local congregation. I love the vision to *walk out ordinary life with God, one another and the world around us!* I love that we are growing as a relational church (learning to do life together) and growing as a missional people (learning to care for those outside the four walls of the church)! As a relational-missional people, we can bring the kingdom of God into our neighborhoods. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to love those who are hurting, broken, disillusioned and marginalized. We can share the kindness of Jesus with the world, and that includes our neighbor who lives directly across the street. I can’t wait to see what the Lord continues to do through our church! Let’s journey together; let’s become *empowered together!*

Conrad Esh

Associate Pastor, Vineyard Church of Marysville

# Ministry Team Updates

August 2017



## Administrative Office

In addition to assisting the pastors and church leaders with their administrative needs, over the past year I've secured a grant to fund the purchase of two new defibrillator units, helped create brochures for the individual ministry teams, helped distribute \$7,000 in compassion funds, updated the directory, and directly oversaw janitorial services (including hiring our new cleaner, Ashley Sadlier-Walling). I am always looking for new ways to help and strengthen our church and church family and love to hear your suggestions. I look forward to continuing to serve the church in the upcoming year.

*Contact Erin Wallace, Administrative Assistant: [adminassistant@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:adminassistant@vineyardmarysville.org)*



## Building Management

Our 2017 projects have taken many avenues. One of which is the renovation of the Kid's Zone classrooms. We put in new flooring and fresh paint, along with installing televisions and purchasing activity tables for the children's ministry. Future plans include renovating the floor of the 3-6 grade room, which completes the classroom renovation. Other projects on the planning table for the future: Renovation of the sanctuary to include the seating, new carpet, painting, and architecture designs. The renovation will also be extended to the foyer and will include new doors, architecture designs, carpeting, and painting.

*Contact Jerry Poe, Discipleship Pastor: [jerrypoe@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:jerrypoe@vineyardmarysville.org)*



## Children's Ministry

Our children's ministry, called Kids Zone, is now split into 10 divisions: Nursery Team, Preschool Team, K-2nd Grade Team, 3rd-6th Grade Team, Craft Team, Kiosk Team, Birthday Team, Hospitality Team, Design Group Team, Events Coordinator. Team Leaders have been added to oversee these 10 divisions. The Children's Ministry is now staffed with 53 volunteers serving our children and the Lord.

The following updates have been implemented: Renovation of the Preschool and K-2 rooms now have colorful flooring and walls and introducing new Technology for our children to learn from the Media Center – Good morning interaction, Worship interaction, Prayer, Scripture Lessons, and faith movies along with added new equipment and new materials to mirror the

scripture lessons. A choice of seating is now being introduced for our children's Learning experience called flexible concept. Preschool Teams are now on a 5-6-week rotation and teach both services. K-2nd Grade and 3rd-6th Grade are on a 4-week rotation and teach both services. Kiosk Team is also on a 4-week rotation. Nursery is presently on a 4-week rotation and a Media Center is now in operation for viewing the worship and message. New exciting developments are planned in the next few months for a new concept of age appropriate design and layout for the nursery. God continues to grow this ministry and feed the teams with His grace, joy, satisfaction, and provide an abundance of knowledge and leadership and dedication for a growing, loving, learning environment. Children are a blessing from the Lord, we want to provide an environment in which children are safe, are taught at an age appropriate level, and are encouraged to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Contact Connie Poe, Children's Ministry Leader: [jerconaman@aol.com](mailto:jerconaman@aol.com)*



### **Connections Ministry**

The Connections Ministry makes sure our church is reaching out to our Vineyard guests. We serve our guests through providing welcome packets on Sunday morning, along with emails and notes of encouragement throughout the week. We also have quarterly *Vineyard Welcome Evenings*, giving newcomers an opportunity to hear directly from our pastors about our history, vision and values. Additionally, we're also putting a plan into action to provide helpful brochures in the foyer. These brochures will help link church attenders to all of the Vineyard serving opportunities and small groups. Join us in prayer that more and more people discover a relationship with Jesus and get meaningfully connected into the life of our church.

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### **Discipleship Ministry**

Discipleship is available to anyone who would like to grow close to Jesus. We offer a discipleship class meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM with seven members. We are currently about to begin the third book of the discipleship series "Come Follow Me." Feedback for the series has been overwhelmingly positive; we each have noticed growth in ourselves and each other and look forward to attending class each Wednesday night (really!). We have become a family as we have grown as disciples of Christ and look forward to bringing others into our group. In addition, we are beginning a mentoring ministry open to anyone who desires having or being a mentor. If you are interested in any of these programs you are encouraged to speak to our discipleship pastor, Jerry Poe.

*Contact Jerry Poe, Discipleship Pastor: [jerrypoe@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:jerrypoe@vineyardmarysville.org)*



### **Family Life Ministry**

The Family Life Ministry had a great start last summer with *The Amazing Race*. We are kicking off the new year with an old fashioned ice cream social in September. There will also be a Family Feud game night during the winter quarter that will be a great opportunity for families to have some fun and friendly team competition. The goal this year is to plan activities that families can enjoy together as well as providing opportunities for fellowship and spiritual principles that support the hard work of parenting today. We look forward to a fun and fruitful year.

*Contact Mandy Reymann, Family Life Ministry Leader: [mandyr@deltagamma.org](mailto:mandyr@deltagamma.org)*



### **Hospitality Ministry**

Hospitality Ministry is all about welcoming people to our church. We are always looking for those that want to become more involved, both for first and second service: (1) We have greeters, who hand out church bulletins for our services and collect tithes and offerings. (2) We also have people who prepare and serve the coffee for those who come to church on Sundays. And, (3) we have volunteers who help serve communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. If you're interested in any of these three areas please let us know!

*Contact Judy Michael, Hospitality Team Leader: [judymichael1028@outlook.com](mailto:judymichael1028@outlook.com)*



### **Marriage Ministry**

This year, our marriage ministry focused on relationships of couples. We did this through date night packets, a *Weekend to Remember* Marriage Getaway, and the *Art of Marriage* video series. We also provided marriage advice and enrichment on request. Pray that God would protect and bless the marriages in our church. Pray also that we can continue to come along side couples and provide Godly resources that will help them as they journey together.

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### **Men's Ministry**

The Vineyard men's ministry started a couple new groups this year: one group meets Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am at the church, and the other meets Thursday nights at Mark Watson's

house at 7:00 pm. We also had a group meeting on Thursday afternoons at 4:00, but this group is currently not meeting. In addition to men's meetings, we went bowling together and we had our annual men's retreat.

As for the future of this ministry, it is time to have some new ideas as this ministry is in transition. I (Tim Wallace) have also taken on some new areas of service this past year with my wife Erin. Therefore, i will be stepping down as leader of the men's ministry. I will continue to be a part of this group and i will help the new leader in any way that i can. Please pray for this ministry and for the new leadership that the Lord will provide. Pray that our men can gather in various ways to strengthen and encourage each other.

*Contact Steve Wood, Senior Pastor (Transition): [stevewood@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:stevewood@vineyardmarysville.org)*



### **Missions Ministry**

We are becoming a globally-minded people, with a concentrated effort on Cambodia. The two focuses for this work: (1) *Supporting Asia's Hope*, which is an organization that provides family-style care for orphaned children at high risk of sexual and economic exploitation. This year, we sent our first team of 6 people to Cambodia, serving with Asia's Hope (June 30 - July 16). We also raised money to support 11 orphans who are ready to attend university! (2) *Participating in the Cambodia Mission Partnership*, which we joined in January 2016. Through this partnership, we help support the pastors of the seven Vineyard churches in Cambodia.

*Contact Conrad Esh, Associate Pastor: [conradesh@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:conradesh@vineyardmarysville.org)*



### **Outreach Ministry**

We believe that God's people are called to get outside the four walls of the church facility and take the gospel to the streets. We have been in the community, passing out water and freeze pops at the July 4th parade. We also had lunch in the park this summer, offering free lunch for our neighbors and had a great time. We need prayer for an upcoming outreach in September as we are going to step out of our comfort zone. We are planning on once a week going into the streets of Marysville and talking to people about Jesus, offering to pray for them. This is what I (Peggy) have felt God calling us to do all along. This past year and a half has been building up to this point. Pray for us to be bold in Jesus name and for God to direct our steps. The Lord has people that he has already put in place for us.

*Contact Peggy Poling, Outreach Ministry Leader: [p-poling58@hotmail.com](mailto:p-poling58@hotmail.com)*





## **Prayer Ministry**

Over the past year, our prayer ministry team has focused on praying for the global church and for the lost. We have spent time encouraging the church to focus on praying for personal connection to God. We did this through emphasizing prayer and fasting during the Lent season. We also challenged the church to connect to the heart of God through praying for the Muslim population during the season of Ramadan. Additionally, we have focused on also lifting up the persecuted church and have attempted to educate our local body by informing them of the struggles and triumphs of the global church.

We would like prayer for our group. Pray that we would encounter the heart of God and lean on Him for direction as a team. We would also ask you to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to be released in our church family!

*Contact Eric Snook, Prayer Ministry Leader: [ericSnook15@yahoo.com](mailto:ericSnook15@yahoo.com)*



## **Safety Ministry**

The church received a grant which enabled the purchase of two defibrillators that are now available if the need arises. We have had several members that have needed to step down due to other ministry/personal requirements. The Safety Team would love to have new members join us, please see Pastor Jerry or Jason Miller to answer your questions. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding to the changes implemented over the past year to make our church family a little safer. If you ever have a safety concern or question, please feel free to bring it to our attention.

*Contact Jason Miller, Safety Team Leader: [jlmemt@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmemt@hotmail.com)*



## **Small Groups**

Vineyard Small Groups offer a wonderful opportunity to do life together. We currently have approximately 12 groups that meet throughout the week. We worship, study the Bible, and enjoy Christian fellowship in a smaller setting. We recognize that, in a larger church, it is sometimes difficult to get connected in a meaningful way. We also recognize we were not created to experience life alone. We were created by God to thrive in community with other believers. Join us in prayer that more and more people would get assimilated into a small group and discover the richness of God's love in community!

*Steve Wood, Senior Pastor: [stevewood@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:stevewood@vineyardmarysville.org)*



## **Sound & Media Ministry**

Since I started leading the Media team in January, we retired a struggling member of the team, the computer, with a new one which operates much better. Unfortunately, it took a few months to bring it up to par with the old one so thank you all for pushing through the technical difficulties with us. We've now added a few more members to our team (yes they're real people) who are all doing very well on learning both the Slides and Sound system, so a big shout out to them! We will continue to cross train people on both systems so we have a core group of 10 people who can fully operate everything in the media booth. Please pray for 3-4 more consistent once-a-month-er volunteers. Please also pray that our volunteers have a mindset and heart to learn and execute well in order to provide the full congregation with a seamless experience that doesn't distract them from their time with the Lord.

*Contact Jacob Alber, Sound & Media Ministry Leader: [JacobAlber8@gmail.com](mailto:JacobAlber8@gmail.com)*



## **West Central Ministry**

Miracles! It's a privilege to be a part of God's kingdom work. Those people that take part in the West Central Correctional Community Facility ministry will tell you, "it's an awesome experience to see Jesus work His miracle of salvation in men and women who are completely broken. To be engaged with this ministry brings a joy that only the Holy Spirit can bring because of the transformation of lives that He extends to the residents at WCCCF." The residents at WCCCF crave a way out of a lifestyle of grief, despair, and addictions. When God's people serve Him in bringing the hope of Jesus, lives are changed. No special skills are necessary, just a willing spirit. Our church has had the opportunity to minister to West Central residents each third Sunday of the month. If you are interested in this ministry, we would love to get you involved.

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## **Women's Ministry**

Our women's ministry involves two Women's Retreats. One is held in the spring the Saturday after Easter (as long as Easter is in April; if in March we'll hold it the first Saturday in April. The other retreat is held in September or October depending on the availability of rooms. We have

been very successful with our retreats and urge all that are able to attend. Our fall retreat is Oct. 20-22, 2017.

*Contact Judy Michael, Women's Ministry: judymichael1028@outlook.com*



### **Worship Ministry**

This past year, our two worship teams have focused on moving the congregation to a deeper level of worship. We focused on songs that glorify Him in a more intimate way. Songs that speak directly to the Lord and not just about Him. If you have interest in being on a worship team or growing as a worship leader, please contact one of our worship team leaders. Ask God to continue to take us deeper in worship, unhindered before the Lord.

*Contact Leslee Carson, Worship Team Leader: leslee.carson15@gmail.com*

*Vicki Esh, Worship Team Leader: eshvicki@gmail.com*



### **Youth Ministry**

This year, our youth group has grown as more of the students have brought their friends and family. Most of what we do is seen in the weekly meetings of the group. As the students have become more comfortable with one another and with us, they have begun to grow accustomed to prayer, scripture reading, and discussion. We have seen huge growth in many of the kids who have been with us for a long time, particularly in the area of prayer. There has also been evident change as we have tried to create a culture of love and respect in the group.

Our prayer requests are twofold: First, we want to see continued growth in both numbers and spiritual maturity. Secondly, we would like your prayers for the incoming youth as they are joining this unfamiliar culture of respect in a world that is ceaselessly hostile to them.

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## Financial Overview Year-to-Date

August 2017

<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan - Jul 2017</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
Contributions Main Service	163,297.53	137,637.50	25,660.03	235,950.00
Restricted Contributions	18,922.37	869.00	18,053.37	18,523.50
Counseling (pass through item)	.00	190.00	-190.00	190.00
Interest Earned	17.80	13.90	3.90	21.40
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>182,237.70</b>	<b>138,710.40</b>	<b>43,527.30</b>	<b>254,684.90</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Total wages & benefits	98,378.31	98,089.35	288.96	168,153.00
Total ministry expenses	25,551.41	30,355.95	-4,804.54	52,038.00
Total property expenses	13,498.11	16,105.95	-2,607.84	27,610.00
Total general overhead	4,096.21	4,550.10	-453.89	7,800.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>141,524.04</b>	<b>149,101.35</b>	<b>-7,577.31</b>	<b>255,601.00</b>

**Total General Fund Bank Accounts as of July, 31, 2016:                   \$90,535.36**

**Note:** A full accounting of our financial records are available for your review should you have questions or concerns. Contact: Steve Wood [stevewood@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:stevewood@vineyardmarysville.org)