



**VINEYARD MARYSVILLE**

**2021 Congregational Meeting  
Information Packet**





## Vineyard Marysville Update

June 2021

Hello everyone!

This information packet is designed to give you a brief overview of the ministries of Vineyard Marysville over the past church year (July 2020 – June 2021), as well as a brief overview of where each ministry plans to focus during the coming year. Also included is a brief financial report. Please take time to read through the contents of this packet, and don't hesitate to email any questions or comments that come to mind. Email Erin Wallace at the church office: [adminassistant@vineyardmarysville.org](mailto:adminassistant@vineyardmarysville.org). We will seek to answer your questions either during the Annual Congregational Meeting, or one of our pastors will connect with you after the time together.

### Coming Together with Expectation

Conrad Esh, Lead Pastor

Hello church! There are two things that have been surfacing in my mind regularly in recent days: (1) To gather again with God's people, and (2) as we gather, to pray for a powerful move of God in our church context.

*First of all, let's talk about gathering.*

I can't emphasize this enough, but I believe it's vitally important that we gather again for Sunday worship with the larger church family. We all know that sometimes we feel like coming to church and sometimes the feelings just aren't there. Yet, we can choose to come as an act of the will. Not because we feel like it but because we know we need it. For as we assemble, the Lord meets us, strengthens us, encourages us, heals us. That is why we're calling people back to the basics of our Sunday morning experience.

We're also calling people back to the basics of meeting with a small group, whether it's meeting with a SKG or connecting in an evening small group. SKGs (or Small Kingdom Groups) are groups of 3-5 people of the same gender who touch base every week and discuss what God is doing in their lives. Small groups, on the other hand, are groups of approximately 5-15 people who generally meet in homes for relationship building, Bible discussion, and prayer for one another. Whether you join an SKG or connect with a small group or do both, we need these group

experiences to help accelerate our growth in Jesus! Much like with services, sometimes you will feel like attending small group and other times the feelings might not be there yet, we choose to keep attending as an act of the will. Not because we feel like it but because we need it. This is how we grow in Jesus! Therefore, we're calling people back to small group experiences.

In addition to Sunday services and small groups, we also want to gather simply for the joy of being together. Let's make excuses to celebrate and party together, to have meals in each other's backyards, to have picnics at the park, to go for hikes in the woods, or play board games in each other's living rooms. Let's come up with excuses to meet simply for the joy of being together. For even in these situations, we invite Jesus into relationships and we create space for God to knit hearts together.

*Then, as we gather like this, let's pray for a move of God in our church.*

Remember when the Holy Spirit first fell on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2? The people were all together in one place when they heard the sound of a violent wind from heaven. They were all together in a house when they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all together in one place when they were suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit.

Remember also when the church came together to pray in Acts chapter 4? They were all together in one place when the building they were in was shaken. They were all together in one place when they received a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.

Therefore, as we begin to gather again, let's pray for and expect a move of God. In every place we assemble, let's ask for God to pour out his Holy Spirit upon us! Like the 19<sup>th</sup> century evangelist DL Moody has said, "Now, what we want is a fresh supply, a fresh anointing, and fresh power, and if we seek it, and seek it with all our hearts, we will obtain it." Let's pray for a move of God in our church like never before – a fresh supply, a fresh anointing and fresh power from heaven! And we will certainly obtain it as the church comes together in this way!

*Conrad Esh  
Lead Pastor, Vineyard Marysville*

## Overcoming Challenges

Vicki Esh, Associate Pastor

What a year this has been! I cannot recall a more complex season of ministry than the one we have experienced in the last 18 months. Conrad and I, along with the elder team, have worked hard to stay informed on all things Covid-19, and to develop policies that we felt would best serve the church. We appreciate all of you who have offered your support and encouragement to us. This has not been easy! We are so pleased to see so many people coming back to church as the vaccine numbers have gone up and cases are trending down. It feels good to be back together again!

Covid aside, my biggest challenge in the life of the church this year has been leading the worship ministry. Deral, Leslee, and Abby have all been major contributors to the music teams for many years, so it was a huge loss when they all left to pursue ministry opportunities elsewhere. This loss required us to hit the “reset” button on how we have been structuring the teams. True to character, and with perfect timing, God orchestrated new musicians and technicians to come forward! This has been a huge relief to me and I am so, so grateful for the hard work the worship team has put in. Along with the changes to the team, we are making some changes to the equipment. We are upgrading much of the sound equipment we have been using for years, and moving toward a digital and wireless system. You may have already noticed improvement in the quality of sound as we have begun to implement these changes.

In addition to my church responsibilities, I have continued to serve on the Multiply Vineyard Small Town Team. This team interacts with those who are planting churches in smaller communities and provides resources to address the unique challenges of ministering in small towns. I have written several articles for this team, all of which were published by Vineyard Digital Media. The article I wrote on pastors and mental health was especially popular on their website. We believe this is an indication of just how many pastors were struggling with depression and anxiety during this pandemic. Taking care of our emotions and our mental health is really important!

On a personal note, our family has experienced major changes in our household. Bryn and Lydia graduated from high school and each took a gap year. Bryn spent 6 months in Mexico, and Lydia is just finishing up her time in Philadelphia. Both girls have had great experiences and are now looking ahead at the next steps for them. Ellie has continued to thrive at Bunsold Middle School, where she is in the band and on the soccer team. She has been my best source for sermon illustrations this year!

I am excited as I look ahead to the coming year, and I anticipate great things from God. As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people in our congregation.

*Vicki Esh,  
Associate Pastor, Vineyard Marysville*

# Ministry Team Updates

May 2021

## **Administrative Office**

In addition to assisting the pastors and church leaders with their administrative needs, over the past year I've served on the team that prepared the church for the pandemic, worked with Conrad, Vicki, the elders, and Debbie Case to keep our church members connected (using Facebook, The Digital Bulletin, and in 2020, a weekly newsletter). Once I was back in the office, I helped create brochures for the individual ministry teams and small groups. I'm also currently working on a series of brochures, along with Conrad, that explain what Vineyard Marysville believes pertaining to various biblical topics. Additionally, I've worked closely with Debbie Case and Rose Nicol in implementing the use of Planning Center, a very functional suite of church management software. I oversaw janitorial service and worked closely with our excellent cleaning person, Wilma Miller. I remained in office through the majority of the pandemic, only staying home during quarantine. I also take notes during all Elder and Leadership Community (LC) meetings. I'm 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**

I (Steve Wood) have recently turned the point position on maintenance ministry over to Matt Smith. Matt is and will continue to do a great job.

*Contact Matt Smith, Founding Pastor, Building Manager: [smithiematt@aol.com](mailto:smithiematt@aol.com)*

## **Children's Ministry**

This past year was an interesting one for all of us! We shut down our Children's Ministry in March 2020 and from there, I scrambled to find ways to still reach out to the children. My heart broke for the kids and not being able to reach them the ways I would have liked. This was a struggle. Some things that we implemented during that time was the reading of children's stories during the Sunday morning service, which ended up being a hit with members of all ages! Until we were back in person at church, I made weekly lesson videos for the children to view online. I also made activity packets for the children that were in person at church and continue to do so for those that are staying in the service. March 2021 came and we were finally able to be back together downstairs with the children!!! We rebranded the children's

ministry and are now calling it Kingdom Kids. Currently, we have one class with Kindergarteners to 6th graders and, this past month, we have restarted the 3-5 year old class!!! We have 9 amazing volunteers for our K-6 class and have 5 volunteers lined up for the younger class. We are looking for 2 more co-teachers for the 3-5 year olds to be able to have it fully staffed. Since opening, we have been studying the foundations of faith and digging deep into who God really is. I look forward to the rest of this year and watching our children grow!!!

*Contact Brittney Planck, Children's Ministry Leader: cbplanck09@gmail.com*



### **Congregational Care Ministry**

A team has been formed that consists of Becky Lucas, Sue Lee, Colleen Wood, Lisa Highberger, Bev Mackey, Denise Mast, Erin Wallace, and Debbie Case. Debbie, Conrad, & Erin meet monthly to review our newly developed "Touch Point" report that was created in order to keep track of those with whom we have made connections. The team will either mail a card, email, text, call, or make a personal visit (if possible) to continue communications. It's a way to try and make sure that no one is "left behind" and people's needs are being met. Based on any feedback from these communications, a follow up for Pastors Conrad & Vicki, or an Elder team member, may be assigned.

*Contact Debbie Case, Congregational Care Leader: dcase757@embarqmail.com*



### **Connections Ministry**

The Connections Team's main functions are to: 1) provide a warm welcoming presence to our new Sunday visitors, and 2) help new attendees connect to other people in the church, small groups or SKGs, and other ministries of Vineyard Marysville. We do this through our Welcome Team volunteers, who are in the church lobby every Sunday with the specific intent of being available for newcomers and visitors, and through our (first Sunday of each month) Coffee and Connections meeting, where church leaders spend time answering questions and getting to know our newcomers. We continue to see a good steady flow of new people visiting each Sunday, and are excited about God calling more and more people to connect here at Vineyard Marysville. Thankful for a good group of volunteers giving of their time to this ministry, and thankful when we see our current members reach out in friendly welcome to our visitors!

*Denise Mast, Connections Team leader: denisemast@yahoo.com*



## **Hospitality Ministry**

The hospitality ministry was on hold most of 2021 due to Covid restrictions until the Sunday after Easter. April 11<sup>th</sup> saw the return of the coffee bar. Mandy took it on for April to get it back up and running making sure we had supplies and organizing it after a year+ hiatus. It was greeted with enthusiastic support in both services. We are now fully staffed with 4 volunteers taking a Sunday each. We also had our first hospitality event with Pentecost Sunday outdoor coffee and donuts. This was the first time for both services to get to enjoy each other's company and to have a time of fellowship outdoors enjoying nature and being safe. We hope to have several more outdoor events this summer and into fall. More to come.....

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## **Men's Ministry**

In the men's ministry we focus on creating closer relationships between the men in our church. We learn how, as men, we can be better spiritual leaders for our families and friends. Our gathering together in fun events and retreats allows men an outlet for mentoring, sharing, and learning about each other's spiritual journey with Christ.

*Contact Matt Williams, Men's Ministry Leader: [buckeyehomescapes@gmail.com](mailto:buckeyehomescapes@gmail.com)*



## **Missions Ministry**

The Vineyard Cambodia Partnership team continues to meet via Zoom the last Wednesday of every month. There was no partnership trip in 2021, but one is being planned for 2022. This is when we send representatives from our church to help train and equip pastors in Cambodia.

Due to COVID our missions team had not been meeting as regularly. We are seeking the Lord for direction as to our involvement with Asia's Hope. We also did not seek donations for Asia's Hope, although a number of people are still giving monthly toward the Cambodia scholarship fund. We are thankful for those of you who are financially supporting orphans in Cambodia as they attend University, and become world changers for Cambodia!

*Contact Anita Hostetler, Missions Ministry Leader: [rynonita@yahoo.com](mailto:rynonita@yahoo.com)*



## **Prayer Ministry**

In 2020 the Prayer Ministry made some adjustments to how ministry on Sunday mornings was practiced. We created a Gmail account for people who were watching online or did not feel comfortable speaking face to face to use to contact the Prayer Team. In August we began hosting monthly Worship and Intercession nights on fourth Sundays in place of the Holy Spirit Empowerment Evenings. We have gathered singers and musicians from several local congregations to join us and created an atmosphere of unity in interceding for our nation, the church, and for God's will to be done on the earth. The Prayer Team has also worked in tandem with the School of Kingdom Ministry in providing our Class of 2021 students with the opportunity to step out in prayer ministry and expand their expressions of worship. We believe that SoKM is perfect for equipping our church family in the Vineyard Prayer model and instilling confidence to explore opportunities for ministry inside and outside of our four walls. The vision of the Prayer Team is to expand the team and continue to expand our efforts in making prayer more readily accessible for holistic healing, deliverance, and prophetic ministry.

*Contact Shawna Pierce, Prayer Ministry Leader: [faithfuljoy1@gmail.com](mailto:faithfuljoy1@gmail.com)*

## **Safety Ministry**

Safety and Security was not able to do much over the last year as most of the members were isolating. We did assist in the planning and implementation of the Covid safety measures. With the minimal personnel available we did maintain some basic functions as needed. Please reach out to Jason Miller if you are willing to help be a part of rebuilding the Safety Team. If you want to see our church family be safe and healthy, you can contribute.

*Contact Jason Miller, Safety Team Leader: [jason.jm.miller@gmail.com](mailto:jason.jm.miller@gmail.com)*

## **Small Groups**

Small groups are groups of approximately 5-15 people who generally meet in homes for relationship building, Bible discussion, and prayer for one another.

Our Small Groups have been meeting virtually for the most of the past year. But with recent loosening of Covid guidelines, face-to face meetings are thankfully beginning to take place. Our annual Small Group Reset event has been rescheduled to September in hopes of energizing small group members and leaders as well as encouraging those not yet connected to join or

start a group. Sharon and Jim offer ongoing support to all of our Small Group Leaders and assist anyone interested in Small Groups to make appropriate connections. Do you have questions about Vineyard Small groups?

*Contact Jim & Sharon McFarlane, Small Group Coordinators; [jmcfar@metermall.com](mailto:jmcfar@metermall.com) or [smcfar@metermall.com](mailto:smcfar@metermall.com)*

### **Small Kingdom Groups (SKGs)**

SKGs (or Small Kingdom Groups) are groups of 3-5 people of the same gender who touch base every week and discuss what God is doing in their lives.

Small Kingdom Groups are mostly independent and self-contained, but we are excited to be taking on a more active role with them! We have identified a main contact for each existing SKG and developed the semi-annual questionnaire to see how they're doing. We are also planning to start having regular "mixers" for those who are not connected with an SKG but would like to be. These will be small, informal events to get together and meet others in the church who would like to join an SKG. The goal is that, through these events, people will find those that they connect with on a personal level, as SKGs are supposed to be more intimate than small groups. We are excited to see what this next year brings!

*Contact JJ & Megan Hane, SKG Coordinators: [meganhane14@yahoo.com](mailto:meganhane14@yahoo.com)*

### **Technical Arts Ministry**

Teams are being established for sound, media and video production. Please let us know if you are interested in serving in one of these areas.

*Contact Kevin Penhorwood, Sound & Media Ministry Leader*

### **Women's Ministry**

Even though we had to cancel our fall retreat last year due to Covid, we still had a fun online event with a Pajama Zoom Party last October. In December, we also did a cookie delivery to some of our church members who were not yet able to attend in-person services. We added some new members to the Women's Ministry team starting in 2021. Thank you to Shay Beanland, Jane Brooks, and Paige Gnau for joining this team! In April 2021, we had a *Connecting and Reflecting* event and had about 15 women in attendance. Our weekend retreat this year is scheduled for August 27-29, 2021 at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. More details on the weekend retreat will be coming out soon. We are also planning to do some type of get together

this fall, but that event has not yet been planned. Our hope is to get the women in our church connecting regularly with each other and to enjoy these fun events together! If anyone has ideas for a women's event please contact Monica Miller.

*Contact Monica Miller, Women's Ministry Leader: monicamiller09@yahoo.com*

### **Worship Ministry**

Covid aside, my biggest challenge in the life of the church this year has been leading the worship ministry. Deral, Leslee, and Abby have all been major contributors to the music teams for many years, so it was a huge loss when they all left to pursue ministry opportunities elsewhere. This loss required us to hit the “reset” button on how we have been structuring the teams. True to character, and with perfect timing, God orchestrated new musicians and technicians to come forward! This has been a huge relief to me and I am so, so grateful for the hard work the worship team has put in. Along with the changes to the team, we are making some changes to the equipment. We are upgrading much of the sound equipment we have been using for years, and moving toward a digital and wireless system. You may have already noticed improvement in the quality of sound as we have begun to implement these changes.

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

### **Youth Ministry**

The youth (7th – 12th grade) are not just the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today! The youth group, called Vineyard Youth, meet the first three Tuesday evenings of every month. We meet in the Lower Level Youth Room from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Join us and invite friends!

Relationships are what it's all about. We work hard to create a safe, loving environment for our youth to be real with each other. Discussions at youth group are centered on who God created them to be and who He is as their Creator and Loving Father. Fun youth activities bring new faces and lots of good memories are formed.

*Contact Anita Hostetler, Youth Ministry Leader: ryonita@yahoo.com*

### **Leadership Vacancies**

We're praying that God will raise up an Outreach Coordinator and a Marriage and Family Leader.

## Financial Overview Year-to-Date

June 2021

Income	Jan - May 2021	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Contributions Main Service	112,062.65	89,166.69	22,895.96	214,000.00
Restricted Contributions	3,060.00	0.00	110.00	3,060.00
Interest Earned	0.62	0.00	0.62	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>115,123.27</b>	<b>89,166.69</b>	<b>25,956.58</b>	<b>214,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Total wages & benefits	57,738.78	55,841.08	1,897.70	133,921.99
Total ministry expenses	13,236.94	17,061.00	-3,824.06	40,945.00
Total property expenses	14,965.86	12,938.08	2,027.78	31,051.00
Total general overhead	2,139.86	3,041.69	-901.00	7020.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>88,081.44</b>	<b>88,881.85</b>	<b>-800.01</b>	<b>212,937.99</b>

**Total General Fund Bank Accounts as of May, 31, 2021:**

**\$71,502.58**

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



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