



An
Investment
in
the **FUTURE**

**Reviewing 2016 and Living into 2017
at Vienna Presbyterian Church**

In Review

During the past year, VPC prayed for God to lead us in a season of renewal and to guide us in our plans for the future of our church. We strongly believe that God is calling us to make a bold mission and evangelism impact in our local community, to become debt free, and to provide needed maintenance to our building. In 2016, we took our first steps towards a bold capital initiative and look forward to what the future holds for VPC in 2017.



"We need to work together. That's what makes the difference. Working together changes everything."

Hellen Cortez,
Cunningham Park Elementary Parent

In 2016, the Mission Team Task Force Reorganization was commissioned by Session to take steps to develop deeper relationships with key mission partners and to ensure that we are engaging the needs of the world and our worshipping community here at VPC. The task force sought to identify partners who are serving their neighbors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in meaningful and effective ways, using measurable criteria we created to evaluate new and existing partnerships. The Mission Team is committed to creating opportunities for all in VPC to engage with, learn about, and deepen relationship with our partners.



VPC's mission and outreach teams spent time listening, learning from, and caring for our brothers and sisters in the Vienna Park Apartments. Two outreach programs began: the Cunningham Park Initiative Mentoring Program and the Evangelism Project; focused on the immigrant population surrounding the Cedar Lane area of Vienna. Together, these teams provided a Thanksgiving Dinner for the community.

Spreading the Word globally...

Through God's love we seek to build and nurture relationships with each other and with those whom we are blessed to serve. Love builds up a child, a home, a neighborhood, and our world.



VPC's Summer Mission Projects traveled to Mexico; Haiti; Pittsburgh, PA; Union Beach, NJ; and Lynchburg, VA. SMPs also served our neighbors by working in our local community.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

VPC in conjunction with East-West Ministries International traveled to Cuba not once but twice, spreading God's loving word and providing reading glasses to ensure God's word can be seen!

...and locally

“These [homeless] children have hope when they see that complete strangers gave them an Easter basket. It shows them that love does exist.”

Christopher Fay
Executive Director, Homestretch

VPC hosted a hypothermia shelter for two weeks; supported Committee for Helping Others (CHO), the local assistance non-profit for the Vienna/Dunn Loring/Oakton area, with money, food, clothing, and Christmas presents; provided Easter baskets for the homeless at Homestretch; walked to end hunger with CROP Walk; and provided Thanksgiving dinner for immigrant refugees with Northern Virginia Family Services.



With hearts set on honest dialogue and learning -- and with a desire for healing and change to overcome ongoing racial events across America— over 290 people gathered for prayer and conversation about Racial Reconciliation at the First Baptist Church of Vienna on Sunday, August 7, 2016. Cohosted by Pastor Vernon Walton of First Baptist Church of Vienna and Pastor Pete James, this program enabled us to share in community as well as in smaller groups where ideas for change were created, shared, and gathered together.

VPC and First Baptist also shared in a fellowship night watching an outdoor movie, as well as our normal worship together on Good Friday.

Inside our walls

New Faces in our Next Gen Ministries!
Melissa Ciavarella, our Next Gen Director brings to the position 20 years of ministry experience; serving churches in

the areas of children, youth, parenting, marriage, outreach, and events. Her passion is to partner with parents and the church to reach the next generation for Christ.

Next Gen Ministry: combining students, children's, childcare, and marriage ministries into one overarching ministry to work together to bring families closer to God and each other.

VPC's own Courtney Vereide joins Thea Jeschke in Student Ministries. Courtney's call to ministry was clarified through 3½ years of leadership with Elon University's chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and two summers spent ministering to youth as a counselor at Ligonier Camp and two internships at VPC. Courtney works specifically with the Middle School Ministry.

Brendan Cothran joined VPC as the Youth Music & Worship Leader. Brendan became involved in music ministry at the age of eleven and felt a calling on his life to work alongside the followers of Christ. Brendan's experience includes positions in both adult and student music ministry. He splits his time between the Worship Team and the Next Gen Team. He is directing the youth choir and band and also assists with Sunday Underground PM.

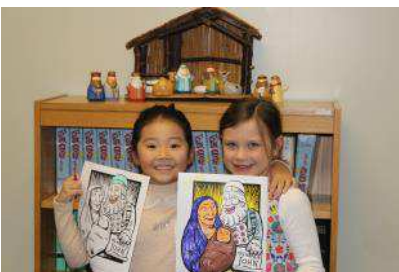
Next Gen Initiatives in 2016:

- Intergenerational Sunday school class
- Communion Sunday, worship as a family
- Vacation Bible School
- Children's Mission Week
- Club (4th-6th grade)
- Not-so-Newlywed Marriage Events
- Family Game Night, "GO Big"

And working with Outreach:

- Church Street Stroll
- Lenten Prayer Challenge
- Halloween pre-parade dinner

"A 2nd-grader said: "It's really hard to show initiative at school! [Initiative was his Sunday School theme of the month.] But I saw someone dropped his folder, so I scooted over and picked it up for him. But, you know, I only had to walk across the room to do it. It wasn't like Nehemiah, having to walk all the way to Jerusalem."



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461 collective years—that is the number of years our current 80 volunteers have been teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes at VPC. In one year, a teacher volunteer devotes on average 77.5 hours to their ESOL classes. Multiplying those hours across 461 teaching years, our total collective teacher volunteer hours is a staggering 35,728

That's the equivalent of 1,489 days of around the clock teaching!

"These are the doors to a better future for me."

"This ESOL program is a kind of fresh air for me. I love this class."

"Thank you, Vienna Presbyterian Church."



In 2016, VPC focused on Igniting Souls on Fire for Generosity, reading the "Treasury Principle" as a congregation. The response to God's leading was joyful and overwhelming. Because of our congregation's outpouring of generosity, we finished 2016, exceeding the budget by over \$200,000! We can now usher in the New Year setting souls on fire for God as we bear witness to His transforming power!



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

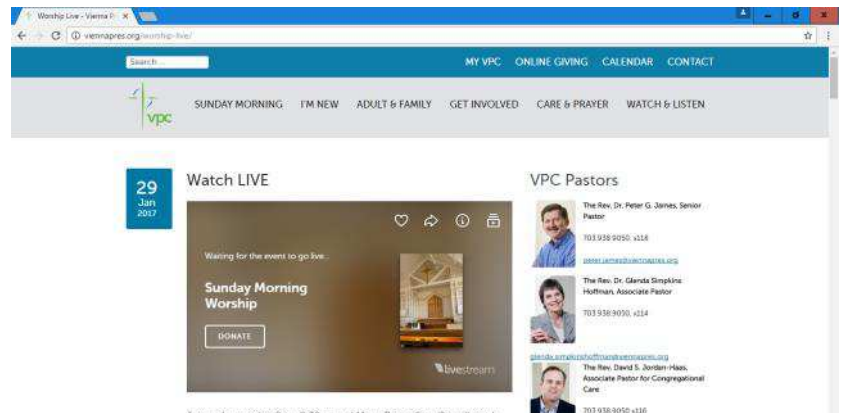
Vienna Presbyterian Worship in our walls and online!

viennapres.org/worship-live

VPC's online viewership has grown tremendously over the past year. More than 500 online viewers join us each Sunday for worship service.

From January 1—December 31, 2016, viewers watched 336,782 minutes online. That's 5,613 hours of VPC worship, special services, and music concerts!

645 Facebook followers
386 Twitter followers
Instagram is in the works!



"Thank you for having a webcast. I grew up at VPC and am now in college. When my ride to church fell through at the last minute, I was able to 'worship live' through the webcast this morning—and this week's sermon/service was exactly what I needed to hear. THANK YOU!"

In 2016, VPC offered many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and concerts!

During the season of Lent, many gathered together for spirit-filled worship services each Wednesday in the chapel. These services, led by Work in Progress and other musicians were, an integral part of our preparation for Easter Sunday.

As summer approached, VPC returned to the summer schedule of two worship services with breakfast served in between. This time of fellowship has become a staple for many VPC families.

The year brought many opportunities to enjoy music, including the *Messiah* Concert, the Purple Halls, Keyed-In 2 Christ, the Children's Choir concert, the Friendship Chimes concert and sing-a-long, two Cathedral Brass concerts as well as the Glorious Sounds of Christmas concert.

2017 Ministry and Missions Spending Plan

Worship. The heart of our community together—worshipping God, preaching, praying, and singing. Includes planning and preparation, choirs, hand bells, concerts, special services, ushers, and audio-visual. Total: **\$569,551**

Spiritual Formation & Adult Ministries. Discipleship—the key to growing our relationship with Christ. Includes home groups, Sunday and weekday classes, Men’s and Women’s Ministries, Growing Your Soul groups, new member classes, greeters, Grapevine Bookstore, Friendship Class, Centerpoint, and the library. Total: **\$339,490.**

Next Generation (Children’s Ministries, Student Ministries, and Marriage Ministry). Connecting families to the church to foster the spiritual growth of children and students, establishing relationships in Christ, and championing healthy marriages. Includes childcare, Sunday school classes, Summer Missions Projects, college outreach, Kids’ Club, middle and high school small groups, marriage prep, and Married People events. Total: **\$564,341.**

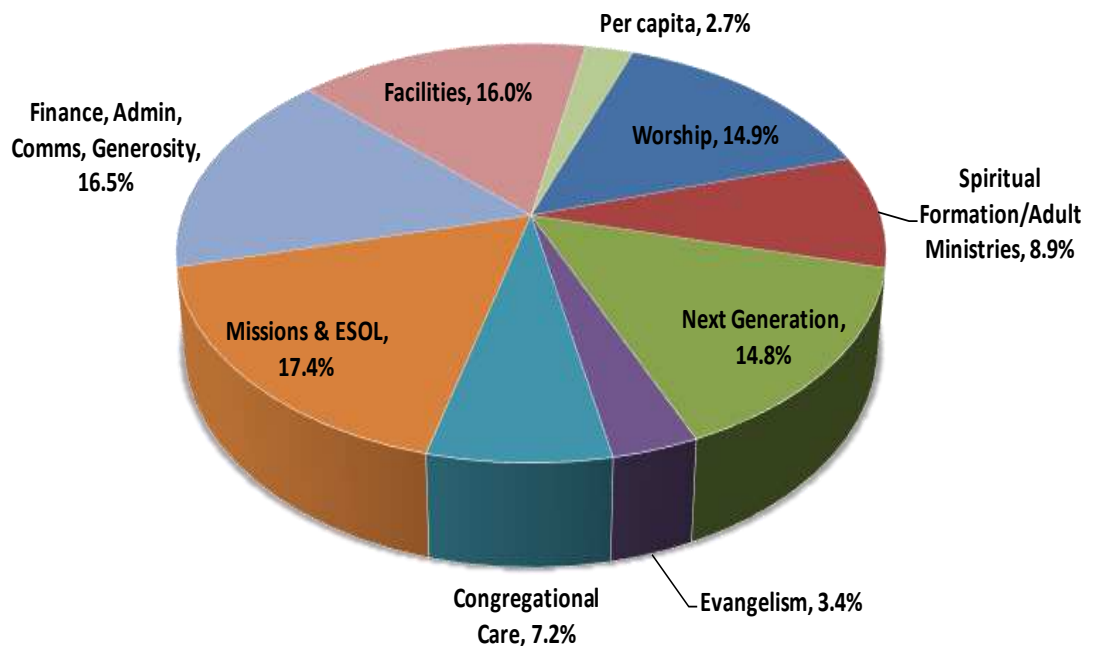
Evangelism. Spreading the gospel and connecting people with Jesus Christ. Includes: Bridgepoint Transitions and Missions, Steak Out dinners, Men’s Retreat, community events, Career Networking nights, Cuba evangelism work. Total: **\$130,293.**

Congregational Care. Caring for and supporting our church and local community. Includes: Deacon’s Fund, GriefShare, Stephen’s Ministries, SWATT, Renewing Prayer, Passages/DivorceCare, weddings, funerals, home and hospital visitations, CenterPoint, and NewSpring. Total: **\$274,867.**

Missions and ESOL. Spreading God’s love to the wider community. Includes local, national, and international mission partners, the Hypothermia Shelter, short-term mission projects, CROP Walk, Veteran’s Initiatives, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Total: **\$662,406.**

Finance, Administration, and Communications.

Financial services, scheduling, office Administration, and communication. Includes printers, phone system, computers and network, postage, copiers, accounting, human resources, Ministry-Safe background checks, bulletins, website, list serve, advertising, hospitality, audio/visual, and legal expenses. Total: **\$627,979.**



Facilities. Keeping our facilities ready for ministry. Includes utilities, maintenance, insurance, equipment purchases and repairs, grounds maintenance, snow removal, supplies, and maintenance contracts. Total: **\$608,635.**

Per capita. Per capita is the amount paid by VPC to support the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. The amount VPC pays to the Presbytery is derived from our number of active members. Total: **\$101,099.**

VPC’s total budget is **\$3,878,661.** Ministry totals include program, missions, and staffing costs. VPC’s remaining building debt of \$2.2 million will be addressed in our capital campaign. Full budget and financial details are available to members. Contact Doug LeMasters at 703-937-1887 or doug.lemasters@viennapres.org for a detailed budget or financial report.