

Christ Church Vienna

A Year in Review



Dear Christ Church Vienna,

About a year ago, we learned that we were not allowed to meet for church that Sunday at Madison H.S. because of spread of the novel coronavirus Covid-19. It quickly became clear that this was not going to be a one week “snow day” event, it was more likely to be weeks. I was certain we would be back at Madison celebrating Easter Sunday with hundreds of joyful worshippers! I was wrong.



This past year at CCV began with all the normalcy of any year. Sunday services with hundreds of people, high school kids down front, little kids running around the gym, small groups were underway, students had enjoyed “Breakaway” at Rockbridge and the spring was full of energy! But the Covid-19 pandemic put a halt in all of our exciting plans. We had to adjust. And we all went through stages of grief from denial to depression.

2020 has been challenging for all of us. The world has been battling a global pandemic with sickness, death, fear and the ensuing economic downturn. It affects everyone. And nationally we have wrestled with racial injustice, political division, and an incredibly contentious Presidential election. We need hope. We have had struggle.

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SPECIAL MERCY MINISTRY: LOCAL & OVERSEAS

COVID RESPONSE MINISTRY

Vienna Student Food Initiative formed (April 2020-Sept 2020)

As the events and needs early on in the COVID pandemic became evident- it was a humbling realization that through the ties in the community with the local schools (their Admin staff, social workers, counselors and ESOL staff), as well as with local churches and non-profits that serve here in Vienna, God had ordained before anyone knew what COVID was so that our church could stand in the gap and mobilize quickly to connect the incredible resources that God raised up directly where it was most needed!

We were able to gather key leaders from Madison HS, Louise Archer and Marshall Road Elementary, with key staff from VPC and Jordan Rice, to form the Vienna Student Food Initiative on Saturday, March 22, 2020. This would be the entity that would allow us to consistently serve the families in need at Madison HS, Louise Archer ES, Cunningham Park ES, Marshall Road ES and Thoreau Middle School.

As part of how we would take care of families, CCV took responsibility for all of the families in need connected to Madison HS and Louise Archer, with the rest of the partners in the initiative taking responsibility over the rest.

When it was all said and done, our church (and the amazing generosity of people at CCV) allowed us to give out \$25 Gift Cards, every week from April 1, 2020 until our final distribution on August 26th, 2020. The following gives perspective to how we were able to help:

- 21 weeks of continuous distributions and help
- 142 unique families served at Madison HS
- 48 unique families served at Louise Archer ES

Over \$55,775 in funds distributed to families and the ability to talk with, encourage and support them throughout the COVID summer!



CCV Critical Care Weekly Grocery Collection and Delivery (April-June 2020)

As a result of meeting so many families through our weekly Gift Card distributions, we observed that in some instances there were several single mothers with kids that were having a very difficult time making ends meet, especially with employment in the service sector being cut or eliminated altogether.

That's where our church was able to directly meet this need. We collected non perishable staples and supplemented with fresh milk, eggs and vegetables, donated by Caboose Brewery. We were able to collect, package and deliver directly to homes that needed groceries to feed over 10 families each week for 8-9 weeks until these families were able to find new employment and get back on their feet.

Honduras Hurricane Relief Clothes Drive (Fall/Winter 2020)

Near the end of 2020, we heard the horrible news that two deadly Hurricanes had devastated communities in Honduras, where many of our Spanish speaking friends had relatives in need. Our Spanish speaking leadership organized a clothes drive and our church donated so many needed clothes that would end up directly helping so many families that had lost everything. It was a blessing to help directly and quickly, as we mobilized the entire church to help!



First Spanish CCV Christmas Eve Service (Dec 2020)



Warm Winter Clothes Give Away

In our conversations with the counselor at Louise Archer Elementary we were able to help them with a warm Winter Clothes Giveaway to their families and to the greater community this past December. As we had made preparations and coordinated with LAE to run an outside distribution to families in Vienna for 4 hours, it turned out to be a yucky, cold and rainy day. Thankfully, we were able to reach out to our friends at the Vienna Chick-fil-a and they graciously allowed us to share the covered garage space at their store and we were able to salvage the winter Warm Clothes giveaway- and our CCV team of mostly volunteer college students helped staff and serve these dear families until we gave it all away!



CHILDREN'S BOOKS MOBILE DELIVERY (2020)

As we delivered these weekly groceries, we also noticed a n opportunity to bless children at these homes with gently worn kids books- which were greatly appreciated as the summer months continued with stay at home orders greatly limiting kids activities outside. A small but determined group of CCV college volunteers were able to spearhead the collection, organization and distribution of these books.

GIFT DRIVE

This year we continued our partnership with Louise Archer and Marshall Road Elementary Schools and where we usually have our Gift Hands project, where CCV folks "adopt" local elementary school kids to buy them Christmas Gifts (coordinated by the Social Workers and Counselors at the schools). Due to COVID and not meeting together on Sundays, we went all virtual with an online signup. Our church once again responded with overwhelming generosity and we were once again able to provide these needed gifts directly and discreetly to parents through the schools.

STUDENT MINISTRY

What a year 2020 was. None of us knew how it would go but, without a doubt, we saw the Lord reveal himself as we endeavored to walk together with Middle and High School students.

Dealing with our COVID response and the transition of Ministry (MS and HS) to flex with changing State regulations as to size and location was a challenge but, as we have observed, students' and leaders' desire to grow with the Lord and each other has fueled the perseverance to adapt and adjust accordingly.

CCV Student Ministry @ a Glance (2013-2020)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Notes for 2020
Avg # student @ HS weekly Meeting (Beyond)	10-15	18-20	20-25	30-35	40-45	45-50	45-50	45-50	Fall-COVID
Breakaway (MS and HS) Students		55	51	62	80	69	111	122	PRE-COVID
<i># of Leaders</i>		14	16	15	17	19	20	31	PRE-COVID
Missions (MS and HS) (# of Students)		16	20	44	24	34	42	15	(During COVID)
<i># of Leaders</i>		6	7	11	12	12	18	8	(During COVID)
Mission Type Offered:									
1=Go To Chile / 2=Receive Chile / 3=Domestic Trip / 4=Camp Chainb.		3	1 - 3	2 - 3 - 4	1 - 3	2 - 3 - 4	1 - 4	3	(During COVID)
Small Groups									
<i>HS Students meeting</i>		12	26	32	47	71	72	115	
<i>HS Students Meeting Weekly</i>								75	Fall-COVID
<i>MS Students Meeting x2 per Month</i>								40	Fall-COVID



Pictured above: middle school small groups led by our high school students



Pictured above: high school "Beyond" group at the Zahurancik's backyard

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY UPDATE

Middle School: The Middle School Ministry has been led by a team of passionate, growing High School student leaders that desire to invest the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the lives of our Middle School students and their friends.

This year, with all of the challenges that COVID-19 brought, we fought to maintain connection with our MS students—first through making the jump to an all Zoom platform to continue meeting together (we only missed a week or two during the lockdown in the Spring) and secondly making the transition to a completely deconstructed ministry model. Our MS ministry usually meets all together, guys and girls, sixth-8th grade for a very active and social time of games, interaction, teaching and small group discussion. We quickly realized the limits of Zoom and we utilized our leadership team to deconstruct, meaning we divided the entire MS youth ministry into 6 separate small groups (guys and girls- 6th, 7th and 8th grade) that met socially distanced but in person, every two weeks, hosted in families backyards to connect, study and encourage one another.

We spent the off Sundays with our HS Student leadership team to pray, train and prepare for the next week's small groups. Do you know what we experienced? Growth. Not only in numbers of students participating but in depth of relationships with students and leaders! We are so thankful for the Lord forming a big HS Leadership team years ago; that was the only way we could deconstruct having 2 leaders to lead each of our 6 small groups! While we do look forward to having the freedom to gather with our whole group together again, we wanted to share how we have seen the Lord move this past year in our Middle School group!

High School: This year was also an incredible year of seeing God's provision through our perseverance in not giving up meeting together! Our weekly high school ministry meeting is called BEYOND and it is a collaboration between our CCV High School ministry leaders and the local Young Life leadership team. We are so thankful for our combined leaders and their ability to engage and share Jesus through teaching and friendships with HS students in our community.

Our weekly large group meeting is on Monday nights and we also witnessed the Lord's provision in our seamless transition from our large Monday night in-person worship and study night together (pre-COVID) into a season of online Zoom meetings (March-May) into establishing our outdoor BEYOND gatherings at the Zahurancik family's backyard. This became our amazing "home" for our outside, socially distanced worship and study nights for the rest of the year (Jun-Dec)! While having to build lighting and heating capability into our outdoor meeting space, we rejoiced at seeing HS students consistently wanting to worship and study together.



SWORD AND (NEW) RING DINNER SMALL GROUP GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

For many years now, our High School Student Ministry has overseen as many small groups for students as we have been able to find good leaders for. We're so thankful for currently having approximately 80-85 students meeting weekly to study the Word, pray for one another and process life.

One of our ongoing traditions has been to celebrate our graduating Senior guys that have met in small groups all through their high school years. This special event is called the Sword Din-

ner and is a formal affair that we have celebrated for 6 years running!

Not to be outdone, we are so happy to share that this year was the first year we were able to begin a similar tradition to celebrate our graduating girls that have grown through small groups all throughout high school. This special dinner is called the Ring Dinner. It was incredible to be able to celebrate and pray for these amazing young women before sending them off to college!

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

As we headed full steam into the spring of 2020, we had continued our planning and forming of Student Mission Teams for what was going to be a full summer. Of course we saw all of our plans cancelled in mid spring of this past year due to COVID. But, as we saw the summer bring some unique opportunities never before observed, we were able to form a smaller team of HS students and leaders for an adjusted summer mission trip. After much planning and preparation, our entire team was able to get COVID tested at a local lab that believed in our mission and we quarantined and had a week of serving, studying, working and growing in faith at Rockbridge in June. What seemed bleak and non-existent in spring, the Lord opened up a beautiful opportunity to do much needed construction and maintenance work at this amazing camp property that has given us so much through years of YL and Breakaway trips.



CDP SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Our College Discipleship Program has been a summer ministry program we have hosted for the past 6 years. Every summer we find college students that are Sophomores or older that are currently serving in ministry at school to come here and work as interns in our student ministry for MS and HS. Half of their time, they serve our students and church leading all summer ministry for students at CCV and the other half we invest into them through mentors, bible studies and book discussions. We usually host between 4 and 5 interns to help lead our students well, but this summer, due to the COVID pandemic, we had to reduce the size of our summer staff due to housing restraints. We did end up having an amazing two young women serve at CCV this past summer - Kayla Copeland and Emily Morgan. They helped lead in our weekly ministry meetings and helped make our summer Rock-bridge mission trip a reality.



WELCOME JOE FISHER: 3-YEAR RESIDENT

As many who have kids in the CCV Student Ministry know, we welcomed Joe Fisher onto staff this fall. Joe is a graduate of JMU and we are so thankful and blessed to have him serving on staff with our student ministry as part of a 3 year Residency, where Joe ministers here at CCV and attends RTS Seminary during his 3 year rotation. We are fortunate to have such an amazing and mature man of God investing in our students and families.



CROSS CULTURAL INITIATIVE | SPANISH MINISTRY

Outreach: *This is what we call any and all activities we engage in that gets us into the community in order to get to know and love our neighbors and give us opportunities for them to get to know us and our church.*

Madison HS Mentoring Class during Warhawk Time (2019-2020 School Year)

For the past several years our partnership in serving at Madison High School has allowed us to lead a mentoring time once a week during the enrichment period during the school day. This past school year was no exception. It was a great time of working on conversational English speaking skills, soft skills and practical American community tips to understand the Vienna community in order to fully engage and participate. We made many new friends as we served in this capacity alongside many of our Madison high school student volunteers.

Professional Soccer Player Clinic (Early Spring 2020)

We had the amazing opportunity to host a retired professional soccer player that had played alongside Messi and Ronaldo in Europe and also loves Jesus- to come run a weekend soccer clinic for our students and their friends. We hosted at Nottoway Park and the group got to grow as soccer players and hear the Good News of Jesus!



Spanish Soccer Ministry (ongoing)

Our own Jorge Valdes has had an amazing impact in gathering known and new ESOL students for weekly soccer practice and mini-games. This ministry is quickly maturing into a team that we will soon be able to sponsor in league play this spring! Be on the look out if you would like to be a team sponsor- if so please contact Rod.

SPANISH MINISTRY | DISCIPLESHIP & GROWTH

Students Weekly Large Group Meeting: Vida Abundante (2020)

This year we saw our ESOL students group grow which allowed us to start meeting weekly for worship, study, games and eating goodies together! All through the pandemic summer our students looked forward to gathering together weekly when everything else in the world seemed to be shut down.



Small Groups (2020)

With the weekly gatherings of our Vida Abundante group, we soon realized the need for smaller groups to study the Word, pray and have a safe place to talk about life. We have a few HS guys small groups and one co-ed MS small group and are praying for the Lord to provide a female small group leader with functional Spanish. Please join us in praying for this need.

Spanish Adult Alpha Studies (2020)

At the beginning of 2020 we had multiple one-on-one studies and discipleship relationships with Spanish speaking adults. As our group grew, we realized the need to introduce adult small groups that would both continue giving the opportunity to grow in faith through Bible study but also give the opportunity for adult participants to get to know other adults in the community through discussion. We introduced the ALPHA video series as a very practical and effective way to get into discussions about faith and life, ending up in 6-8 week bible studies.

Spanish Leadership Family Retreat (Summer 2020)

With the fellowship growing, we challenged a subset of our faithful and seeking Honduran adults to prayerfully consider stepping into various support leadership roles within the growing ministry. This seeking and discerning process we ended with a Spanish Family Retreat at Camp High Roads in the fall of 2020. Several friends ended up committing to helping in a practical and sustained way for ministry outreaches and events this next year!



Spanish/English Dinner Groups

One of the biggest challenges of bridging the gap between cultures in a multi-cultural church environment is how to provide opportunities for people to have shared experiences that are not contrived, “fake” or that accentuate the differences that exist. After much thinking and praying, we felt that sharing meals together (and the conversation that is developed) would slowly allow us to build authentic relationship. What we found was that eating together allowed us to learn what we hold in common, laugh and resulted in the groundwork for friendships moving forward between people and families that would never had had the opportunity to get to know each other otherwise.

We were able to begin these monthly meals in late 2019 and continued into Spring of 2020. We began by having a handful of our CCV families take turns hosting and we carefully limited the people invited so we would always have balance between the number of English speakers and Spanish speakers, as to not overwhelm the group. We encouraged folks to bring food or drink (potluck style) and filled out nametags and then made table assignments to make sure we had “mixed” tables- and while conversations at first were awkward (on both sides!) the desire to get to know each other, regardless of language proficiency won the day!

Looking back on all the Lord did throughout the rest of 2020 was birthed in these relationships that started to take root pre COVID.



COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER...

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

When the pandemic hit, on March 13, 2020 the leadership decided to not gather in person on Sunday mornings. It was important to keep in contact with people and know if they were sick or needed meals or groceries or medicines. So in the 9 CCV Neighborhood Groups, 50 people were designated as Point Persons to regularly call, email, or text the 304 adult parishioners in their respective group. Each of the Neighborhood Groups also began a weekly virtual meeting for prayer and encouragement, and a few of those continue to meet.



OUTDOOR SONG & PRAYER NIGHTS



Weekly worship gatherings held in backyards and the CCV office parking lot

YARD COMMUNION GATHERINGS



SMALL GROUPS

When the pandemic prevented in-person meetings, most Winter/Spring Small Groups continued to meet via Zoom. To help combat the isolation everyone felt, Summer Small Groups were attempted but not successful. Oasis for women and On Tap for men were well-received online, and On Tap also met in person outdoors during the fall. We encouraged people to connect with friends informally, too.

CARE TEAM

The pastoral staff identified 53 parishioners who were seniors, immunocompromised and/or living alone. They were assigned to the 10 CCV Care Team members, who tried to check in weekly with them to see how they were and to learn how we might serve/support them.

One branch of the Care Team is the Meals Team, who provide meals to families who experience a birth, illness, death or special need. Hundreds of homemade or restaurant meals were lovingly taken to CCV families during the past year.

Another important branch of the Care Team is the Confidential Prayer Team. Scores of people sent in requests, and for two weeks (and often longer) two members interceded daily for each request. These faithful

BENEVOLENCE TEAM

Our congregation generously provided over \$30,000 to help meet special needs during the Covid pandemic, especially to parishioners who lost their jobs. CCV was able to provide assistance to various families for rent, utilities, food, counseling and medical expenses.

2020 CCV FINANCIAL SUMMARY

GENERAL INCOME

Giving (plus interest & loose offering)	\$858,892
PPP Loan	<u>\$ 66,812</u>
TOTAL GENERAL INCOME	\$925,704

GENERAL EXPENSES

A. Outreach & Missions Giving	\$ 67,308
(Doesn't include \$143,985 disbursed from Designated)	
B. Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$562,004
C. Facilities Rental (Office, Madison, Etc)	\$ 69,880
D. Ministry Activity & Programs	\$ 44,886
E. Church Administration	<u>\$ 42,896</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$786,974

INCOME/EXPENSE SURPLUS FOR 2020 **\$293,322**

DESIGNATED GIVING (FUNDS)

Benevolence Designated Fund	\$ 31,490
Cross Cultural Initiative Des.Fund	\$ 91,642
ARDF Nepal Hunger Relief Des.Fund	<u>\$ 31,460</u>
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUND GIVING	\$154,592

TOTAL DISBURSED from DESIGNATED **\$143,985**

NET ASSETS

Undesignated Funds	\$398,719
Designated Funds	<u>\$202,757</u>
(including Church Plant & Location Funds)	
Total Net Assets, 12/31/2020	\$601,476
<i>Change in Net Assets vs 12/31/2019</i>	\$ 60,318

TOTAL INCOME 2020 (Gen + Designated) **\$1,080,296**

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But God has continued to move, he has worked in and through Christ Church Vienna as all of you reached out to one another in Neighborhood Groups, flexed to meet and worship and grow together online, and gave and gave so generously to meet the needs of those in CCV through Benevolence, in Vienna through the "Cross-Cultural Initiative – gift cards program," and all the way to Nepal in our hunger relief program. Thank you for continuing to commit to this community of faith as we have sought to fulfill our calling as a gospel driven, externally focused, extended family for Vienna.

As I write this, there are glimmers of hope in the fight to contain Covid-19, we need hope right now. But of course, the greatest hope we have is in the one who is already seated on the throne, who is Lord of all things and who invites us into his kingdom purposes for the world. I believe Christ Church Vienna is uniquely poised to move forward in the coming year(s) to do just that. This year we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary. We have cultivated a community of believers who care about their neighbors and are making an impact on the lives of those in Vienna. We are being called into more.

In the coming year we will look to re-gather as a worshipping community. We will need to find ways to step back into in person Sunday worship, small groups and mission as we are allowed to by this virus. But we will need to do so—to incarnate Christ in each other's lives—once again. In addition, we are being invited to step further into ministry with the growing community of our Latino brothers and sisters and to support and celebrate the faith of scores of middle and high school students in our church and beyond. I also believe we have a renewed calling to our neighbors, not just to the ones in our demographic, but also to the growing number of young families that have moved into Vienna over the past few years. And lastly, I think we are being called to plant roots and let the town and our neighbors know we are here to stay. 2021 is CCV's 10th Anniversary year, but it also our launching pad for the next decade of fulfilling God's purposes for us as his church, in this place, at this time. And I am so glad you are on this journey with me.

Johnny



CHRIST CHURCH VIENNA

Gospel driven, externally focused, extended family,

Anglican mission for Vienna

EXTRA PHOTOS

Pre-Covid Middle School Youth Group



Spanish/English Dinners



Spanish Ministry Student Retreat



Graduating Senior Girls' Ring Dinner



Spanish Ministry Small Groups



"Vida Abundante" Girls Bowling Trip

