

## 2019 WESTVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2019 PASTOR'S REPORT

What is the essence of our Christian Community life together?

At WPC we have been gifted with many new people. We have many people now coming from UPC as they just closed their doors and we have some new people getting involved in our WPC community through volunteering with SonRise Kitchen, our ministry of serving breakfast on the levee in the mornings. What a delight! So in light of this new gift we focused at our 1/18/20 leadership retreat on the essence of Christian Community life and how to be a healthy community. I believe our supportive community life is one of our strengths at WPC!

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.”

-1Corinthians 12:27

As Christ's Body we are called to usher in the “Kingdom” of God's love as we are:

- A people of interdependence (bringing out each other's gifts);
- A people of forgiveness and mercy (safe enough for our masks to come down, humble enough to admit we are not perfect);
- A people being transformed (a place of healing--individual & corporate);
- A people of hope and encouragement (we believe in our Savior's ability to fix our lives and our world);
- A people of Mission: called to give life!
- And a people of Hospitality and Celebration!

At our retreat we reflected on the questions:

1. How is your life different because you are part of the WPC community?
2. How can you better support and invest in WPC community life and ministry?
3. How can you welcome well our new brothers and sisters?

In addition to an emphasis on Community life we want to continue in 2020 with our dream from last year: that we'd seek to have as part of our key identity **being a church of service in the name of Jesus**, helping people grow in Jesus through service to those in need that is done in deep connection with Jesus. We desire to be a hub of service in the community.

We also will continue to work with other Presbyterian churches in the area as part of the **Vital Congregations Revitalization Initiative through PCUSA developing the 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality**.

**2019 “Thanks!” as our leadership reflected about last year:**

- Salvation Army - meal preparation, bringing in new people
- SonRise Kitchen-giving us energy, joy, wonderful new people
- God's protection in our lives
- Being part of a loving church community
- Feeling God's love through the love of others
- Good fellowship
- Reaching out to others (like how much the church meant to Gary)

- No drama or gossip, but mature working through differences
- Gratitude for Solid Rock Church and Iglesia de Cristo
- A joy from Nurturing Others
- For having a “Second Church” at Paloma del Mar Senior Apartments
- Margo and SonRise Kitchen - and all those helping
- Worship Team and leading us into God’s presence with beautiful music
- Steve for maintenance ministry
- David, our awesome treasurer
- Deacons (the Veals, Jane, Susan, Nancy, Mary Lou), Session Members (Lynne, Diane, Joanne, Steve) and their leadership and faithful service
- Lynne and all she does!
- Joanne, Evelyn and Lynne for beautiful piano music
- Harvest Dinner—the bringing together of our wider community for a time of thanks and to raise about \$1000 for SonRise Kitchen
- Gary and Cindy & Temple Members
- Caroling at Senior Center and Valley Heights
- Pastor Dan for leadership, compassionate heart
- Mary Lou for her service and compassionate heart
- For Art’s constant help
- For Marlon and Dick/Shirley Wong
- New people with new ideas
- Creative ways of service
- Sheri and her kind, helpful creative service and all the people she invites to participate!
- Randy for his servant’s heart and yummy chicken! And for Tracy!
- And we are grateful for all our other participants of WPC and the gifts and joy you bring to our Westview family!

You continued to care well for our members who are grieving the loss of loved ones during 2019. Thank you for all you did to organize the services, receptions and bereavement care! This year we celebrated the lives of Gary Brooten and Waldo “Rod” Rodler as they went on to be with loved ones and their Savior.

You are a wonderful caring church family! I am very grateful for the privilege of being your pastor. Please hold our dear church in your prayers and please continue to seek God’s guidance about how you personally, and we communally, can all reach more people through service and witness in the immense love of Christ!

Grace and peace to you,  
Pastor Dan