

2018

Annual Meeting Report

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Kalkaska Church of Christ

2018 NUMBERS

27

- **Baptisms**
 - 38 - Baptisms in 2017
 - 37 - Baptisms in 2016
 - 48 - Baptisms in 2015

4

- **Memberships Transferred**
 - 3 in 2017
 - 5 in 2016
 - 10 in 2015

59

- **1st Time Guests**
 - 70 in 2017
 - 73 in 2016
 - 191 in 2015

407

- **Average weekly attendance**
 - 396 in 2017
 - 410 in 2016
 - 405 in 2015

GIVING

\$531,543.91

- 2016 General Fund Giving



\$555,441.13

- 2017 General Fund Giving
- +\$23,897.22 from 2016



\$571,724.11

- 2018 General Fund Giving
- +\$16,282.98 from 2017

Baptisms in 2018 at KCC

Allyson Sutton
Andrew Shetler
Annabelle England
Aurora Tracey
Bethany Campbell
Caleb Peck
Christian Stevens
Cole Ordway
Jackson Shetler
Jayce Bittenbender
Jeremiah Vaughan
Joda Stockwell
Kari Jerry
Kelaiah Vaughan

Kina Moore
Linda Robertson
Luke Little
Mike Peacock
Misty Groleau
Nick Moore
Peyton Ruppel
Rebekah Campbell
Ronald Langston
Rylie Learned
Skye Fitch
Travis Cummins
Trishia Learned

New Members via Transfer in 2018

CeCee Venchenko
Fred Venchenko
Lisa Belongia
Lisa Kies

**SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT
12/31/2018**

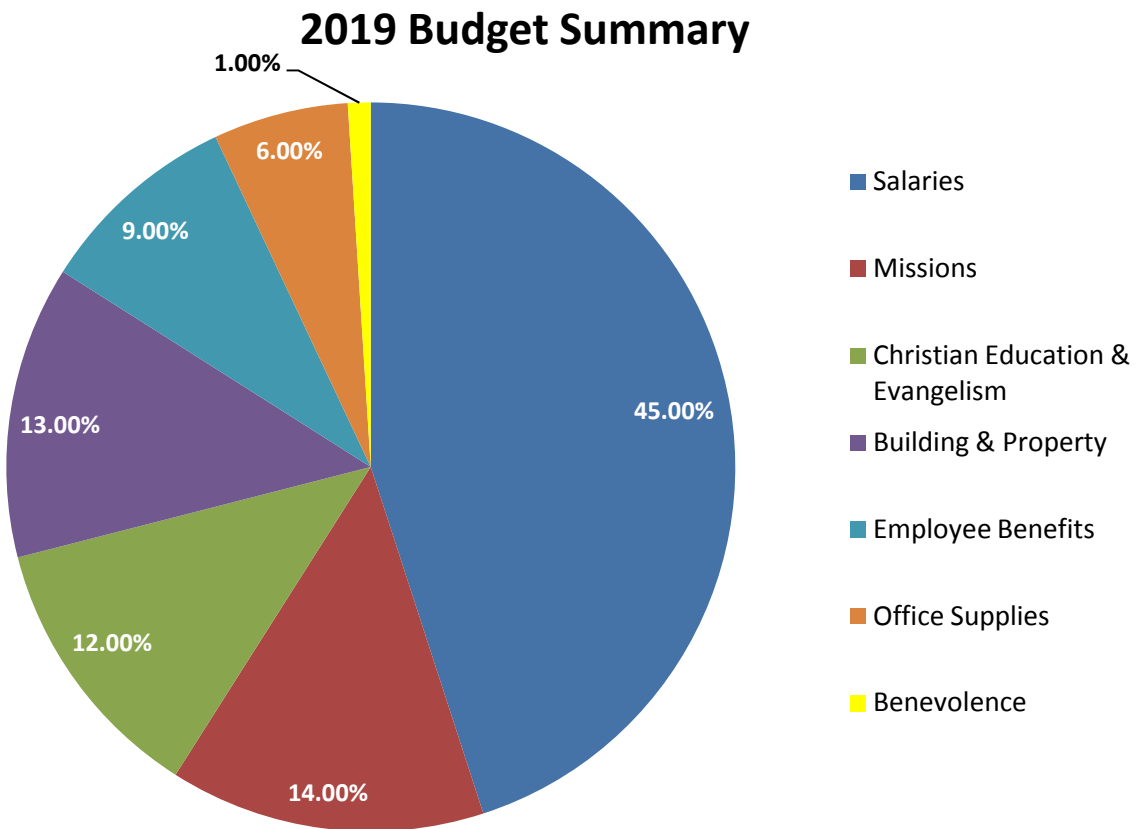
Beginning Balance (cash & cash equivalents)	\$	207,903
 Contributions		
General Fund Contributions	\$581,624	
Comerstone Contributions	2,095	
Misc. Contributions	25,432	
Restricted Funds misc	2,413	
	\$	611,564
 Other Income		
Interest earned (CDF & Solomon)	\$ 3,232	
Credit Card Rewards	525	
Building Use	740	
	\$	4,497
 Liabilities		
Accounts Payables		\$0
 Total contributions/income/liabilities	\$	823,964
 Expenses		
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 573,529	
Purchase of Church Bus	\$ 15,735	
Misc. directed giving ***	45,489	
Total Expenses	\$634,753	
 Ending Balance (cash & cash equivalents)	\$	\$189,211

(We have \$61,236 in checkbook, \$13,340 with CDF & \$114,635 with Solomon Fund.)

*** \$19,625 was from accounts payable from 2017

See Mike Babcock or Dick Ickes if you have questions.

2018-2019 Budget Summaries				
	2018 Budget	2018 YTD Actual	2019 Amount	2019 % of Budget
Salaries	\$231,049	\$234,300	\$263,340	45%
Employee Benefits	59,216	51,245	51,538	9%
Office Supplies Expense	34,500	40,045	34,225	6%
Building & Property Expense	92,400	90,535	77,750	13%
Christian Education & Evangelism Expense	70,050	82,162	72,600	12.0%
Benevolence Expense	2,500	3,256	3,000	1%
Missions Expense	92,893	87,721	83,416	14%
TOTALS	\$582,608	\$589,264	\$585,869	100.0%
Weekly Needs	\$11,204		\$11,267	





2018 Year in Review

Andy Bratton - Senior Minister

God never ceases to amaze me as He continues to work mightily in the body of the church here at KCC. Every year I challenge everyone to read through the Bible in a year and in 2018 we had 50 people (that I know of) that read all the way through the Bible. And several of them for the first time. I can't emphasize enough that as we draw close to Jesus, we will be more effective if we at least understand the story of God, which comes from **SEEKING SCRIPTURE**. To be like Jesus is to know His Word.

Over 90 women signed up to be in Titus 2 last fall! Of our regularly attending adult women, that has to be 80-90% of our ladies. We have about 50% of our adults in Life Groups and I had 12 guys go through Mission Impossible in 2018. Beyond that I know of several men that get together regularly to disciple one another to be like Jesus. At KCC this is how we **SHARPEN AND BE SHARPENED**. Jesus had his group of 12 men as well as his inner circle of three men that He disciplined. We want to continue to follow that pattern in order to be like Jesus.

In November I challenged everyone to be like the first church (Acts 2:45) and sell something in order to give the proceeds to those in need. I chose Haiti as Jeff and Carol Badgero serve some of the poorest of the poor there. You donated just short of \$3,000! We have a team of people that serve, set up, and clean up for funeral dinners. Many of the funeral dinners we serve are not direct connections to our church. It is a ministry we provide to our community. We built wheelchair ramps, thanks to the efforts of about 10 different people in our body. These actions and more are **SHOWING COMPASSION**. Jesus entered a town, and while He had teaching to do and discipling to do, the Bible tells us that He saw the people and had compassion on them. We, too, want to show compassion to a hurting world.

We held a volunteer appreciation banquet this year and about 125 people were able to attend. Every Sunday close to 50 volunteers are needed to fill all of the PART's we have available and you step up and fill those roles. When you do you are **SERVING SACRIFICIALLY**. Jesus served sacrificially by going to the cross on our behalf. He displayed what it means to serve by washing His disciples' feet.

At KCC we want to be **CHRIST INSPIRED**. We want to be a church that reflects Jesus and helps people to reflect Him. We narrowed it down to the four areas listed above. Which area is going to be your area of focus for 2019? Which one will you challenge yourself to grow in? As we all grow to be Christ Inspired, doing everything to honor Him and glorify Him, the impact on His Kingdom will be great and His blessing on our church will be great as well. I can't wait to see where God takes us in 2019.

For His glory,

Andy



Annual Report 2018 to the Congregation

Tim Severance- Associate Minister

God is doing amazing things through the church that meets at 1725 W. Kalkaska Road in Kalkaska, Michigan! I love to see cars in the parking lot every day all hours of the day! The church is very active in the community of Kalkaska and it shows. Members and non-members alike are part of the church life through funerals, weddings, community groups, banquets, Bible studies, worship, and much more. The community of Kalkaska will “know we are Christians by our love.”

This past year we saw 27 people, both young and old, give their lives to Jesus Christ through baptism and 4 additional people transfer their membership to KCC. We are working as a staff and Eldership to better follow-up with new members and hope to see a solid plan for doing so in 2019.

I led several Faith Training classes in 2018 in the Faith Cafe with over 30 different people attending at one time or another. Two studies were from Judah Smith. They were based on his books, Jesus is ____ and Life is _____. Both gave us great discussion and material about living the Christian life today. The most recent study was called Radical by David Platt. Radical challenged all of us to take a much deeper look at our abundance and God’s calling upon each of our lives.

We were very close to live streaming our Sunday morning messages when the computer built to run the whole program died. I had hoped to launch live streaming in December but had to replace the motherboard, graphics card, hard drive, and power supply. I guess what Solomon wrote is true, “There is a time for everything,” and obviously this wasn’t yet the time! In the meantime, I’m working on obtaining a PTZ (pan, tilt, zoom) camera to capture center video using a remote control console. Look for live streaming in 2019.

My family hosted a Life Group in 2018 using material from KCC’s Sunday messages. I say, “my family” because it really does take a team to ready the house, set the kitchen, prepare the drinks and food, and care for the children. We have a wonderful, healthy Life Group. I am so thankful for my wife, Anita, who does the majority of the preparation for our group along with my children, Scott and Kaylin, who step up every week and do whatever needs to be done.

It is an honor to chair the KCC Missions Committee, made up by 7 KCC members. The church supports missions locally, nationally, and internationally. For 2019 we are attempting to use 15% of the overall church budget and simply give it away to missions. For a more detailed report, please see the Missions report.

I look forward to serving at KCC in 2019. In late 2018 staff and elders along with some other KCC members met with The Unstuck Group with the purpose of exploring ways to grow as a church. It will be an exciting year as we see these plans unfold.

In Him,
Tim Severance



2018 Childrens' Ministry Year in Review

Sara Blasko - Children's Ministry Director

Faith Training - For Faith Training hour we used HeartShaper again. The reason I love HeartShaper is that it stays true to the Bible, builds on age-appropriate spiritual development principles, and integrates Bible skills into each lesson, building on each other from one age level to the next. It helps kids learn to explore God's word and teaches them to dig into questions like, "why is this story important to me?" It helps kids to discover how scripture applies to their lives.

Kidmo - Every Sunday at 11:00 We have a children's (K-5) service downstairs. We are using the Johnny Rogers Kidmo curriculum. It's a combination of fast paced videos that follow a theme and Bible lesson every week. Every week the kids compete to answer questions during our Kwizmo time. They also learn a bible verse with actions during our memory max time. Following the video we break into small groups and have discussions and look up verses to help the kids really understand the lesson. They also have a map book to take home for the week, filled with fun activities and challenges pertaining to the lesson. This year we started having different hosts come in for a 5 week block and lead the program. The kids have LOVED getting to know other members of our congregation!

WASP - Wed nights right after school we will have WASP for all kids Kindergarten through 3rd grade. We are using a Pirate themed VBS for our curriculum. The kids love doing science experiments, going to Bible story theater, crafts, and games. This group has grown to over 40 kids. I love seeing them run off of the bus every Wednesday eager to learn more about God and his plan for them.

Octane - Octane is our 4th and 5th grade youth group that meets on Thursday nights. We will discover life lessons from the Bible and apply them to our lives and what 4th and 5th graders are going through. We will be meeting in the lower level after school on Thursdays, but will leave the building on occasion for service projects, hands on lessons, and fun. This is such an important time for tweens to surround themselves with positive peer pressure, and to know that they can count on God and each other as they go through this, and every phase of life. In 2018, the kids have visited assisted living, participated in an "Amazing Race" to collect items for Thanksgiving baskets to give away, made paintings for their families, and learned a lot! I am excited for their upcoming trip to the Christ in Youth conference in March.



I am so very thankful to our church leaders, and church members for their support of the Children's Programs, and ministry at KCC. The KCC KIDZ are our future and our future looks very bright!



2018 Tiny Tots Year in Review

Ashley Oliver- Tiny Tots Coordinator



2018 has been a year of change and preparation for the Nursery and Preschool. Since coming on staff in late August, here are the things that have been happening in both areas.

Preschool, to accommodate the growing preschool class, they were moved downstairs to a new room. This has helped give them a little more space to move around. This year I am looking forward to decorating the room so the preschoolers have an exciting environment to come into. Thank you to my awesome volunteers down there! You are so very much appreciated!

Nursery, since taking down the wall in 2017 the nursery was still in need of a paint job, so the first thing that happened was the nursery was painted all one color. A schedule was created to help to provide some consistency week to week. The nursery furniture and toys were gone through to help make sanitizing less chaotic and to provide more space for the children.

A “Confabulation” was held to bring in some new volunteers and to update information on our current volunteers, This was a success as it helped to add almost 10 new volunteers, some to help on a monthly basis and some to be on call for back up!

This year I am looking forward to incorporating the old preschool room to open up some more space for the children in the nursery. I am also looking forward to adding some more decor to make the room and entrance more inviting and also adding some signage to provide clear direction for visitors.

On a weekly basis we have been blessed with up to 13 kids in each service. Also, our church is about to see another influx in babies, which is SUPER exciting! With that in mind, being able to provide a warm, safe, and clean environment where those moms and their little ones can be shown God’s love is key. I am so thankful for the volunteers that have given so much of their time and I look forward to hopefully adding some more to our team!



2018 Youth Ministry Year in Review

David Acker- Youth Minister

Part of becoming the youth minister at KCC meant holding a clipboard and pen and watching life happen here in Kalkaska my first year. My first year went by fast and I had so much to learn but it was a year of personal growth and growth for our student ministry. I have begun to implement some small parts of my vision and heart for the student ministry here. My understanding of what our students need is community and identity. The heartbeat of our ministry has begun to operate on those foundations. This small start has seen our student ministry explode in the fall and into the winter of 2018. We have been able to minister to well over 75 kids this year. We have averaged 33 students in our high school ministry and 24 students in our junior high ministry. I was fortunate enough to become the head coach of the varsity soccer team at Kalkaska High School. This allowed me to enter into the community of students much faster than I would have ever anticipated. Coaching was fun but also required extra time away from family and more energy. But through this, a connection happened. I believe the time, energy, and resources used by myself and my amazing volunteers in our youth ministry have helped it flourish as God has worked mightily.

Of course, I am no super hero, and I don't want to be. I couldn't do this alone, and so it is with the help that I receive that I know I am fortunate to have the team that I do. A GIANT SHOUT OUT to my volunteers; Mike and Jill Ponstein, Pete and Darcy Shetler, Jody and Megan Terrell, and my amazing wife, Samantha Acker. A special recognition for the Ponstein kids (Annie, Cade, Luke, Sadie), Shetler kids (Sidney, Andrew, Jackson, Owen), Terrell kids (Jude, Jeb) and Owen Acker, youth group nights would not be the same without you. (I also wouldn't be able to pad the numbers when I need to.) Darin and Lisa Cummings stepped down this year, which was hard for me. They have served faithfully to our teenage community and have been so impactful. They will be truly missed. However I look forward to the special events that they will still host, and for the other areas that they still serve in and excel at.

The past year we took our junior high group to CIY Believe in Holland, MI and our high school group to CIY Move in Cedarville, OH. A special thanks to Ted Peasely for driving the bus and Matt Olds and Jeremy Guggemos for being leaders. I had the humble privilege of being the dean at Wilderness Christian Assembly for High School Week, and after the week Nick Moore made the decision to be baptized! I was also fortunate this year to baptize Jackson Shetler!

I want to invite you to participate in our youth ministry by praying. Please pray in 2019 that we would continue to see students come and join our community as we continue our conversation about who God is and who we are. I am excited to see where we can go. In this excitement, I have planned out the next four years for the direction we are headed in high school. I also have planned out the next three years for junior high ministry. I feel it is important for our students to know where we want to go. As a parent, it is helpful when I know what my child will be learning. I look forward to implementing this new direction in the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year. Thank you for the work that our parents do, thank you for allowing me to be here and to do what I get to do. It truly is easy to fill a page with what is going on.

In grace and peace,
David



Worship at KCC

Darrell Boger - Worship Leader

Wow! Another year flew by! The worship team has grown in many ways. We welcomed a few new team members, like Abram Lantzer on drums, as well as some faces you might not see on a Sunday morning. Luke Cyrus' visits have also been beneficial to the team through his musical and spiritual guidance. We were able to spend an afternoon evaluating our own heart for worship, explore new songs, and grow as a team through a lengthy and productive rehearsal. Luke strongly emphasized the importance of mentally preparing for worship throughout the week, specifically by spending time in prayer. Through consistent rehearsing and diligent preparation we hope to bring God's people closer to the throne through musical worship.

We look to 2019 to be a year of learning, spiritual development, and hopefully a more heartfilled worship. I would like to thank everyone who makes worship at KCC possible, from the tech team upstairs running lights, sound, and computers, to the musicians & vocalists. The time and effort you pour into our ministry is so very much appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank the congregation for supporting our music ministry and making it possible for us to worship our mighty God.

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord!" - Psalm 150:6

All Glory to God in the Highest!

Darrell Boger





Benevolence Report

Steve Mathis

The following is a brief summary of the activity of the benevolence for 2018.

A couple of families struggling with finances during tough circumstances were brought up for the need to help. It was determined that a good option was to pay towards their rent. Food and other help were provided to cover needs of others. Money was paid to help with a new well when it went out unexpectedly. A family that needed help was referred to me, and per research and advice from Andy, we helped with a payment towards a bill owed. Monetary help was provided during a relocation for a family in need.

Benevolence is not only the actual money account used to help people who are in need. Many others within our body, who by their own initiative, help others with food, labor, furniture, appliances, and other necessities that are simply out of reach for some, for whatever reason or circumstance.

It is because of these people that more help is given to those in need. Though help was given with no strings, some of those who were helped, decided to come to check out the church. Once the seed is planted, it is God who gives the growth.

I look forward to 2019 with hope of continuing to do whatever I can to help those in need, in whatever way is feasible. There is a fair amount of time involved in determining how and where to help, as well as referrals to other agencies when assistance is being sought out. Prayer is essential in determining what to do in each case. Thank you for allowing me to serve through our church.

In His service,
Steve Mathis





Library Report

Geri Sue Gallagher

The Kalkaska Church of Christ Library was blessed with a very productive 2018. Thank you for your donations, requests and input.

Mary Kay Verstrat is our newest volunteer. She is replacing Debbie Davis, who unfortunately moved to 'snowy' Oklahoma. Le' Baxter, Mary Kay and I work in the library on Wednesday afternoons. We will be there at least one other day a week this coming year.

Materials that are fifteen years old, and older, are being removed, making space for new. Please keep this in mind if you are planning on donating to our library. The exceptions to the fifteen year guideline include: non-fiction, reference, and series. We have several old FREE Christmas, Gospel, Country and Rock CD's.

Duplicates are being given to our 'sister' church in Rapid City. If you have a different preference, please let us know when you make the donation. A "Donated By" label will be affixed to the material, if we know who makes the donation.

Overdue lists are located in both libraries, please check to see if you have a CD in your car, a book under your bed or if the naughty Christmas Elf is hiding a KCC DVD on your shelf. Monitoring overdue material takes time and money, please be conscious of the library items you have. "Checking out is what the library is about," I love how much the library is being used and know Jeanne Lantzer is smiling in Heaven.

Speaking of Jeanne, I finally decided on the perfect use of her memorial money, a new software program. I deliberated on this for a long time, because it is rather high tech and a huge leap of faith. Thank you to our board members which have approved an increase in the library budget, coupled with the memorial money, this upgrade is now possible. In 2019 our library will be using a company called Book Systems. This company uses Atrium , a 100% web-based system, and is accessible from any computer or mobil device with an internet connection. It allows users to search the library, as well as renew and reserve material.

Changing over to the new system, in both libraries, is going to take a lot of time and work. My goal is to have this transition done by early March. The new system also requires new labels, at seven cents each, for scanning. The cost of relabeling is the primary reason for eliminating older materials.

I will try to keep you informed on the progress of our new system. Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding the new system and other library concerns.

Happy Blessings in 2019 and remember, "Clearly one must read every good book at least every ten years," C.S. Lewis. I know we have MANY GOOD books in our library. The problem is so many choices!

Geri Sue



Men's Ministry

Dean Farrier

At KCC the goal of our Men and Boys Ministry is to stir the hearts of men to grow closer to God and walk more closely with our brothers and sons. We have two slogans, “**Every boy needs an uncle**” and “**Bring a friend**”. In 2018 we sponsored the following events:

1. Four “Fifth Sunday Preacher’s Prayer Partner’s Breakfasts”. These meetings feature a hot buffet breakfast, round table fellowship, an inspiring devotional and round table prayer. The Preacher’s Prayer Partner’s Breakfasts are quarterly when there is a fifth Sunday in a month. We gather at 7:15. In 2018, we averaged 35 men per meeting and have a list of over 50 men committed to praying for Andy and our staff one day a week. Look for these meetings in 2019 at the end of April, July, September and December.
2. A Higher Call Conference “Full Draw” at Gaylord E. Free Church was attended by 10 men in mid-March. This Spiritual pep-talk encourages men and boys to know their God and do His work. This was approximately our tenth year attending this meeting with 10 to 15 men. The theme for the 2019 Conference is “Base Camp” and will be held on Saturday March 9. The featured speakers are Stu Weber, a Vietnam Green Burette and author of “Tender Warrior” and Tom Joyce, “Top Gun” movie pilot and Navy Captain. Tickets, including lunch, are \$35 until February 16.
3. The 14th Annual Men and Boys Pancake Breakfast and Clay Pigeon Shoot was cancelled this year after two scheduled dates. The worst of winter came in April and lasted most of the month. In 2019, with “Spring Break” being the last week of March, we “target” Saturday, April 6 for this event. Breakfast will be in the Fellowship hall at KCC and the Shoot will be at Wilderness Christian Assembly. We are always looking for extra hands to help with this event.
4. The 14th Annual River Float and Bond fire cookout was held on Saturday September 8. This year we changed rivers and floated a portion of the “Mason Tract” on the S. Branch of the Au Sable. This event is a relaxing afternoon observing God’s beautiful creation in a regatta of brightly colored canoes and kayaks floating down a “flies only” stretch of the S. Branch of the Au Sable River. The day concludes with an inspirational devotional and bonfire dinner (and sometimes chocolate chip cookies). This year we had about 24 floaters and a 4 member ground crew. We hold this event the Sunday after Labor Day each year. In 2019 the expected date will be Saturday September 7. We are always looking for extra hands to help with this event as well.

If you have suggestions for new events, please contact Dean Farrier, 231-620-1798. We would like to thank all of the many volunteers who help put these events together. We also want to thank the many-many participants who make these events successful. We need all of you because “**every boy needs an uncle**”. Together we are shedding God’s Light into our community. “**Remember to bring a friend!**”

For His Glory,
Brett Gallagher & Dean Farrier





Women's Ministry

Jill Ponstein

The KCC Women's ministry team's goal is to reach the heart of women. A team of 8-10 women continued to meet every other month to determine how best to fulfill this goal.



Attending Winsome Women was a new event. Twenty-eight women were part of the two-day retreat at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. Speakers discussing the theme, "The Great I Am", included Nancy DeMoss (one of the authors of the Titus 2 Bible studies), Sarah Scieber, Ben Manthei and musician Sandi Patty. It is our intention to continue offering this opportunity rotating through the May and October event (2019 - we are looking at the October retreat--more info to come).

Lisa Bratton, once again, pulled off a wonderful year of Titus 2. About 80 women participated in the monthly meetings held between September and May. September 2018 started another year with 95 women participating. This ministry is designed to mentor women in their walk with Jesus. The current study, "IF: Enjoying Jesus", is focused on the spiritual disciplines of following Jesus such as praying, meditating, and fasting. Many women are being challenged in their relationships with Christ.



In the winter months of 2018, we decided to beat cabin fever with a couple of Bunco nights. We fellowshiped, played, won prizes, and snacked. While numbers were not huge for these events, the women who attended were thrilled and asked for more—coming soon!



2018 Christmas Tea, the 20th annual tea, will probably be known as my favorite. We made a last minute move to the auditorium and it changed the ambiance of the whole event. It was intimate, cozy, and blessings were all around. Our elves worked extra hard, even with the help of the varsity basketball boys. What a blessing to have Julie Garris from Ozark Christian College, join us as our speaker. Her message encouraged us to remember "Who" you know. Thirty decorated tables and 275 attendees was a beautiful sight!

We honored Sherry Johnson who started the Christmas Tea twenty years ago. Unbeknownst to us, it was all based on Karen Hodgman's creative ideas. While Sherry received the flowers, Karen's ability to vision new ideas are certainly deserving of being recognized. Thank you both! You are amazing.

Thanks to all the women who have participated, prepared, and prayed for the Women's Ministry programs! Your light is shining!

Jill Ponstein



Kalkaska Baby Pantry

The Kalkaska Baby Pantry has been steadily growing over the past four and a half years. We are open 2 days a month, the second and fourth Tuesday's from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm. We provide diapers, wipes, wash, lotion, baby food as it's donated, and clothing from size newborn to 4T.

2014 was the first year that the Panty was open at the Church location. We have grown in many ways in just a few short years. 2017 was another record year – Here are some numbers of just a few items that the Pantry has provided in 2017:

22,680 Diapers
3156 Pull Ups
636 Packages of Wipes
252 Bottles of Baby Wash/Lotion
We served OVER 700 Families!!!

The Kalkaska Baby Pantry Board has been working hard to improve the Pantry. We attend the Food Coalition meetings in Traverse City once a month to qualify for Grant monies that are given out each year and work with the other Baby Pantries in our 5-county area. This year, participating with other Baby Pantries in the area and Carter's children's clothing store, we were able to pass out a new pair of warm winter pajamas to every child in the pantry. Also, thanks to the Friends of the Kalkaska County Library, each child also received a new book at the December Baby Pantry. February is Child Dental Month, and we have new toothbrushes and toothpaste standing by to be passed out at the February Baby Pantry. In October we provided new socks and underwear to all children who were in need.

We plan to grow, nurture, and love the smallest and most precious members of our community. We would not be able to do all that we have done without the amazing support of the Kalkaska Church of Christ.

We would like to thank the Elders and the Church for your continued support of the Baby Pantry, so we can continue to aid the families in our community.

Kalkaska Baby Pantry Board

Kim Stephens – President

Mickie Castle- Vice President

Shirley Farrier – Treasurer

Linda Crawford – Secretary



Missions Annual Report

Tim Severance

The KCC Missions Committee meets once a month on the second Monday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Green Room. The team consists of myself, Le Baxter, Sara Blasko, Jeff Trabold, Steve & Patti Mathis, Andy Bratton, and Michelle Price. We meet to discuss how we can best connect the church with the 15 missions currently supported by KCC, share updates from our missions/missionaries, and make decisions on continuing support. This committee is open to any member of KCC.

First the bad news: We will no longer be supporting Marianne Badongen in the Philippines as she has returned home for personal reasons and the mission of BUILD has been dissolved.

The good news: We have picked up 2 new missions to begin supporting in 2019.

Todd & Ann Ziems of Son-International in Tanzania, Africa

Son-International (www.son-international.org) is involved with developing clean drinking water for villages that do not have a good source of clean water. This involves building water filters and educating the people of the importance of using clean water and also the causes of water born diseases. Todd & Ann are from the Brighton Christian Church in Michigan and have been on the mission field for 23 years. KCC has committed to supporting Todd & Ann with \$200 a month.

Ahtapa Sinlee of Asian Gospel Outreach in Thailand

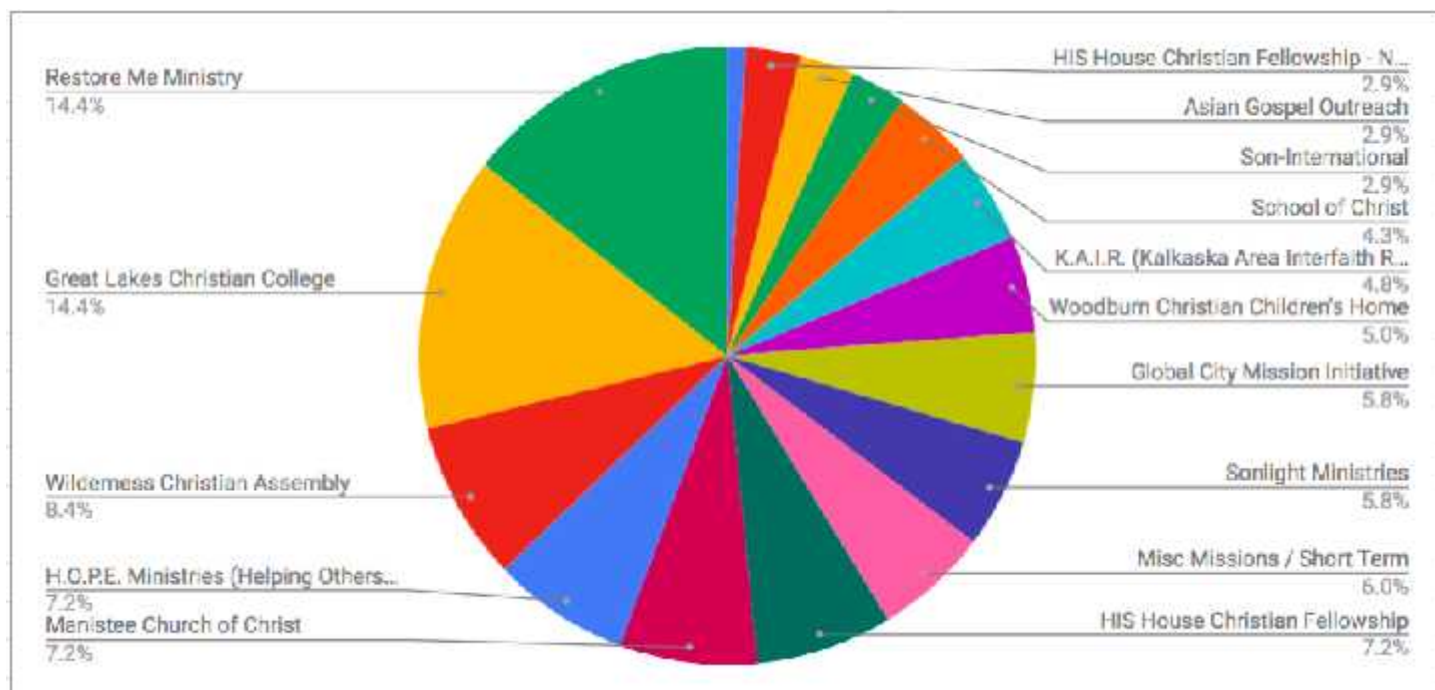
The Asian Gospel Outreach exists to spread the gospel in Southeast Asia by providing leadership training to assist the local church. The mission also provides a hostel for the education and leadership training of children from villages where quality and Christ-centered education is unavailable. Ahtapa and his wife, Leah are native missionaries. KCC has committed to supporting Ahtapa with \$200 a month.

The Missions Committee made these changes in support for 2019:

Pat Hill at His House in Traverse City: +100 / Month
Jacque Mytel at School of Christ in Haiti : +29 / Month
Joe Heins at Woodburn Christian Children's Home: +\$76 / Month
Joel Ickes at Global City Mission Initiative: +\$100 / Month
John & Carmen Neihaus at Sonlight in Haiti: +\$51 / Month
Jeff & Carol Badgero at HOPE in Haiti: +\$97 / Month
Gary Hawes at His House: -\$59 / Month
Phil Beavers at Great Lakes Christian College: -\$22 / Month
Dan & Sherry Johnson at Restore Me Ministry: -\$500 / Month

For a full report of all missions supported and the amount, see the Mission Spreadsheet/Graph.

Mission Name	Missionaries	2019 Year	Monthly Gift	Percent 2019
White as Snow	Becky McDermont	\$800.00	\$66.67	1%
HIS House Christian Fellowship - NMC	Pat Hill	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	3%
Asian Gospel Outreach	Ahtapa Sinlee	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	3%
Son-International	Todd & Ann Ziems	\$2,400.00	\$200.00	3%
School of Christ	Jacque Mytel	\$3,600.00	\$300.00	4%
K.A.I.R. (Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources)	Kathy Somes	\$4,032.00	\$336.00	5%
Woodburn Christian Children's Home	Joe Heins	\$4,200.00	\$350.00	5%
Global City Mission Initiative	Joel Ickes	\$4,800.00	\$400.00	6%
Sonlight Ministries	John & Carmen Neihaus	\$4,800.00	\$400.00	6%
Misc Missions / Short Term		\$5,000.00	\$416.67	6%
HIS House Christian Fellowship	Gary Hawes	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	7%
Manistee Church of Christ	Ron & Mickey	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	7%
H.O.P.E. Ministries (Helping Others Prepare for Eternity)	Jeff & Carol Badgero	\$6,000.00	\$500.00	7%
Wilderness Christian Assembly	Ted & Heidi Peasley	\$6,984.00	\$582.00	8%
Great Lakes Christian College	Phil Beavers	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00	14%
Restore Me Ministry	Dan & Sherry Johnson	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00	14%
Totals		\$83,416.00	\$4,369.33	100%





Elders at KCC up for re-election

3 year term through 2021



Darin Cummings

I am Darin Cummings, an Elder here at KCC for the last 9 years. I am married to the most beautiful girl in the world and have three amazing kids who are all married to amazing spouses, along with three grandkids who are a lot of fun. I grew up in the town of Rodney (about 90 miles south) and graduated from Chippewa Hills in 1986. After high school I attended Ferris State University, then joined the US Army. In 1989 I married my High School sweetheart and in 1992 we moved to Kalkaska and made this our home. We were drawn to the Kalkaska Church of Christ for the Children's programs, friendly smiles and open hearts. Lisa and I have enjoyed many years of working with the youth group and are excited to see what God has in store for us and this Church as we continue to grow.



Richard Hodgman

I was raised in Bangor, MI and was an active part of the Bangor Christian Church all through my pre-Michigan State University days. I was very involved in church. I went to Wednesday night Bible studies as a youth with "really old people" and God blessed me. I worked on fruit farms all my youth with extensive 4-H activities. I was committed to being a minister but received a 4-H full tuition scholarship to MSU unexpectedly. My grades were so good in college that I was invited to Honors College which opened many opportunities to me. One opportunity was being accepted to the NEW Michigan State College of Human Medicine. I had always wanted to be a medical doctor and I had thought it would be a great way to serve the Lord. I met my Christian wife, Karen, at a get together at Great Lakes Christian College and we married my first year of Medical School. Karen and I wanted to settle in a community with a Church of Christ and I wanted to be a doctor where I thought I could make a difference. Kalkaska seemed the perfect spot with a struggling hospital and lots of people needing care. Karen has been such a great support in sharing me as a community physician, keeping the home together during my service in Desert Storm and being the "quiet" Christian leader in our church and community. My daughter, Mary Deb Rabourn, is a wonderful Christian woman because of what life has thrown at her. I love my son-in-law and grandchildren. More than anything, I love the Lord and our KCC family. What a blessing it has been!



Tim Severance

Tim attended Great Lakes Christian College, Northwestern Michigan College, and graduated from Western Michigan University in 2000 with a Computer Information Systems degree. He served on the mission field in Haiti with three different missions over a period of 12 years. He and his wife, Anita, have 2 children, Scott & Kaylin. Tim has been the Associate Minister at KCC for 18 years.



Elders at KCC

Serving through 2019



Dean Farrier



Andy Bratton



Elders at KCC

Serving through 2020



Mike Babcock



Dale Farrier



Dave Israel



Elders Emeritus



Maurice "Fuzzy" Guy



Don Sherman



Gene Farrier