



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Leading generations to **live** and **love** like Jesus

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



It has been my privilege this year to lead our congregation through a nine-month study of the Book of Acts. We have explored together the story of the first century church from its fragile beginnings to its transformation as a global movement. My highest hope was that our historical study would lead to a rediscovery of the beauty and power of the local church. Through the Book of Acts, we are reminded of the reality of the Holy Spirit, the design of the church as a body, the importance of community, the benefits of conflict, the consequences of following Jesus, and the beauty of the gospel.

The Book of Acts in the Bible is closed, but the glorious story of the church goes on. The next chapter is still being written. It is being written in rural areas in small family churches. It is being written in house churches that meet in India. It is being written in gatherings of Jesus followers among every tribe and tongue and people throughout the world. And it is being written here.

This annual report contains statistics and updates intended to communicate some of the ways the story of the church is being written by many of you. God is alive and active! Your faithfulness in praying, giving, serving, welcoming, and responding has been remarkable. Thank you.

May God use us to write the next chapter in the glorious story of the hope of the world!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Scott McKee Senior Pastor

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Membership

Total Membership on April 22, 2022 **1,546**

Additions

Confession, Reaffirmation and Restoration	45
Letter of Transfer	13
Total Additions	58

Losses

Removed by Letter of Transfer	0
Other Session Removals	51
Deaths	36
Total Losses	87

Total Membership on May 8, 2023 **1,507**

Baptisms

Infant/Youth/Adult **11/15/3**



Our Core Values

Our values undergird everything we say and do at Ward Church.

They guide our decision-making and help us gauge whether we're on the right track.

They set standards for our church and help us align our priorities. As you read through the following **Ministry Reports** on pages 6-25, we hope you'll see glimpses of these values represented in all we experienced in the past year.

We give glory to God for the ways He worked through us and guided us.

Ward Church Values



**Thoughtful
Theology**



**Audacious
Generosity**



**Healthy
Families**



**Global
Reach**



**Extra-Mile
Hospitality**

Learn more about Ward Church's Mission, Values and Beliefs at ward.church/beliefs



Ward Church celebrates eight months in Farmington Hills

After five years of praying and planning to evolve into a multisite church, in the winter of 2021, our Elders were approached by Ward Church's daughter church, Grace Chapel, about merging the two campuses. The Elders of Grace Chapel sought a stronger partnership to help strengthen their mission for Jesus in Farmington Hills. People from both congregations and leadership were excited to see how this endeavor might bring new people to the Lord. After much consideration and a vote by the congregation in early 2022, the Ward Church staff immediately began the work of preparing the former Grace Chapel building to become a Ward Church satellite campus.



Ward Church Farmington Hills opened its doors on October 9, 2022, as a relationally and locally focused expression of Ward. Since we opened our doors, we have been bursting with activity inside and outside the building. This includes establishing partnerships with local organizations, such as CARES, an innovative market and food pantry, and Another Way Pregnancy Center, as well as with the City of Farmington Hills. The building is also used for programs like English as a Second Language Conversation Groups and the Community Garden. This fall, we hope to launch an Alpha small group for those in our communities that are spiritually curious. We also make our Farmington Hills campus available for use by other local organizations, including Young Life, SEND International, Oak Pointe Church, and other partners. As we continue to gel as a local body of Christ, we hope to be used by Him in amazing ways, with each of us staying on mission to lead generations to live and love like Jesus.



Sean Carroll

Farmington Hills
Campus Pastor



Fast Facts

- 20+** kids participate in Sunday programming
- Average attendance of **81** people in the building
- 6** community partners
- 4** outreach programs
- 30** (avg.) volunteers serve each month in various roles

Campus Services

After serving six months as interim Campus Services Director, John Nowacki passed the baton to myself and David Sykes to serve as Facility Managers for the Northville and Farmington Hills campuses in January. We hope to continue in his footsteps to provide a welcoming, clean and safe environment for all.

At the Northville campus, Ward opens its doors to three ethnic churches that hold services each week on Sunday afternoons. These church communities, which include Ethiopian, Tigrinya/Eritrean, and Chinese churches, are conducted in these native languages. It's a joy to hear this worship of our Lord in different dialects, spill out into the hallways each week.

With the help of some new custodians, we've been able to maintain a higher standard of cleanliness across our two campuses, while continuing to keep up with ongoing events at a steady pace.

We are blessed to have such wonderful, steadfast volunteers who pitch in when needed to keep Ward looking beautiful. Our volunteers assist with facility care and up-keep during large scale events, such as Fall Kick-off and the Christmas Festival. They also assist with electrical, plumbing, planting, landscaping, vehicle maintenance, nativity scene installation and so much more. We have a fantastic volunteer security team that looks after and attends to our safety and security needs.

Since opening day at the Farmington Hills campus, some of the major projects included cutting down and clearing several acres of overgrown weeds and trees blocking the view from Halsted Road, painting most of the building, installing a new entrance door, beautifying the lobby and installing new carpeting in all hallways. "Along with visual improvements, we made environmental improvements with the repair of two HVAC units and replaced one HVAC unit to make the auditorium more comfortable," said David.



Matt Bone

Northville Facility Manager

“We needed to bring the fire suppression system up to code with a new connection for the fire department on the side of the building, which also helps them do their jobs when the time comes,” David added.

We continue to work on some major campus maintenance projects, including repairing sections of our roof at the Northville campus. Proper preventive maintenance has helped to sustain some of our aging mechanical machinery, including deferring replacing some of our HVAC units.

Much of our major campus big ticket replacement costs, such as original sections of roofing and our HVAC units, continue to be safely deferred, thanks to solid preventive maintenance practices. We endeavor to keep our major equipment going for as long as we can. Proper preventive maintenance has helped bolster continued confidence in much of our aging mechanical machinery.

Capital Maintenance Projects this past year included some curb and sidewalk repair at Northville, as well as crack sealing 14,000 sq. ft. of our lots to prevent more deterioration while keeping the water and weeds out. We installed new variable air volume control units in the Northville Sanctuary that needed replacement due to obsolete and poor functioning parts. Lastly, for safety reasons, we replaced nine new light poles around the property due to rot and corrosion, including poles that had fallen over due to high winds.

This year at our Northville campus, we hosted over 3,000 events serving 143,000 attendees. We used 87 percent of our available facility space and 91 percent of our room resources. We continue to partner with Livonia Public Schools as a satellite campus for their Transitional Program, as well as Northville High School for their AP Testing and annual Senior Parade. The Playscape continues to be a popular community destination throughout the year. Birthday reservations continue to grow at a rapid pace with an average of 15 birthdays per month on the weekends. We continue seeking any opportunity to partner with and support the area communities through our building resources.



Events + Guest Experience

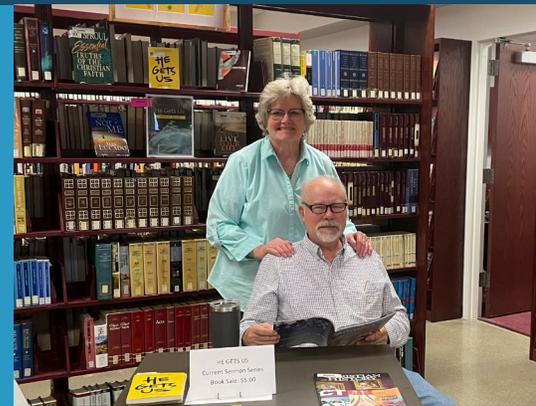
Our Northville and Farmington Hills guest services teams work hard every week to be helpful and friendly to each person that walks through our doors on a Sunday. We are consistently welcoming back ushers and greeters who have returned to the team, while adding new faces who have recently called Ward their new church home. We see more of our Guest Services team members volunteering on Sundays with spouses, children and grandchildren.

During the week, our Ward Church staff has begun rotating sitting at the Northville Entry 1 desk to help field any questions that people have, who come to enjoy our Playscape, RēNū Coffee, our weekday programming and any number of other ways that God has brought them through our doors. We are also excited about the work that Ward Church members Steve and Maia Wright are doing to make our Media Center such a warm and welcoming place! Children who come to enjoy the Playscape love to visit the children’s section inside the Media Center and say hi to “Mr. Steve.”

This past year, we hosted Tunes, Trucks + Treats events at both our Northville and Farmington Hills campuses. This event has continued to draw a cross-section of people from the communities surrounding both campuses of Ward! What an amazing community event it has turned out to be! We also were blessed to welcome families to our Fall Kick-off, FX Christmas Festival, Parent Summit, and Easter Services. Our Women’s Christmas Tea was once again sold out with 400 attendees. Our speaker and former Ward Church member, Marsha Brown, was extraordinary.

We were pleased to once again invite Jews for Jesus to do a seder meal presentation to kick off 2023 Holy Week. Knox Hall was packed with 400 people as Chief Operating Officer of Jews for Jesus, Dr. Dan Sered, guided us through the Passover meal and showed us how each of the elements plays a part in revealing the identity of Christ.

We cannot wait to see what God will do through our guest experience teams in the coming year! We pray He will continue to draw people to Ward, as they utilize the more than 200,000 sq. ft. across both campuses. May we be His representatives to all those He brings through our doors.



Sue Hanstad Director of Outreach + Guest Services



Group Life

This was a year for transitions in Group Life. Starting in 2023, we had a vacancy in the role of Small Groups Director. I am so pleased to say that Ward Member Paul Clunis has stepped up to be trained, empowered, and now equipped to make sure everyone who wants to be part of a small group has access and the ability to join one. We are still searching for a permanent Small Groups Director, but until then, Paul is doing an amazing job and offering so many wonderful ideas to improve this important area of our church. I'm also grateful to witness God's design for leadership unfolding, where we pass on what was entrusted to us to that next generation of leaders. I'm grateful to the Lord for allowing that to happen in this department and at Ward church as a whole!

I'm still very encouraged by our support groups and how they serve the surrounding communities. Loving on hurting people is a directive from Jesus and I'm proud that Ward takes this seriously. I look forward to the coming year as we watch our support ministries continue to grow and love our communities well!

New groups have also been added this year. Pastor Terence Gray kicked off the monthly Men's Huddle in April. During this early morning gathering, men meet for fellowship, breakfast, and relevant discussion about issues affecting them. It has been a great success so far and has been a goal for Ward and for Pastor Terence to build a strong and supportive community for our men. I am also excited for the work that Pastor Terence and team have been doing with the Revelation 7:9 group, helping others cross barriers to seek unity in Christ across our communities (read more on page 15). The Heart & Soul of a Healthy Marriage class started in September as a Sunday morning class, and transitioned to a six-week class this past spring. Members Debbie and Paul Pierson have built a strong foundation for people to come and find the right tools to help strengthen their marriages. We plan to continue offering this class every fall and spring.



Sean Carroll

Pastor of Spiritual Formation + Care

Fast Facts

70 small groups with **685** group participants

6 Sunday Morning Groups with **342** group participants

1800+ people are in groups of all sizes throughout Ward Church

200 women come every Tuesday to engage in fellowship and study God's Word.

Global + Local Outreach

I am amazed at how our church stepped it up last year to show love and support to so many people, near and far. As the world endured crisis after crisis, and we saw the impact in the grocery stores and at the gas pumps, we knew we needed to help where we could. And help you did! Three dedicated teams of volunteers have been caring for refugee families from Afghanistan. They have been driving to appointments, helping to pay bills, and assisting with obtaining documentation. Forgotten Harvest continues to grow and thrive. We've seen a huge upswing from 150 last year to 260 households served weekly this year. That uptick in need has been matched by a rise in volunteers, for which we are grateful. Ward partnered with Samaritan's Purse to send teams for six disaster relief missions to Missouri, Florida, Kentucky, Illinois and Virginia. Thank you for your generosity in giving to relief funds for Ukraine and Turkey/Syria. That money has gone a long way to help those still enduring the fallout from these overseas crises. We are also grateful for a team who made clothing that was distributed in these far-off regions as well. This helped as people in these crippled nations endured the long winter.

The money raised during this year's Easter Offering benefited Gateway 328, the Ward anti-trafficking ministry. Our church gave far above our expectations, which allowed us to contribute toward the building of a bakery, computer lab and counseling program in Thailand. The building will also provide employment so that those delivered out of human trafficking can be equipped with employable skills. This coming year, we are excited to bring back our short-term "impact" trips. We will work with Gateway 328 and our global partner based in Spain and Thailand to offer two trips this fall.



In addition to stepping up in new ways this past year, you also supported many of our annual giving opportunities. Last summer, groups of volunteers once again devoted three hours of their time to bring transformation to properties within the Central Detroit Christian community through Simple Serve Saturdays. You also packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, donated coats and blankets, and gave to support the Central Detroit Christian Christmas Store. We are grateful to the Ward MOPS team for donating items, after their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale, to benefit Ward Church partner AAA Pregnancy Center. With the addition of our Farmington Hills campus, we have seen new opportunities to spread the love of Christ to those living in that community. Through English as a Second Language Conversation Groups, a Community Garden, and a fruitful partnership with the innovative food pantry CARES, we see the hands and feet of Christ in action in new and exciting ways.

We give thanks to God for six faithful global partners, who are retiring this year, and their phenomenal service in ministry at locations throughout the world!



Sue Hanstad

Director of Outreach
+ Guest Services



Season of Giving | September - November 2022:

- ➔ 500 coats and blankets donated (previous year - 150)
- ➔ 750 toys collected for Central Detroit Christian parent store (previous year - 440)
- ➔ 1,430 OCC shoe boxes collected from Ward Church (previous year - 1,260)
- ➔ 10,869 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes collected from the community and nearby churches

Fast Facts

260 households served every week at Forgotten Harvest

50 (avg.) weekly Forgotten Harvest volunteers

62 total global partners

6 disaster relief trips with Samaritan's Purse

27 people who accepted Christ (during disaster relief trip) following a tornado in Amory,

1,500 personal care kits and lunches packed and distributed and over **\$62,000** collected for Gateway 328 Easter Offering

Engaging with new cultures

This past year, we looked for new ways to connect with people of different cultures and backgrounds. Out of this desire to get to know our neighbors better, we introduced four new ministries.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

In February, the Northville campus began offering a unique program for parents and their children. From 10-11 a.m. on Wednesdays, Ward welcomed speakers from different ethnic backgrounds to present on their cultures. Each week featured a presentation and included a craft and a snack that related to the cuisine of that week's nation. The cultures represented included South Korea, Hungary and Australia. They plan to bring the program back this summer for a four-week series.



AFGHANISTAN REFUGEE TEAMS

In 2021, when the U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan, the Taliban quickly took over. Afghans who had helped the U.S. Army or government in any capacity became endangered. The U.S. offered those people an opportunity to come to the U.S. as refugees. Ward Church took up an offering to help anyone who might come to our area. Three groups of 10 volunteers signed up to help. Although they did not know what to expect, they have experienced God's provision, strength and support as they have overcome language and cultural barriers to help these refugees acclimate to the U.S. Many of the funds raised by Ward has helped to pay for groceries as the refugees have waited for Bridge Cards. The funds have also helped to cover portions of rent and other necessities.

REVELATION 7:9

In fall 2022, Ward Church started the Revelation 7:9 group at the Northville campus, whose purpose was to discuss how best to carry out the Great Commission to those within our 1-, 3- and 5-mile radius, and spend time studying the various people groups that make up this eclectic region. It kicked off with a luncheon that served 48 people. Many of them signed up to be a part of the group, and began receiving weekly emails. In January, 51 people traveled to the Charles H. Wright Museum in Detroit, whose aim is to open minds and changes lives through the exploration and celebration of African American history and culture. Come February, 32 people participated in a book study and discussion group. In addition, the group invited Ward's own Raymond B. Randolph Jr. to tell his story. He was a 21-year-old student at Virginia Union University when he was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi for his participation in a Freedom Ride in 1961. They also learned through engaging with articles, videos and group discussion.



ESL CONVERSATION GROUPS

In fall 2023, one of the first ministries to launch at the Farmington Hills campus were English as a Second Language Conversation Groups. They grew from three attendees gathered in one room to now spanning three rooms at the Farmington Hills campus. Week after week, dozens of attendees come together on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to practice English, enjoy fellowship and build community. This summer, the group is excited to welcome everyone, whether you attend the ESL Conversation Groups or not, to the first Ward Church + ESL Family Celebration at the Farmington Hills campus. Attendees can learn how to play baseball, enjoy a cookout, and watch the telecast of the Tigers vs. the Minnesota Twins.

Care Ministry + Deacons

CARE MINISTRY

The past year in Care Ministries has been a year of thanks and praise as we returned to more “hands-on” ministry following a long time of caution during the pandemic. We provide support groups around the topics of mental health, grief support and divorce care, along with providing space for Families Anonymous weekly meetings. The Care Pastors, David Owen and Wayne Byrum, have done more hospital and rehab facility visits now that many restrictions are lifted. Many previously postponed memorial services with luncheons have taken place over the past months. Our funeral luncheon team, led by Jo Russell, has blessed grieving families by providing kindness and refreshment following those services. Care Ministries, along with Pastor Owen and volunteers, provide four senior potluck luncheons and entertainment over the season. The fun begins with jokes from Pastor Dave’s repertoire! Everyone was happy to hear Keenager (55+) trips have resumed, with Sally Butler once again providing interesting local trips that include great restaurants for lunch. We continue to provide information and care in response to email and phone call requests from people in distress both in the community and in the Ward family. Care Ministries extends a warm welcome to Pastor to Seniors Mike Frison as he joined us in ministry this past April.

DEACONS MINISTRY

The Ward Church Board of Deacons includes a group of 39 Deacons and nine Executive Board members who are privileged to serve the Ward Church family (including both Northville and Farmington Hills campuses) with prayer and care. The Deacon Prayer Team prays for the many requests that come in each week by way of the Ward app, phone calls, email and word of mouth. The Deacon Care Team does follow-up and follow-through for such things as bereavements, hospitalization, cancer treatments and various other needs, working with Care Ministry and the Care Pastors as needed. Deacons oversee monthly communion and Covenant Baptisms and look each year at what is needed to best care for the Ward family. We have offered financial assistance within the Ward family where possible. The Deacon Executive Board, on behalf of the Deacon Ministry, donates generously to community partners monthly. We receive cards and notes that have heartfelt messages of thanks for “helping us through a crisis” and “thanking God for providing hope” during difficult circumstances. The Ward family’s gifts to the Deacons Ministry and prayers for those in distress have been a hallmark of the generosity Ward has extended over many years.



Millie Dreisbach Assistant Director of
Group Life + Care

Fast Facts

\$150,000 from the Deacon Fund was given to people and organizations in need, all locally

4,264 prayer requests received, prayed over and responded to by our Deacon Prayer Team between May 2022 and April 2023



WardKids

Our mission is to lead children to live and love like Jesus, and we are so thankful for families to partner with us in this mission. At WardKids, we contextualize the message for our specific age groups and the programs that we offer. We allow a space where each family member can experience the abundant life that comes from pursuing a relationship with Jesus.

In 2022, we had fun, learned about Jesus, and grew into our mission together. Whether it was through one of our WardKids events, parenting classes, Sunday Special Needs, FX: A Family Experience, Pioneer Girls, Next Steps Class, Parent Summit, Winter Blast, Sunday WardKids programming, or summer camp, we had a great time this past year!

As we close out another programming year, one thing always remains. We love Children’s Ministry, we love our families, and we love our volunteers! Children’s Ministry is all about helping children become more like Jesus. The process begins when we invite children to connect with Jesus and give them an experience where they can have fun and learn more about His Story. It develops as the grace and glory of Jesus are revealed. We are thankful you are on this journey with us to lead children to live and love like Jesus!

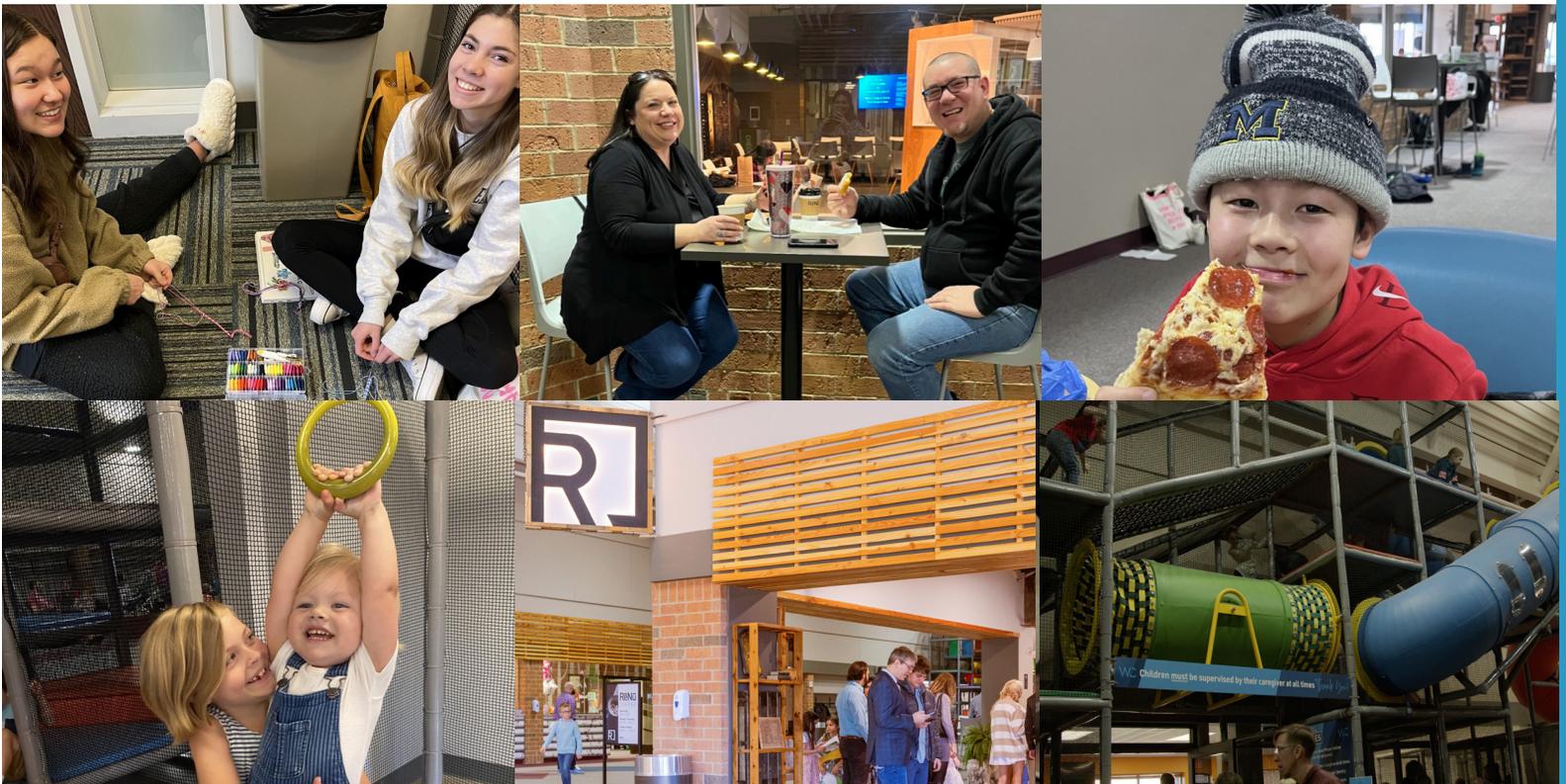


Justin Tucker Director of Family Ministry



PLAYSCAPE + RēNū OPEN NEW DOORS

As life continues to return to relative normalcy, more families have been turning to Ward Church as a place to find respite. Where we've seen this in the most obvious way is through the amenities at Entry 1 at our Northville campus. Every day, throughout the week, families flock to the Playscape. They chat with fellow adults as their little ones play. Remote workers have been using the RēNū space to get some work done and enjoy a great cup of coffee. This past winter, we witnessed a lot of school closures. Our facilities were a lifesaver to families, especially during the winter power outages. During some particularly difficult few days of no power, the Ward Family team stepped up and ordered 25 pizzas and made coffee for all of the families who had come to Ward to get warm and charge their phones.



Fast Facts

Over 270 (avg.) children participate weekly on Sundays

30 (avg.) adults volunteer on Sundays

20 (avg.) students volunteer on Sundays

2,577,385 smiles by children and volunteers

50 Pioneer Girls and 15 leaders

(avg.) deepened their faith with Jesus every Tuesday

76,399 donuts consumed by volunteers on Sundays during the 2022-23 ministry year

WardStudents

It's been a great year at WardStudents! We continue to build momentum through our amazing volunteers and leaders. We have seen many students invite new friends that have never attended before, which is always a huge win for us! Students have taken steps in their faith through baptism and taking steps in spiritual disciplines. God is moving. We've also seen new students joining our praise team, step up through our Student Takeover nights, and so much more. We can't wait to see where God takes us in the coming year!

In 2023, we focused our messages and teachings around the word Identity. We took time to look at who God says we are, and then we broke down those things in our small groups. Over the past few years, the pandemic and the implications of it have made what are normally difficult developmental years anyway, all that more difficult. So this series was our "this is who you are" moment. During a time when students find themselves desperately trying to discover who they are, we reminded them of who they ACTUALLY are. Then, we followed up with a series based on who God says HE is. We looked at the names Jesus uses for Himself throughout the Gospels, in an effort to show students WHOSE they are.

When you add to that our fall retreats, Summer Camp, and Spring Hill retreats, it's been a wild year! After a long hiatus, this summer we are planning an international WardStudents' trip to the Yucatan State in Mexico! We'll take a team of 21 to work alongside a long-term mission partner of Ward Church, Jean Legters. We cannot wait!



Mark Ordus Director of WardStudents



REACHING GEN Z FOR CHRIST

Over the past year, through outreach events, camps, Wednesdays nights, and Sunday mornings, WardStudents has connected with 261 students, with 74 of them connecting with WardStudents for the first time. Our students are busier now than ever before, and it is so cool to see God still drawing them to hear God's name proclaimed through this ministry! WardStudents is passionate about creating environments where students feel confident and excited enough about what we are doing to invite their friends. To see students, who had disconnected during the pandemic, reconnecting now is amazing.



Fast Facts

84 students - average weekly Wednesday night attendance (last few months of 2023, they've broken 100 students)

20 students - average weekly middle school Sunday morning attendance

42 (avg.) students serving on Sundays

93 students + 24 leaders attended summer camp at Michindoh in 2022

74 first-time WardStudents guests

Young Adults

Ward Young Adults turned two this year, and with that came new events and established routines. Our ministry launched new reoccurring events such as Summer Nights and RēNū After Dark. Both of these offered young adults ways to connect as a large group and invite friends into the ministry. We also held our first Fall Retreat, forged a partnership with Trinity Church, and launched a college small group and young married ministry.

Our year began with the launch of Summer Nights, a weekly meeting format for the summer. Young adults gathered every Tuesday night in the circle drive for a message or fun night. Together, we talked about what it means to live and love like Jesus in an increasingly divided world. We tackled topics such as evangelism, religion, justice, and power. Summer Nights paved the way for deeper conversations and connections.

I am encouraged by the growth in our small groups this past year. What started as a small group of leaders trusting God to provide people, has now turned into a thriving community of college students. This small group seeks to provide support to students who are facing the challenges that college brings. In addition to our college small group, our men's, women's and coed groups continued to grow and strengthen this year. Through some experimentation and new events, our ministry has spent the past year growing and learning about who we are and what God has planned for us.



Jenni NeighbourDirector of Young Adults



LEARNING TO LET GO

This year, we took a group of young adults away on a fall retreat. With the theme of “The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry,” we spent the weekend slowing down and connecting to God. We looked at disciplines like sabbath, solitude, simplicity, and slowing to understand what it means to live with intention. Too often we hurry through life and miss the easy yoke that Jesus has offered us. Fall retreat provided the space for young adults to slow down, reflect, and reconnect to God and one another. The community at the retreat was sweet and so much fun. Through our small group time, team building, and games, new friendships were formed and others were deepened. As one of our young adults, Julia, said “I was able to let go of my self-consciousness, feel closer to God, and my friends.”



Fast Facts

62 connected young adults.

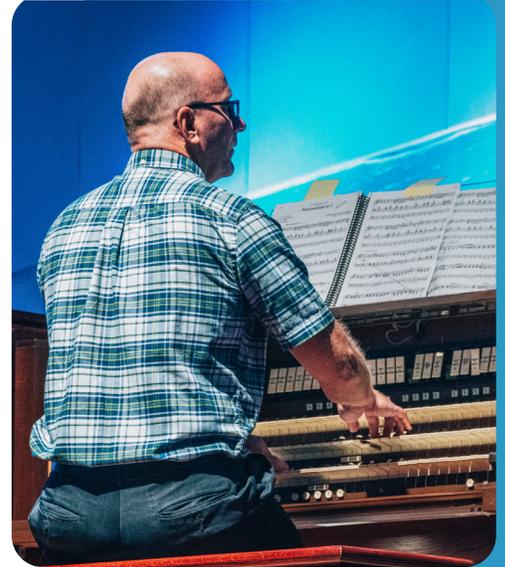
53 young adults in small groups.

Weekend Service

We have had quite a year within the worship department. After a year and a half search, we were so excited to welcome Northville Contemporary Worship Director Donald Cain. He has been doing a fantastic job and is an excellent addition to our department. Our Traditional Worship Director Mark Loring has done a wonderful job building the choir and orchestra and adding new and delightful elements to that service. The Worship Department held two community concerts last year, including the spring and Christmas concert. Both concerts were well attended and the choir and orchestra performed beautifully.

Our pastoral teaching team has challenged us this year through their in-depth study of the Book of Acts and through some special series, such as Done with Church, He Gets Us, Power Struggle, and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.

We were pleased to honor Hugh Taylor's wife, Geri, on February 5, with a plaque ceremony to thank her and Hugh for their many years of supporting the radio ministry, and to honor Hugh's memory. Starting in 1958, for many years, the traditional service has been broadcasted on WRDT 560 AM on Sundays. The broadcast ministry continues today online and is reaching people in many different states and countries.



Don BallDirector of Weekend Services



Worship Attendance

Sunday In-Person Services

NORTHVILLE

[May 1, 2022—April 30, 2023]

Traditional - 412 avg. headcount

Contemporary - 438 avg. headcount

FARMINGTON HILLS

[October 9, 2022—April 30, 2023]

Contemporary - 81 avg. headcount

Sunday Online Services

[May 1, 2022—April 30, 2023]

Traditional - 408 avg. unique devices

Contemporary - 258 avg. unique devices

Traditional Rebroadcast - 43 avg. unique devices

Contemporary Rebroadcast - 26 avg. unique devices

Estimated potential weekly reach 1,200-1,600

**Unique devices can represent more than one person watching per device*

Total Sunday Worship Services (in-person and online) Average: 1,617

Special Services

Easter 2022 in-person.....1,904

Easter 2022 online.....1,002

Easter 2023 in-person.....2,186

(2,071 Northville + 115 Farmington Hills)

Easter 2023 online.....824

Christmas Eve 2021 in-person.....1,911

Christmas Eve 2021 online.....756

Christmas Eve 2022 in-person.....1,898

(1,777 Northville + 121 Farmington Hills)

Christmas Eve 2022 online.....590

Total Special Services:

Christmas Eve 2021 + Easter 2022.....5,573

Christmas Eve 2022 + Easter 2023.....5,498

Where People Worshipped Online

People tuned in to Ward services from around our state, around our country and around the world. Here are a collection of the places where people watched online from May 2022 to April 2023.



Michigan:

Allen Park, Ann Arbor, Berkley, Belleville, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Brighton, Brooklyn, Brownstown, Burtchville, Byron Center, Canton, Chelsea, China, Clarkston, Coldwater, Commerce Township, Dearborn, Delhi Charter Township, Detroit, Dexter, Dimondale, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Kalamazoo, Keego Harbor, Lake In The Hills, Lake Orion, Linden, Livonia, Madison Heights, Manchester, Milford, Monroe, Mount Pleasant, Muskegon, New Boston, New Hudson, Northville, Novi, Nunica, Oak Park, Orion Township, Pinckney, Plymouth, Redford, Rochester Hills, Romulus, Royal Oak, Saline, South Lyon, Southfield, Spring Lake, Three Rivers, Trenton, Troy, Van Buren Township, Walled Lake, Wayne, West Bloomfield, West Olive, Westland, White Lake, Whitmore Lake, Williamsburg, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Wyandotte, and Ypsilanti.

United States:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Countries:

Anguilla, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Djibouti, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Receipts

	FY 2022 (44 weeks)	FY 2023 (44 weeks)	Favorable / Unfavorable	% Change
Contributory Receipts				
Impact Fund	\$4,066,561	\$4,155,892	\$89,331	2%
Building Projects	288,404	411,272	122,868	43%
Deacons	137,677	116,778	(20,899)	-15%
Gift-In-Kind	2,146,468	1,181	(2,145,287)	-100%
All Other Restricted Giving	343,847	488,438	144,590	42%
Total Contributory Receipts	\$6,982,957	\$5,173,560	(\$1,809,396)	-26%
Non-Contributory Receipts				
Investment & Other Income - Unrestricted	(\$318,341)	\$262,702	\$581,043	183%
Investment & Other Income - Restricted	(75,378)	44,003	119,381	158%
Facility Income	29,475	67,052	37,577	127%
Grant Revenue	159,825	123,000	(36,825)	-23%
Fees + Tuition + Sales Income	882,957	935,252	52,295	6%
Total Non-Contributory Receipts	\$678,537	\$1,432,008	\$753,471	111%
Total Receipts	\$7,661,494	\$6,605,568	(\$1,055,925)	-14%

BALANCE SHEET

Period Ending April 30, 2023

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,021,171
Marketable Securities	3,488,434
Staff Notes Receivable	48,019
Accounts Receivable, Net	1,210
Property + Equipment	16,116,007
Total Assets	\$24,674,841

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$291,360
Deferred Revenue	-
Other Liabilities	(770)
Total Liabilities	\$290,590

Net Assets

Permanently Restricted	\$243,845
Temporarily Restricted	1,726,633
Fee-Based Activity	659,643
Board Designated	6,385,978
Investment in Property + Equipment	14,782,357
Unrestricted	585,795
Total Net Assets	\$24,384,250

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$24,674,841
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BOARD OF DEACONS

Comparative Financial Statements

	10 Months Ended April, 2022	10 Months Ended April, 2023
Offerings		
General	\$130,081	\$114,708
Spring Bounty	7,596	2,035
Disaster Relief	-	-
Scholarship	-	35
Total Receipts	\$137,677	\$116,778
Disbursements		
Compassion Ministries		
Funeral Luncheons	\$12,727	\$27,062
Spring Bounty	-	-
Sundry	-	419
Love Gifts - Needs	20,828	17,786
Love Gifts - Counseling	2,830	4,680
Love Gifts - Food Certificates	8,406	7,210
Community Assistance	70,000	76,000
Total Compassion	\$114,791	\$133,157
Scholarships	\$4,513	\$7,208
Operational		
Communion Supplies	\$2,198	\$4,273
Deacon Supplies	5,013	3,970
Deacon Training	-	-
Postage + Copies	-	16.47
Total Operational	\$7,211	\$8,258
Total Disbursements	\$126,515	\$148,623
Net Change in Funds	\$11,162	\$-31,845

Funds Available at End of Period

General	\$102,032	\$89,822
Designated	82,333	71,362
Total Funds Available	\$184,365	\$161,184

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

2022-2023 Ministry Plan

	Program	Personnel	Total
Worship	\$133,142	\$539,601	\$672,743
Group Life	63,050	427,894	490,944
Next Generation	130,250	411,356	541,606
Outreach	591,335	140,214	731,549
Campus Services	1,499,312	1,113,846	2,613,158
Strategic Initiatives	100,000	-	100,000
Total Budget	\$2,517,089	\$2,632,911	\$5,150,000

2023-2024 Ministry Plan

	Program	Personnel	Total	Total % Change	% of Total Budget
Worship	\$124,847	\$ 558,033	\$682,880	2%	14%
Group Life	45,618	416,016	461,635	-6%	9%
Next Generation	112,707	381,481	494,189	-9%	10%
Outreach	533,979	138,153	672,132	-8%	14%
Campus Services	1,527,437	1,036,726	2,564,163	-2%	52%
Strategic Initiatives	25,000	-	25,000	-75%	1%
Total Budget	\$2,369,588	\$2,530,412	\$4,900,000	-5%	

OUTREACH

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

Missionaries + Partners

Global Partners	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
A*	\$8,400	\$8,400
Babcock	10,500	5,000
B*	12,600	12,600
B*	12,600	12,600
B*	12,600	12,600

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Global Partners (continued)

C*	6,300	3,300
G*	6,300	6,300
G*	10,500	10,500
G*	6,300	6,300
Greenman	13,650	13,650
H*	12,600	12,600
H*	6,300	6,300
J*	10,500	5,000
K*	10,500	10,500
L*	8,400	8,400
Legters	4,200	4,200
L*	5,040	5,040
Meyers	12,600	12,600
Mission Field Visitation	3,333	5,333
N*	8,442	8,442
New Mission Support	8,400	10,000
One Time Support	11,340	14,500
Spain Vision Trip	6,000	6,000
Y*	12,600	12,600
Z*	8,400	8,400
Total Global Partners	\$228,405	\$221,165
Support of National Partners	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Dye	\$6,000	-
F*	6,000	3,000
Henderson	5,600	-
Jerome	4,000	-
Kopan	8,000	2,000
Sluka	12,600	10,000
Steba	10,000	-
Stewart	8,000	2,000
Total National Partners	\$60,200	\$17,000
Local Ministry Support	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
5.7 Community Church EPC	\$6,000	\$6,000
AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center	4,000	4,000
Abundant Mercy Church	6,000	6,000
Advance Ministries	6,000	6,000

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All Worthy of Love	4,000	4,000
Central Detroit Christian/Johanon	13,000	13,000
Detroit Church Planting Network	25,000	25,000
Forgotten Harvest	1,200	1,200
Good News Gang Metro	2,400	2,400
Gill, Brad + Beth	7,200	5,200
H*	10,000	10,000
Helps on the Way	9,000	9,000
Inner City Ministry of Cru	6,000	6,000
K*	10,000	10,000
LifeRemodeled	500	500
Military Avenue	2,400	2,400
M*	8,820	8,820
New Hope Center for Grief Support	1,200	1,200
Other local ministry support	19,300	19,300
Total Local Ministry Support	\$142,020	\$140,020
Farmington Hills Missionaries + Partners	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Feria	3,500	-
Glock	3,500	3,500
Hirschelman	2,200	-
Jason - Young Life	9,800	9,800
Newbrander	3,800	-
Mindling, Tim + Karen	2,200	-
N*	2,200	-
O*	5,400	5,400
P*	2,750	-
R*	2,000	-
Y*	3,400	1,700
Other Farmington Hills local support	1,000	2,400
Total Farmington Hills Missionaries + Partners	\$41,750	\$22,800
Total Missionaries + Partners	\$472,375	\$400,985
Total Admin + Other Program Items	62,873	66,005
Denominational Support	56,088	66,989
Total Outreach Budget	\$591,335	\$533,979

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