



James Island
Presbyterian Church

Annual Report 2019



February 9, 2020

"Discovering Who I am in Christ, in the Church, and in Service to the World"

Dear Family and Friends of JIPC,

I'm trusting as you look through this annual report you will sense and learn something of the life, passion and joy of our community of faith, of life change and discipleship.

At times, it can be easy to forget what a church really is; not merely a nonprofit organization as one option to serve among many; but an organism, the Body of Christ, given a mission by its Lord, a mission to change the world.

Life change is a complex series of events and happens in many places. Your staff family at JIPC is most interested in the changes that conform us into the image of Christ and shape us into the person God created each of us to be and living full of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Life change happens in lots of places. We do our prayerful best at planning and executing various educational opportunities to better position us to grow individually and as a community of faith. Everything we do is guided by our Mission Statement and empowered by the Holy Spirit. I'm certain as you look around you have noticed the breathtaking range of activities you are invited to immerse yourself and your family in.

2019 was filled with many reasons to celebrate. Our membership continued to grow, more and more adults and children were assimilated into the life of the church, our recent purchase of the lot on Folly Road provides us the opportunity to expand our church campus and our celebration of Henry Meeuwse's installation as Lay Commissioned Pastor in early January of the New Year, shifting his service to Bethel Presbyterian Church in Walterboro.

Though I am beginning my fifth year of service at JIPC, I remain excited about our mission statement and more passionate about leading us in our pursuit of God's will and purposes for our community of faith. Our staff is simply the best and each of us is committed to building the church, welcoming new people, providing transformational Christian education for young and older, assisting people to become connected in their service, becoming more comfortable talking about their faith, and celebrating the incredible love of God with gratitude.

We don't do life and we don't do faith alone. In the year ahead, it will take our working as a body from the core of our individual gifts as we are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. With each of us working as the body of Christ in the days ahead I truly believe the best is yet ahead.

I am counting on your help, support, prayers, encouragement, involvement, money—and heart.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam F. Martin, III".

Sam F. Martin, III
Senior Pastor

WHO'S WHO @ JIPC...

JIPC Session, 2019

Debbie Berry, Personnel
Nancy Brownell, Worship & Music
Ann Carswell, Membership
Lynne Dillehay, Fellowship
Jon Frye, Finance
Lynn Anne Gillen, Finance
Ed Gilstrap, Mission & Outreach
Scott Graule, Fellowship
Steven Long, Buildings & Grounds
Amanda McKendrick, Personnel
Cam McCloud, Congregational Care
Mary Beth Meggett, Youth & Children's Discipleship
Mark Mitchum, Membership
Mahlon Newlin, Mission & Outreach
Harold Noland, Buildings & Grounds
Emily Oswald, Adult Discipleship
John Pritchett, Adult Discipleship
Paul Roof, Youth & Children's Discipleship
Josh Stokes, Worship & Music
Beth Tyrrell, Clerk of Session
Sue Urie, Congregational Care
Elders Berry, Carswell, Dillehay, Graule, & Noland rotated off Session at the end of 2019, and we welcome the following new active elders: David Hendricks, Anne Hall, Peg Russell, Jason Hughes, & Miles Stalvey.

JIPC Staff

Reverend Sam F. Martin, III Senior Pastor
Reverend M. Cameron Smith, Associate Pastor
Barbara Manaker, Director of Music
Elizabeth Parler, Administrator
Allison Hubbard, Director of Discipleship
Elizabeth Souter, Director of Children's Ministries
Hugh Knight, Organist & Handbell Director
Marissa Whaley-Gordon, Administrative Assistant
Ricky Willis, Sexton
Travis Pritchett, Sexton

JIPC Board of Deacons, 2019

Ken Abernethy, Moderator
Louise Bavier
Shannan Bickerstaff
Dottie Coleman
Charlotte Culpepper
Julie Erickson
Chris Hubbard
Taylor Keathley
Billy McCord
Beth Moore
Shannon Moore
Don Moore
Russ Neimy
Bonnie Thompson
Cheryl Tracey
Morgan Tremayne
Barrett Ulm
Paul Urie
Deacons Erickson and Hubbard rotated off at the end of 2019, and Karie Ann Crowther and Victoria Gilstrap were installed as Deacons in January, 2020.

Board of Trustees, 2019

Elton Culpepper
Allie Oswald
Karin Roof
Julianne Stokes
Kevin Tingley, Chairman
Mr. Oswald rotated off in December, 2019; Drew Evans serves with the Trustees effective January, 2020.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

2019 was another great year for the JIPC Worship & Music Committee. First, we have the most wonderful group of committee members. Nancy Brownell and Josh Stokes were our elders; with support from my fellow staff members, Hugh Knight and Sam Martin; and with great members like Chris Anderson, Jane Corbin, Tommy Ellis, Ann Faris, Scott Graule, Debby Hodges, Diane Huss, Taylor Keathley, Marilyn Muckenfuss, and Jan Pesavento!

Tommy Ellis, Scott Graule, and Chris Anderson have done a fabulous job keeping up with ushers. With all the special services, they stayed very busy all year long!

The Flower Guild provides absolutely beautiful arrangements for our church services. They also work hard for weddings, funerals, and the Advent & Lenten seasons. Thanks to all the many members who make our sanctuary beautiful! A special thanks to Debby Hodges for her leadership of the Flower Guild as well as help with community advertising.

Another behind-the-scenes group is the folks who prepare and clean up communion elements. They don't just appear and disappear on its own! Special thanks to Elizabeth Ransford, Scott Graule, Brian Norris, Billie Young, Kathy Harms, Sarah Darwin, Jeanetta Williams, Victoria Gilstrap and Dottie Coleman. We all appreciate this!

JIPC Choral and Bell programs continue to flourish and grow! We have a total of 7 choirs with the hopes to add more as space allows!

Our Cherub Choir continues to be very energetic with lots of 3 to 5-year olds! Led by Julianne Stokes and accompanied by Jan Pesavento, they meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Narthex. The Elementary Choir, which also meets on Wednesdays at 5:30, continued to grow through the year with leadership by Julie Frye and Mary Beth Meggett and accompanied by Rachel Smith, and now Mary Kathryn Huddleston. We also had help from Peg Russell and Tripp Tracy! These two groups joined together at Christmas time for a special Christmas pageant (with some help from the Mid/Sr Highs and Youth Bells.) Mary Ellen Huddleston creates beautiful costumes for these shepherds, kings, and angels! It is always a highlight of our year!



Our other Youth Choirs are the Mid/Sr High Choir and Youth Chamber Handbells. They meet from 5:00 to 6:00 on Wednesdays. Ann Faris has brought her extensive knowledge of handbells to share with our young bell ringers. We also have the help of member Andrea Quinn. She continues to share her enthusiasm and choral knowledge. This group has been accompanied by Rachel Smith and rehearsal accompanist, Linda Cobaugh. Tim Cobaugh also helps the boys in this group!

The Mid/Sr High Choir joined the Elementary choir to present the spring musical "Welcome Back, Billy Best," accompanied by Rachel Smith and Hugh Knight. It was sad to say good bye to Rachel after she had accompanied for four years!

The Chancel Choir continued to grow in 2019! We welcomed 6 new members, bringing our total number to 80! I am always overwhelmed by the dedication and ability of this group. Because we have so much to participate in, we never seem to take a break. They also like each other so much and enjoy being together that they don't want to take a break!

We always look forward to working with our fellow Presbyterians from James Island (St. James and Harbor View) for the "Hands of Christ" concert. This past July, it was held at St James Presbyterian Church. We also came together with our sister churches to sing a combined anthem for the Community Thanksgiving service which was hosted by our church. It was so rewarding coming together in community!



MEMBERSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

4

INQUIRER CLASSES IN 2019

Were held to share the ministries of JIPC with interested visitors!

54

NEW ADULT MEMBERS

Joined our congregation along with their families!

35

MEMBERS LEFT

Either through moving away, request, or inactivity.

6

MEMBERS PASSED AWAY

May they rest in peace.

11

BAPTISM - BABIES & YOUTH

We welcomed them into our church family!

9

BABIES BORN

Into to our church family this year!

Membership elders for 2019 were Mark Mitchum and Ann Carswell. Elder Carswell is taking a well-deserved rest after serving 6 years on Session, and we welcome Peg Russell as the new elder for Membership. The first new members class for 2020 is on February 9.

Congregational Care is responsible for supporting our members through the joy and pain of life.

Ephesians 4:16 says "From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." This is the meat of our ministry. We seek to be the support system that holds our congregation together as we are built up and minister in the name of Jesus.

We coordinate meal teams, visitations, and member support. Among our ministries:

Caregiver Support Group
Elephant in the Room/End of Life preparation Classes
Oh the Places You'll Go Monthly Events
Dolly Girls
Semi-annual Blood Drives with Red Cross
Hospital & Home visitation
Funeral/Memorial Service Receptions
College Student Ministry

Sue Urie and Cam McLoud serve as elders for this ministry; Cheryl Stepka-Tracey was the deacon for Congregational Care.

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S

DISCIPLESHIP HIGHLIGHTS & 2020 VISION

17

NEW COMMUNICANTS

After eight weeks studying and growing, We welcomed our younger friends to the table.

20

CONFIRMED YOUTH

joined into JIPC Membership after nine months of study, prayer, and growth!

8

WEEKS OF CAMP SONSHINE

were shared with the JIPF Summer Camp. We spent the time sharing God's message of love through story, prayer, crafts, and games!

55

YOUTH MISSIONARIES

served in the Charlotte and Jacksonville areas. We are thankful to see our youth actively serving and loving others!

102

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY LEADERS

led and guide our youth and children's faith journey through Sunday School and PYC!

9

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

allowed followers of all ages to gather together and learn from one another!

Our 2020 Vision for JIPC Youth & Children's Discipleship is to help our youngest members see themselves and others in the same way Christ does!

ADULT

DISCIPLESHIP HIGHLIGHTS & 2020 VISION

Among many exciting and thriving ministries, Adult Discipleship added a Sunday School class for parents of teens led by Kelly Smoak, and we had our first Women's Retreat in Debordieu.

We have 6 adult Sunday School Classes with 10-12 leaders (depending on the season and lesson), offering our adults a variety of styles and options for deepening their understanding of the Bible and furthering their walk with the Lord.

In 2020, we hope to help congregants who are not involved in our small group ministries find their group to grow in Christ and flourish!

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship kicked off 2019 by serving 25 bushels of oysters at our annual oyster roast. We continued to have wonderful meals for Wednesday Night Live throughout the spring and fall semesters cooked by Chef Sue. We hosted several luncheons and worked with discipleship for our most successful luncheons the SuperBowl of Caring and Blessing of the Backpacks. We continue to have a lovely spread and great attendance each week at coffee fellowship. Our vision for 2020 is to grow our events and recruit volunteers to form teams to serve in each area of this ministry.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Each year, members of our church give great amounts of time, energy and financial support to Mission & Outreach into our community and around the world. We have many opportunities for you to give your time and energy to serve others in a way that fits your personality and schedule. In addition to committing a portion of our budget to Mission & Outreach, we receive several special offerings each year for such ministries as James Island Outreach, Thornwell Children's Home, the Presbyterian Villages, and Hands of Christ. In 2019, we participated in the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity build on James Island, and one of our members traveled to Niger, in Western Africa. JIPC served as a drop-off site for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, and we helped sponsor the Water Mission International's Walk for Water and North Sumatra Water Project

We also sponsor and partner with our youth with mission projects. This year, our Mid High Youth worked with CROSS MISSIONS through Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. Our Senior Highs travelled to Jacksonville, FL for their annual MLK weekend mission experience, and all our youth worked to help raise money with the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, to raise money and food items for James Island Outreach. Mahlon Newlin and Ed Gilstrap are the elders for Mission & Outreach.

\$129,536 Budgeted funds spent for Mission & Outreach, 2019

\$59,748 Designated funds spent for Mission & Outreach, 2019

\$189,284 Total funds spent for Mission & Outreach 2019*

*includes funds from other ministries, such as youth discipleship

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Our mission is to promote and implement responsible stewardship practices as we maintain and manage the facilities of our church. With a church campus of over 5 acres, there is always a project needing a volunteer! We welcome members and friends to share some of your time to help maintain and improve all that God has blessed us with at James Island Presbyterian.

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In 2019, we had the entire Sanctuary painted; continued the repairs from the significant power surge incident of 2018, including the replacement of one of the Sanctuary 12.5-ton HVAC units; re-paved the front parking lot and restructured the Narthex entry steps; along with countless other routine and pop-up tasks that occur with property care and stewardship.

The elders for Buildings & Grounds were Harold Noland and Steven Long. Harold is now resting from Session, and Jason Hughes is now working with Steven and the many other members of this team. Regardless of those who help, more hands are always needed!



FINANCE & BUDGET

<u>2019 ACTUAL</u>		<u>2020 BUDGET</u>	
RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS	
Pledged	832,174	Pledged	927,396
Unpledged	85,952	Unpledged	52,408
Service Fees	32,291	Service Fees	28,000
	<u>\$950,417</u>		<u>\$1,007,804</u>
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Personnel	526,677	Personnel	548,497
Operations	116,936	Operations	125,000
Buildings & Grounds	117,356	Buildings & Grounds	106,000
Child Protection	141	Child Protection	300
Congregational Care	2,104	Congregational Care	3,025
Total Discipleship	32,173	Total Discipleship	33,991
Fellowship	5,340	Fellowship	6,000
Membership	1,830	Membership	2,500
Mission & Outreach	96,889	Mission & Outreach	105,819
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	605	Mortgage, Folly Rd	22,100
Presbytery	28,011	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1,500
Worship & Music	22,050	Presbytery	30,067
	<u>\$950,112</u>	Worship & Music	23,004
			<u>\$1,007,804</u>
Member Families pledging	251	Member Families pledging	259
Mission Spending 2019			
Budgeted Funds*	129,536		
Designated Funds	59,748		
	<u>\$ 189,284</u>		
*includes funds from other accounts, such as discipleship, presbytery, & pastors' discretionary.			

JIPC Trust Fund Report, December 31, 2019

C. Smith Fund for Christian Education	\$41,898	Church Improvement	
Continuing Education/Religious Scholarship Fund		McAllister	11,442
	16,693	Livingston	37,209
Ector Fund for Mission & Music	144,861	Memorial Trust Fund	43809
Sendecke Fund for Global Mission	63,553	Congregational Assistance	
Youth Fund	9,086	Sendecke Fund for CA	61,841
Cemetery Funds (2)	101,830	ES Brown	5,677
		Memorial Trust (CA)	<u>7,662</u>
		Total All Trust Funds 12-31-2019	\$545,559

JAMES ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

The James Island Presbyterian Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)3, incorporated organization, formed in 1983, with the fundamental purpose of supporting and benefiting the outreach ministry of the James Island Presbyterian Church through the development and management of charitable, religious and educational services.

The Foundation is governed by an eleven member board of directors. Meetings are open to the public and are held at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month.

The board is responsible for setting organizational goals and objectives, developing policies, approving an annual budget, and employing and evaluating the executive director.

In 2019, long-time executive director Henry Meeuwse accepted a call as Commissioned Lay Pastor to Bethany Presbyterian Church in Walterboro, SC and began serving that church on a part-time basis in addition to his full-time duties with the Foundation. The Board engaged JIPC member and elder-elect David Hendricks as Interim Executive Director to work alongside Mr. Meeuwse in January, 2020 and to take over upon Mr. Meeuwse's retirement from the Foundation in February, 2020.

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elizabeth Mitchum, President
Stephanie Pritchett, Vice-President
Eric Radabaugh, Secretary/Treasurer
Ellen de Jong, Co-Treasurer
Allan Clum
Teresa Gamble
Mary Beth Moore
Milton Muckenfuss
Rev. Sam Martin, *Ex Officio*

STAFF

In 2019, staff included 1 full-time/salaried executive director, 2 full-time program directors, 9 full-time child-care center teachers, 1 part-time bookkeeper, and 19 part-time program staff members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

(July 1, 2018– June 30, 2019)

RECEIPTS

Fees, Sales & Tuition	764,732
Donations	21,503
Interest, Dividends	<u>-5,320</u>
Total Receipts	\$780,915

EXPENSES

Salaries, Compensation, & Benefits	\$547,866
Other Expenses	<u>235,700</u>
	\$783,566

<u>BALANCE</u>	-\$2,651
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<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	\$179,173
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Form 990 for the Foundation is available at www.jamesislandpresbyterian.org.

FOUNDATION-MANAGED MINISTRIES

Mission House
Farmers Market
Child Care Center
After School Care
Summer Day Camp
Community Service Site
Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center (4 sites)



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