

A Brief History of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

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Knowing the Waccamaw Neck's religious past is helpful for knowing new paths to Christian congregations. The needs of the Pawleys Island white population were met in the first half of the 20th century by only one established congregation, All Saints Episcopal Church. Several African American churches had been established immediately after the Civil War and included Holy Cross-Faith Memorial Episcopal Mission, St. John's AME, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist, Providence Baptist and St. Marys Churches. Immediately following World War II, vestry records at All Saints Church showed membership transfers in and out to various denominations and reflected the need for diversification. Pawleys Island Baptist Church, presently known as "Pawleys Island Community Church," began as a mission outreach of First Baptist Church in Georgetown, and a new effort was sponsored by Presbyterian churches in Myrtle Beach and Georgetown to establish a mission church at Pawleys Island.

Dr. Cecil Brearley, Sr., pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, led the way in establishing Ocean Drive Presbyterian and Pawleys Island Presbyterian. He already was making a trek every other Sunday afternoon to the 1924 Murrells Inlet Presbyterian congregation and knew the Waccamaw Neck was experiencing a post-World War II boom. In 1946, twenty people agreed to assist in the work of forming a church, although few of them were Presbyterians, they hoped to have a church to meet the needs of community members. First Presbyterian agreed to sponsor the congregation and became the Mother Church. The first worship service was held in September 1947 in the Wilder family home with 14 people present. Weekly services were held in various homes until W. A. Freeman gave one acre of land for worship on Highway 17 at the present site of PIPC. Dan McEachern of Florence gave three 45x20 foot Quonset huts to the church and they were erected by the congregation on the lot. Not glamorous, not warm, not cool, not quiet in the heavy rains of fall and spring, but "a Church in the Wildwoods" nonetheless. New members were sought and they attended regular revival services and the church membership grew.

In 1951, Dr. Archie Sasser of Conway gave the church two acres to the west of the site and plans were made to build a sanctuary. Built by their own hands, the church was erected of concrete blocks at minimal cost, "the best possible building for the money." The charter members were the Wilders, Brownlees, Hemstraughs, Logans, Lattas, Altmans, Players and Marlows. Boyd Marlow, who did most of the church plumbing as a gift of his business, and Aggie Wilder were the charter officers of the mission church. The present day Founders Hall was built as the first sanctuary with two Sunday School rooms at the front.

In 1955, there were five times the number of members, 90 by 1955, and a young pastor was sent that January to serve both Pawleys Island and a second mission church, called Friendfield and located in Georgetown. A petition was presented to Harmony Presbytery and the church was organized as an autonomous body in 1955. The Rev. Fenton Miller and his young family stayed in a beach house on Pawleys owned by R.A. Green of Andrews, who also operated the Wagon Wheel Restaurant on the island. The house was offered at no cost, but the church began to make plans to construct a 1600-sq ft.

manse of concrete block and stucco, located directly behind the sanctuary (demolished in 2016). The deacons did it all. The Rev. Miller ran the water and gas lines himself, assisted in the electrical work and painting and by December 1955, the manse was ready. Miller participated in the Waccamaw Neck Ministerial Association, which helped establish the Pawleys Island House of Worship, the creek chapel on the island, in 1947.

Renovations to the PIPC sanctuary in 1957 included restrooms, a kitchen, nursery and steeple. In 1958, Rev. Miller drowned while surf fishing on the island. The congregation was stunned. The Presbytery sent The Rev. Richard Fraser to serve the two churches and in 1965, The Rev. Fred Boozer accepted the call. In 1965 PIPC and Friendfield separated, no longer sharing a pastor, but PIPC and Murrells Inlet Presbyterian began to share a pastor, a relationship that continued until 1982. A sunrise service on Easter was begun by PIPC at "Retreat Beach," once operated by International Paper (now known as Litchfield ByThe Sea). Vacation Bible School, Youth, Men and Women of the Church were organized and a Boy Scout troop was organized by Henry Moore, Jr. His son was the troop's first Eagle Scout. In 1991, the troop was restarted under the leadership of Tucker Nettles and Bill Shehan, whose own sons are also Eagle Scouts.

In 1983, Frank Holsclaw accepted the call to come to PIPC. Born and raised in West Virginia, he came to PIPC after serving as associate pastor at Signal Mountain, Tennessee, and senior pastor in Cleveland TN. He served 50 members in 1983. By 1987, the membership had tripled and facilities were inadequate. The Presbytery approved a move toward a new sanctuary and education building.

A capital campaign was named "Miracle ByThe Sea." Indeed, building by faith often involves miracles, the day in 1987 when the sign was erected announcing the capital campaign, Rev. Holsclaw said a prayer. When he opened his eyes, he spotted a frayed \$5 bill under "a burning bush" and those gathered heard the voice of God giving His blessing. Money from the Presbytery was evenly matched with \$60,000 by "Hands Across The River," a gift from Georgetown Presbyterian. "The Million Dollar Project" was completed just as Hurricane Hugo struck the coast on September 22, 1989. Only a few shingles on the entire church campus were lost. Without electricity, a grateful congregation gathered for a service of thanksgiving. Three weeks later, on October 8, 1989, the new sanctuary was dedicated and used for regular services. Frank and the secretary moved out of the former manse/office/fellowship hall to the new education building and the old sanctuary was remodeled to serve as a fellowship hall. In 2009, because of a large increase in membership and participation, a new Open Door Fellowship Center with hall, kitchen, library, nursery and classrooms was built, but was renamed in 2015 to honor retiring Pastor Frank Holsclaw. The Rev. Mark Diehl was called in July 2015 to serve as Interim Pastor.

The work of PIPC began simply and the history of a church usually reads like a timeline of the construction of buildings and the arrival of pastors, but 1946 is a window through which members may look to discover original goals and inspiration for building communities like Pawleys Island. With facilities, an active congregation, ideas, devotion and prayer, Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church can move from the past to the future with the leadership of Jesus Christ.

Mission Study – 2016

In the spring of 2016, the Mission Study Team (MST) was constituted by Interim Pastor Mark Diehl. MST members were Charlie Bradshaw, Jill Fletcher, Fred Genter, Doug Holman, Gail Joley, (Co-Chair), Jean Monk, Brad Veselick (Co-Chair), and Renee Windham. MST was formed as part of the interim process to discern the future of PIPC, in order to better inform the process of calling our next permanent pastor. The previous pastor retired after 32 years of dedicated, faithful service to Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, creating the vacancy and providing the church the opportunity to select its first new pastor in over 30 years.

The team of eight PIPC members, in consultation with the interim pastor, began its work in late April, and concluded the tasks in November. The team met bi-weekly, and coordinated the fact-finding activities among the team members to gather information about PIPC demographics, community and county demographics, and perceptions of community leaders about PIPC. Team members used a variety of measures to glean feedback from PIPC members, including short surveys, discussions in Sunday School groups, and a comprehensive survey sent to each family.

The MST used the results of their research to develop a profile of the congregation, as well as a profile of the community and the county where PIPC is located. Perspectives of community leaders were summarized, also. Additionally, MST members analyzed the research gathered in discussions and surveys with the congregation. They used all of this information to reaffirm PIPC's current Mission and Vision Statements, and to develop summaries of PIPC's Strengths, Recommendations for Areas to Strengthen and Improve, and Suggestions for Qualities for the New Pastor.

Summary and Timeline of the Mission Study Team Activities

The MST was tasked with assisting the PIPC congregation in a self-study to reflect on where we have been, what future needs and improvements may be, and what qualities to consider in searching for a new pastor.

Our interim pastor provided the MST with extensive materials to give us background in the reasons for the self-study, and he provided two examples of recent studies from churches that had undergone a similar process. Our team divided into groups of two to divide up the extensive research that needed to be done. We also developed a time line with persons assigned and a date for materials to be completed. The major components were community demographic research, PIPC specific demographic and financial research, interviews with community leaders, congregational discussions, short surveys, and comprehensive surveys of the congregation. Our work encompassed the following areas:

- Studying the community where we worship and serve
- Engaging community leaders in structured interviews about PIPC's role in the community
- Conducting an internal analysis of church membership, finances, and activities
- Engaging PIPC members through discussions and short and comprehensive surveys
- Finally, reaffirming PIPC's Mission and Vision Statements and determining PIPC's strengths, opportunities for strengthening and improvement, and recommendations for qualities to look for in calling a new pastor

Throughout the process, the MST kept the congregation informed of our work through regular updates in PIPC monthly newsletters, Sunday bulletins, and periodic announcements from the pulpit on Sundays. Additionally, a letter of explanation was sent to each family along with the comprehensive survey.

- May - MST convened, having read materials supplied by the interim pastor, and decided to break up the assigned tasks by subdividing into teams of two members each. One subgroup was tasked to gather community/county demographic data, including housing starts for the Pawleys Island area, economic levels, age and racial makeup of persons in the community. Another subgroup was assigned to identify data about PIPC, including size of the congregation over time, age range, financial condition, facilities and physical plant, missions of the congregation and other related statistics. Two others were asked to identify community leaders to be interviewed and to draft a set of questions each would be asked. Others were asked to develop questions for short surveys for the congregation, and to do some informal surveying of the congregation.
- June – Community leaders were identified and included the head of the hospital system, principals of local schools, director of a local free medical clinic, a former state congresswoman and small business owner, county sheriff, and director of a local community focused foundation. All MST team members volunteered to interview a total of 15 community leaders, and provide oral and written reports to the team.
- July – Interviews continued to be conducted and additional data gathered for the demographic data about the community and church. Oral and written reports were provided to the MST. At a congregational fish fry dinner, short questionnaires were distributed, gathered and analyzed.
- August – A set of questions were developed to serve as discussion guides to be used in each Sunday School group. On August 21, MST members in groups of two led discussions with each of the four adult Sunday School groups. Responses were gathered, analyzed and written as reports.
- September – By early September, MST had identified a set of 31 questions to be used on a comprehensive survey for the entire congregation. A printed survey was mailed to each family unit in the congregation, including regular nonmembers and seasonal visitors. Members were encouraged to make additional copies for spouses, etc., as needed. About 275 surveys were mailed and about 112 were returned, considered a robust return rate. The surveys were mailed September 11, with an accompanying letter that explained the interim process, the self-study, and the reasons for the survey. PIPC members were to return the surveys by September 30. They were reminded by notes in Sunday bulletins, posters posted around the campus, and by PIPC weekly Email blasts.
- October – The time-consuming work of tallying the surveys by MST members occurred during the month, interrupted by Hurricane Matthew, which set back MST work by about two weeks.
- November – MST members worked to analyze the results of the survey, and to summarize them for the final report. The current PIPC Mission and Vision statements were reaffirmed. All parts of the self-study report were compiled, analyzed, and sections on strengths of PIPC, recommendations for improvement and strengthening, and qualities to look for in a new pastor were written. The mission study report was presented to the Session.

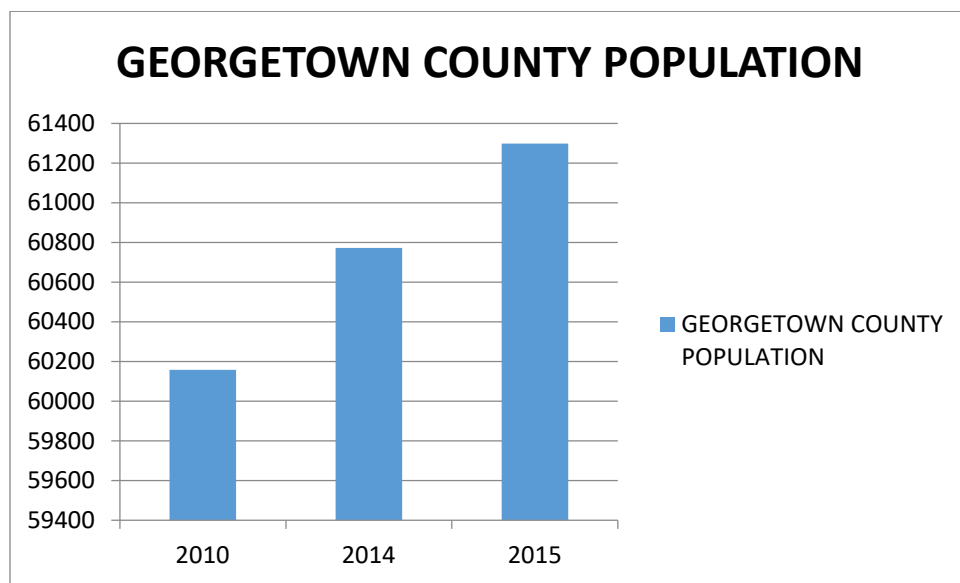
COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS:

PAWLEYS ISLAND, WACCAMAW NECK, GEORGETOWN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church (PIPC) is located in Pawleys Island, on a long, narrow peninsula, the Waccamaw Neck, a part of Georgetown County, South Carolina. The Waccamaw Neck borders the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Waccamaw River/Intracoastal Waterway on its western side. Two bridges connect the Waccamaw Neck to the rest of Georgetown County.

Georgetown County also includes the town of Georgetown, a historic waterfront community and the county seat, located on the Sampit River and Winyah Bay, rural communities including the town of Andrews at the far western border, and continues beyond Pawleys Island north to include parts of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, a historic fishing village, still known for its fresh seafood and many fine seafood restaurants. Georgetown County borders on Horry County to the north, which includes parts of the Murrells Inlet community, the coastal city of Myrtle Beach, and the city of Conway, the county seat to the west.

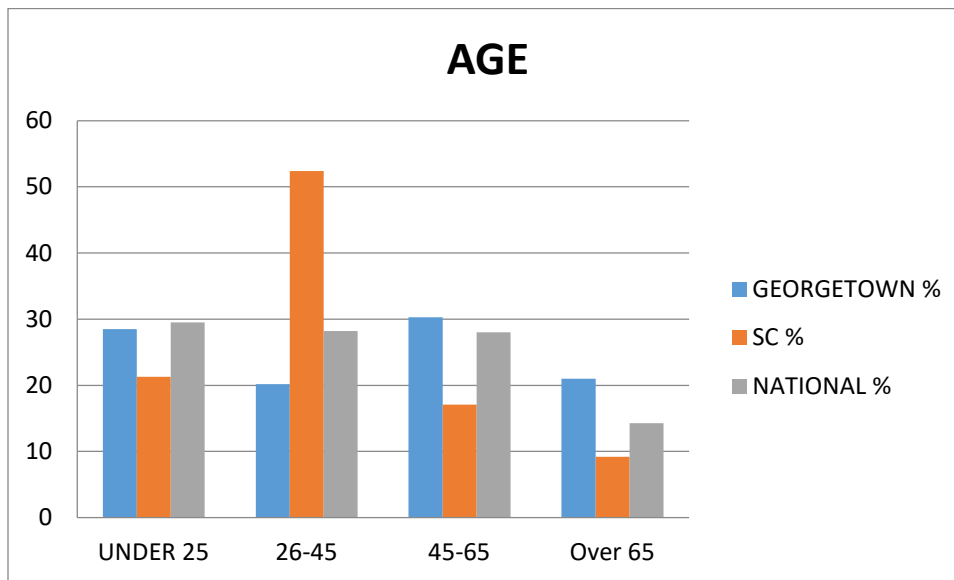
Population estimates for Georgetown County overall are 61,298 residents, according to the US Census Bureau, 2015. The county has shown a 1.9% increase in population overall from 2010 to 2015. Horry County, with parts relatively near PIPC, has a population of 309,199, and has had 14.8% increase in population, according to the same census report, with a 3.8% increase in just one year, from 2014 to 2015. As the Waccamaw Neck borders parts of Horry County, population growth is occurring in areas nearby PIPC as well.



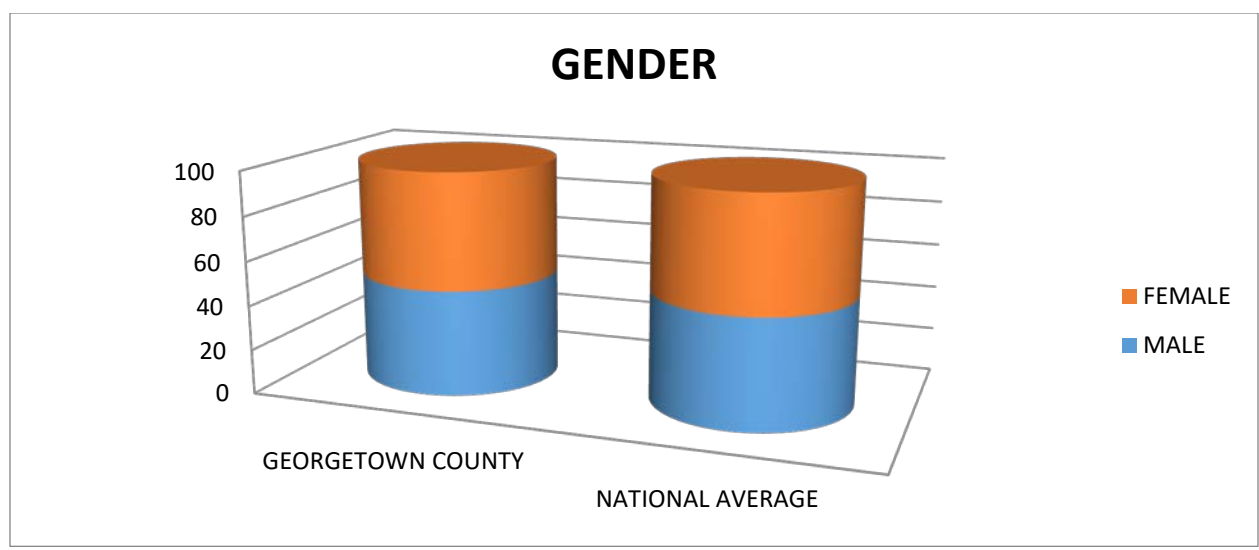
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Housing starts are again increasing in the immediate area after a lull caused by the Great Recession. According to the Georgetown County Planning Department, building starts in and near the Waccamaw Neck are occurring at a steady pace. Currently, there are 586 new family units in residential developments, either already under construction or under review. This number includes 11 different residential developments on the Waccamaw Neck and in nearby Murrells Inlet. These developments provide potential new members for PIPC within the next few years. (See complete list provided by Holly Richardson, Chief Planner, Georgetown County Planning and Code Enforcement, 5/31/2016.)

Regarding **age, gender and educational level statistics**, in 2014, persons under 5 years represented 4.9% of the population; persons under 18 years, were 20%; and persons 65 and older, were 24.1%. Female persons made up 52.4% of the population. Approximately 85.7% of the population have graduated from high school, and 23.8% hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

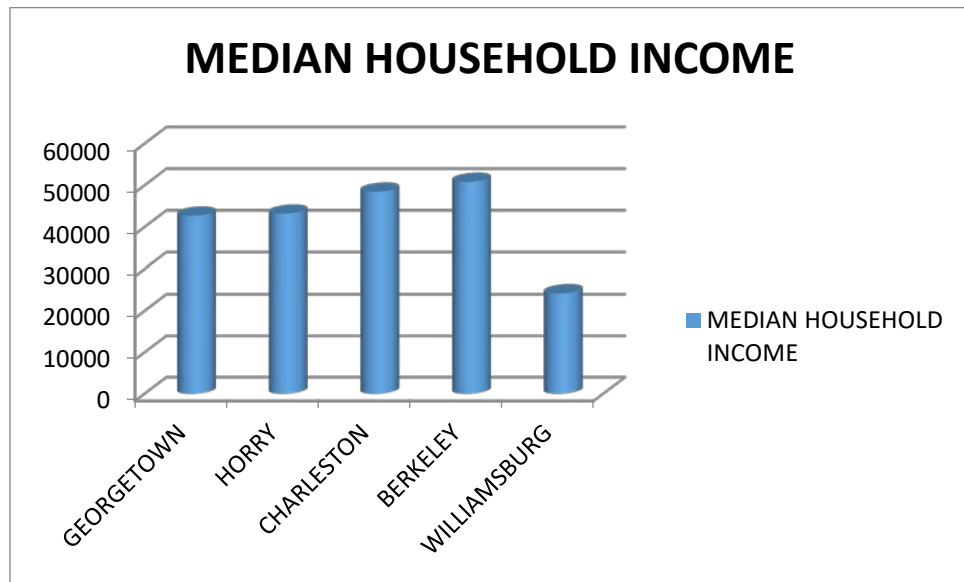


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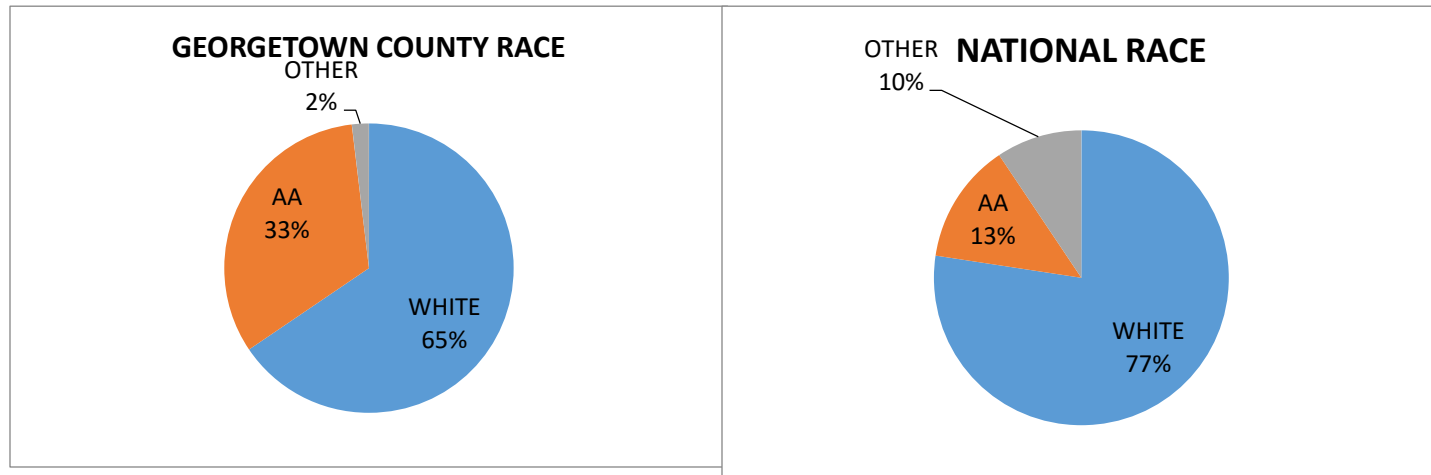
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Georgetown County, according to the US Census Report shows **median household income** (in 2014 dollars) at \$41,578, and per capita income in the past 12 months, 2010 to 2014, at \$24,483. It lists **persons in poverty** at 19.6%, or nearly 20% of the population. The census report also shows approximately 21.5% of the population under 65 years of age are without health insurance. These two statistics are designated by a flag on the census report that notes “this level of poverty and health estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels of these estimates”.



Source: United States Census Department Quick Facts

Race and Hispanic origin statistics, in 2014, show that 65.5 % of the overall population in Georgetown County were white, 32.6% were Black or African American, and 3.2% were Hispanic or Latino. American Indian and Asian made up the remainder of the population.



Source: United States Census Department Quick Facts

While the Pawleys Island community on the Waccamaw Neck has long been a paradise for vacationers, retirees, and families advantaged on the socioeconomic scale, it also has a sizeable part of its population that are not so well off. The area is sometimes called a place of the “haves and have nots.” The four public schools on the Waccamaw Neck average an African American population of 22.6% of the 2,399 children attending from four-year olds in Waccamaw Elementary School through seniors in Waccamaw High School, according to the South Carolina State Report Card, 2015. Hispanics make up approximately 2.40%, and whites at approximately 73% of the Waccamaw schools’ population.

According to the same State Report Card, 55.2 % of youngsters in Waccamaw Elementary School are “participating in Medicaid, SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families); homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)”. This percentage remains high with schools serving older children,: Waccamaw Intermediate School at 44%, the middle school at 43% and the high school at 38.7%, reflecting children and families in poverty in the Waccamaw Neck area.

SUMMARY and IMPLICATIONS

In summary, several aspects of the demographic data of our local area stand out that could become important to PIPC's future.

One, a significant portion of the county population, nearly 20%, live in poverty. Here on the Waccamaw Neck, at least 38% of children in the four public schools are in programs providing assistance to needy families. PIPC's Bread of Life Kitchen provides meals for the hungry and we regularly contribute to the Holy Cross Food Pantry, both activities coordinated with area churches. Are there other meaningful ways for us to help address the needs of the poor in our local area?

Secondly, approximately 33% of our area population is African American. Our congregation supports the African American community through offering our campus and facilities for Teach My People activities daily. However, there seems to be little interaction between the people in our congregation and the local African American community. Given the prominence of issues of race in our country currently, and the seeming lack of understanding of people of other cultures, perhaps PIPC could reach out more. Are there ways for us to form linkages or partnerships to better know and understand our African American neighbors?

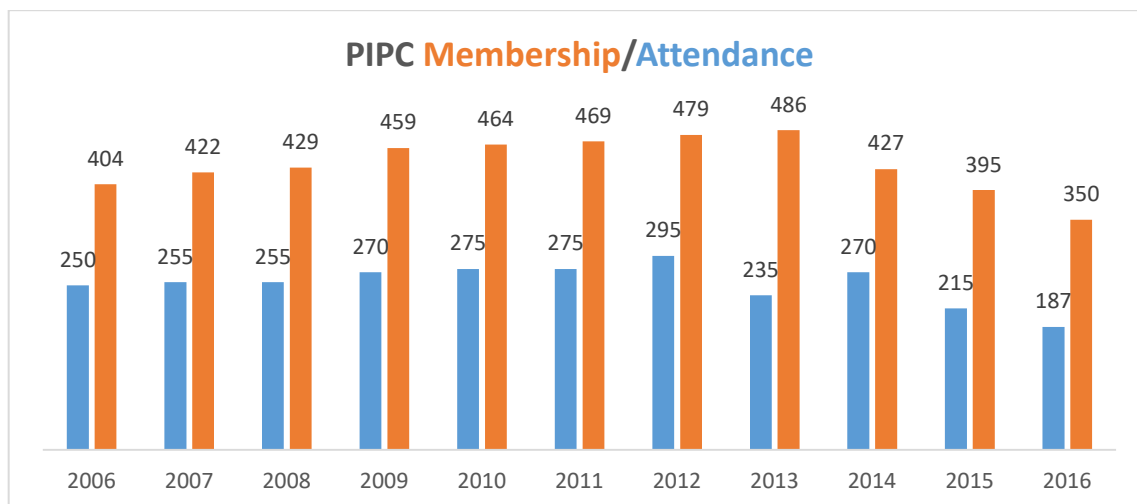
Third, approximately one quarter of our local population is over 65 years of age, a considerably higher percentage than the state of South Carolina or the US overall. Retirees flock to the area for its natural beauty and climate. Are there ways for PIPC to provide support for these retirees as they grow older?

Fourth, there are 586 new family housing units currently or about to be under construction on the Waccamaw Neck and in nearby Murrells Inlet. This building growth will bring hundreds of newcomers to our local area. How might we reach out to these families settling in our area, and encourage them to consider PIPC as their church home, and to help grow our congregation?

Finally, as PIPC begins the search for the next more permanent pastor, seeking someone with interest and experience in the four areas outlined above would be helpful.

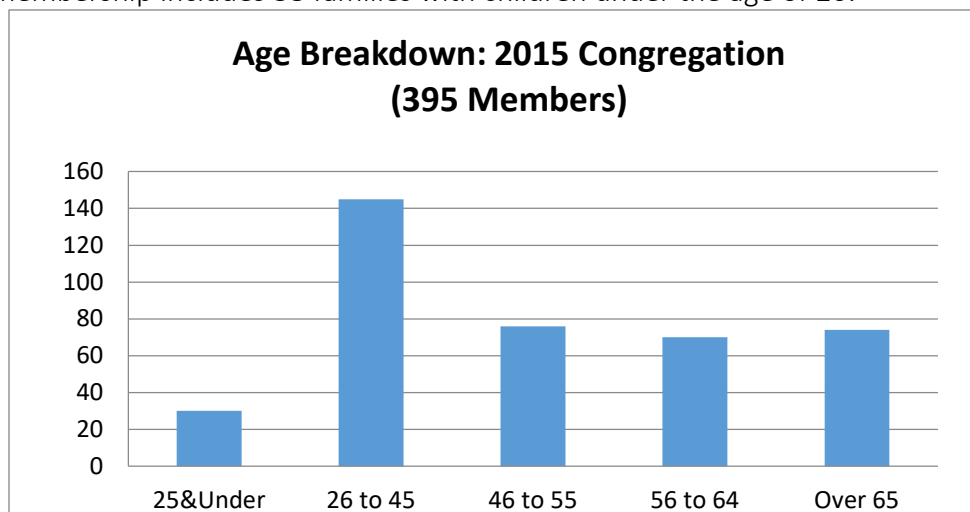
The Demographics of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

In the ten years prior to 2014, membership in Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church (PIPC) had grown annually to 486 members. Membership began to decline in 2014 to approximately 350 and attendance to 187 in 2016 due to several factors: the retirement of the Senior Pastor after 32 years of service; the controversy regarding the denomination's stance on gay marriages; PIPC's former Business Administrator and motivational speaker, who drew many members to his Sunday School class, left as did some who supported him. In that the PIPC's membership roll has also been culled of inactives, the number "350" represents a strong base of committed congregants on which to build!



As of 2015, 7.6% of PIPC's members were 25 years old or younger, 36.7% were between 26 and 45, 19.2% were between 46 and 55, 17.7% were between 56 and 65, and 18.7% were over 65 years old.

In that retirees are drawn to the Pawleys Island area, it is interesting to note that 63.5% of PIPC's membership is under the age of 55. It is not such a "gray" congregation after all! And as of 2016, its membership includes 38 families with children under the age of 20.

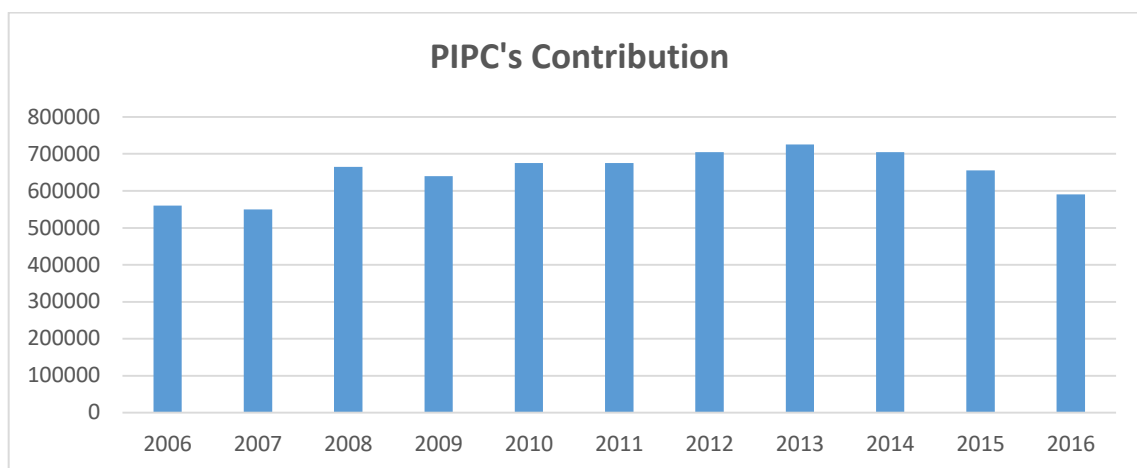


In 2015 PIPC's congregation was 51% female and 49% male. Female membership averaged 55.6% for the years of 2005 through 2012, with a high of 59% in 2013.

The membership of PIPC is 100% white and has been since its founding. (While the Youth Group has an African American participant, he is not a member of the church.) There are at least 3 churches in the immediate area that draw the African American population to their congregations. For a few years, an Hispanic church held services in our Founder's Hall, but have since moved their fellowship to another location. Perhaps future outreach efforts could lead to a more diverse membership at PIPC.

The enrollment in PIPC's Christian Education program peaked in 2013 with 237 participants. In 2015 it reached a low of 124, reflecting the changes in membership and attendance. The decrease can also be attributable to the Business Administrator's leaving when the congregation voted to call an Associate Minister. The former was a motivational speaker who led a large Sunday School class. The Associate Minister took over the directorship of Christian Education, and he led the class, however, he admittedly did not possess the same teaching skills. The preschool program, PIPPS, initially a Mom's Morning Out program, was not sustainable financially due to lack of enrollment, although it was well regarded.

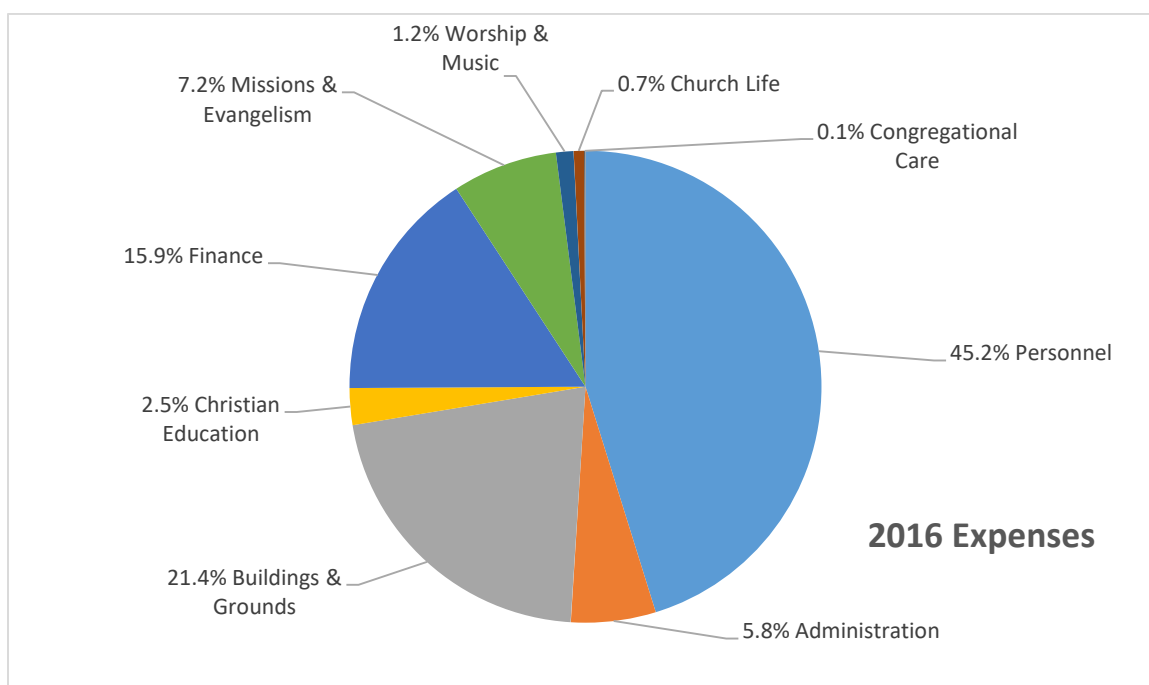
Contributions at PIPC grew steadily from \$513,724 in 2005 to \$727,660 in 2013. Contributions began to decline in 2014, with 2016 estimated to finish the year at \$588,256. The decline in contributions is primarily attributable to the loss of congregants and has resulted in budgetary cuts, with a deficit of \$16,900 expected at the end of 2016.



Contributions include pledges, loose offerings and special offerings. According to some experts the contribution per worshipper or attendee gives a more accurate idea of the level of giving by the active members of a church. In 2013, the average contribution per attendee was \$2,462 among all PCUSA churches. At PIPC it was \$3,096 and in 2016 attendees contributed an average of \$3,146. Along with the decline in attendance has come a decline in pledges. The number of

pledges has declined from 124 in 2014 to 108 in 2016 and the amount pledged has dropped from \$706,244 to \$588,256 during the same period.

PIPC's expenses for 2016 are estimated to be \$605,156. There are nine primary spending categories which relate to PIPC's committee structure. These include Personnel; Administration; Buildings and Grounds; Christian Education; Finance; Missions and Evangelism; Worship and Music; Congregational Care; and Church Life. The greatest portion of the budget is expended on three categories: Personnel 45.2%, Finance 15.9% and Buildings and Grounds 21.4%. Personnel covers the salaries, wages and benefits of the staff, which includes the Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Music Director and Youth Director (now a part-time position). Administration expenses cover all the office supplies and equipment. Buildings and Grounds includes heating, cooling and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Finance expenses cover PIPC's debt retirement (mortgage), accounting costs, Presbytery apportionment, contributions to the capital reserve fund, stewardship and software licenses.



The 2016 expenditures by committee:

Personnel	\$273,604
Administration	35,036
Buildings & Grounds	128,293
Christian Education	15,322
Finance	96,159
Missions & Evangelism	43,399
Worship & Music	7,232
Congregational Care	654
Church Life	4,457
Total:	\$605,156

In 2009 PIPC undertook the construction of a \$2,500,000 fellowship hall which was partially funded by pledges to a building fund. The fund drive was impacted by the economic recession at that time. However, the Finance Committee has made great strides in paying down PIPC's debt and by refinancing. The hall has been renamed Holsclaw Fellowship Hall in honor of the retiring pastor.

Buildings and Grounds account for over 17% of PIPC's expenditures. And over the years many substantial and extensive improvements have been made to the church campus.

Sanctuary projects:

- Roofing, painting, and addition of synthetic trim
- Platform constructed for a grand piano
- Reworking of speaker chambers for electronic organ
- Restoration of stained glass window
- Restoration of the cupola and installation of donated carillon

Founders' Hall projects:

- Kitchen brought up to DHEC standards for Bread of Life Kitchen
- Wall removed in old library creating room for Bell Choir (now Youth Room)
- New flooring, refurbishing and dividing of fellowship room into two rooms

Campus projects:

- Acquired property for parking lot on Kirkpatrick Road
- Added "Dusk to Dawn" lighting
- Enclosed Barbeque Hut and added closets
- Upgraded fire and security systems
- Repaved main parking lot
- Replaced 7-8 of the 18 air conditioning units
- Painted and refurbished offices and hallway in the Education Building
- Replaced the ovens in Holsclaw Fellowship Hall

While Personnel, Finance and Buildings and Grounds account for almost 83% of the budget, other committees' expenditures benefit from the direct contributions and support of PIPC members. Missions and Evangelism represents only 5.6% of PIPC's expenses, however, this is rather misleading as many of its endeavors are self-funded. These include the Cuba Mission teams, Joy School and University, Angel Tree, Salkehatchie, and Samaritan's Purse. PIPC also provides support to Teach My People through the use of classroom space as well as the fellowship hall for special events. Some of the Dorcas Disciples provide their own yarn for projects as well as layette items for Birth Right. Can goods are collected for the Baskerville Food Pantry. And The Bread of Life uses fund raisers to help finance its mission.

- Bread of Life Soup Kitchen offers free and delicious meals to those in need on Mondays and Tuesdays (about 85 meals per day) in PIPC's Founders' Hall.
- Cuba Mission Team makes evangelical visits to our sister church in Camajuani, Cuba.
- Joy School is a 6 week summer program for over 50 disabled, school-aged children, staffed by volunteers in the Holsclaw Fellowship Hall.
- Joy University provides enriching activities for about 18 youth and adults (over 21 years old) with intellectual disabilities during the school year.
- Angel Tree gifts for the children of families needing assistance at Christmas are collected and then distributed through the Salvation Army.
- Salkehatchie is a global summer program for youth that improves the homes of needy families and reaches out to them in friendship.
- Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry collects shoeboxes filled with toys, school and craft supplies, and hygiene items as gifts for children around the world and includes "The Good News of Jesus Christ".
- Teach My People strives to teach children and youth from 1st through 12th grades to overcome economic and social challenges in a Christ centered program.
- Birth Right provides ongoing, confidential support and encouragement to single pregnant women as well as layettes on the babies' birth and half the diapers needed.
- Baskervill Food Pantry is located at Holy Cross Episcopal Church and with the support of local churches offers a "hand-up" to area families in need and affected by hunger.
- Matthew 25 provides utility assistance to those in need at the Bread of Life Kitchen in conjunction with other churches in the area.
- The Scholarship Committee offers PIPC's graduating seniors scholarship funds primarily raised by contributions and an annual dinner and auction.
- Stephen Ministers offer lay, Christian and confidential caregiving.
- The Flower Committee breaks down the altar flowers into small bouquets for distribution by the Deacons to those with special concerns or needs and for the Bread of Life Kitchen attendees.
- The Cemetery is self-funded through plot and columbarium purchases and maintained by its own committee.

Congregational Care also benefits from the direct contributions of PIPC's members. Cards, notes and their postage are provided by the Elders and Deacons in reaching out to their "flocks" (each are assigned 8 or more church families to "shepherd"). Also, there are 6 Food Teams that prepare meals for members needing assistance and contribute food items for receptions for funerals or special events. Church Life is another beneficiary of "under spending" through the use of Pot Luck Dinners for congregational functions. The generosity of the church's members greatly enhances the mission of PIPC.

Summary and Implications:

The loss of members has greatly impacted attendance at worship services and Sunday School, as well as the finances of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church which directly affects the budgets of

all the committees. With the calling of a permanent minister to PIPC, it is hoped that the church will experience growth to help sustain and grow its place in the community, as well as provide it with financial security. A minister who embraces “inclusiveness” might draw back members who left because of the denomination’s stance on gays. And future efforts to add diversity to the congregation through outreach to the African American and Hispanic population in the area could be undertaken. Attracting young families would expand and enhance the Christian Education program. With about half of the church’s congregation over 55 years old, perhaps programs for the aged and widowed could be established. Through the dedication and generosity of its committed members PIPC has been able to support a wide range of missions (many self-funded), but “many hands make light work” and more are needed to reach out into new directions and support current programs.

Community Leaders Survey

Summary

A Survey of identified Community Leaders was conducted to get their views on PIPC and the needs of the community to which PIPC ministers. The Mission Study Team interviewed 15 Community Leaders (List Attached). Based on their responses to 6 questions, following are the general themes which emerged from the interviews:

“Are you familiar with Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church?”

- All of the respondents had general or personal knowledge of PIPC.

“What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of PIPC?”

- A large number were familiar with the Joy School and how it serves challenged young people in our community.
- Many commented on how active our members are in the community. We are viewed as community minded and mission oriented. A true “outreach” ministry.
- The sense is that our congregation is warm and welcoming.
- Our beautiful and thoughtful music.
- How good we are to the community.
- We practice what we preach.
- How we frequently offer our facilities to other organizations for their meetings and activities.
- Involvement with kids. Offering scholarships.

“How do you think the Community views Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church?”

- Favorably. “heard” good things about PIPC.
- Community based organization with a sense of welcome.
- Stable. Dependable.
- “Rich” Church.

“What Community challenges do you anticipate over the next 5 years which you feel PIPC can or should play a role in addressing?”

- Senior/Elder care needs are not being met. Many do not have “local” family support. They need help.
- Struggle to keep young people in our community. Lack of jobs and vitality. Community needs “living” wages for people to work here. Many are living below the poverty line. Helping people move from dependence to independence.
- Many responses focused on the young people in our community who need Godly role models. Cite need for employment and programs for our youth. Our youth need mentors – one on one and in groups. Parent advocacy.
- Getting Millennials to church.
- Lack of oversight and monitoring of children by their parents. Parents not helping their kids become successful.

“Are there any unmet or emerging needs that we should play a role in addressing?”

- Attracting young families. Child Care programs.
- Feed and support volunteers who are addressing flood damaged homes.
- Contribute to the Domestic House through the Family Justice Center.
- Well being of our kids. Mentoring kids who fall through the cracks.

“Anything else PIPC should consider as we look to our future role in the community?”

- Should not change too much as PIPC does so much right.
- Continue to reach out to schools. Have Pastors/Youth Pastors visit schools, eat lunch and attend events.
- Participate in Reading Buddies. Listening to, reading to and with kids.
- Work with Georgetown Council on the Aging – social networking and sense of community.
- Maintain Relevance.
- Partner with other organizations to strengthen overall efforts (i.e. Friendship Place)
- Work with the Interministerial Council to broaden their reach.
- Bridge with and partner with the minority community to project a united front in addressing issues in the community.
- Be present at the table!

In summary, PIPC and its congregation are well known in the community. Members of the congregation are visibly active in the community. JOY School in particular is very visible as a mission of PIPC. We are viewed as a stable and dependable community based organization that is warm and welcoming.

When looking at the current and future needs of our community as identified by the community leaders, there are several major themes that emerged. Many of the leaders identified needs relating to the young people in our community. They need help to become successful. They need tutors, mentors and positive role models. People to work with them to be more successful in school and helping them prepare to be productive members of our community.

Another area of need relates to supporting our senior population. They need help with many little daily tasks and activities. They need a sense of belonging and be recognized as valuable and valued members of our community.

Finally, it was recognized that there are a number of organizations and agencies active in the areas noted above in our community and was suggested that by partnering with one or more of them it would strengthen the overall effort from a manpower standpoint.

Summary of Fish Fry Survey and Sunday School Discussion Groups

During August, 2016, a brief survey was conducted with PIPC members at a congregational Fish Fry held at the church. The short surveys were distributed to each table, and approximately 36 people responded.

Also during August, 2016, MST members visited the PIPC adult Sunday School classes in teams of two to conduct discussion groups about issues pertinent to the future of PIPC. Approximately 40 people engaged in the discussion in four groups.

The following sections are the written and oral responses gathered from PIPC congregational members.

Fish Fry Survey

Question 1 – What do you like most about PIPC?

Worship experience, inspirational and uplifting, and inspired by music
 Youth programs
 Children's sermons
 Fellowship and willingness of others to help
 Everything!
 Congregational and outreach program
 God centered with use of Bible as guiding document
 Warmth and friendliness, casual surroundings
 Sunday School experiences and Bible studies
 Mark Diehl's sermons and leadership, sermons important
 Activities offered
 Conservative values, small church setting, traditional services
 Mark Diehl
 Diversity of people and talents
 Sense of welcome and beautiful sanctuary

Question 2 – What do you want to see in Ministry at PIPC?

Ministry that is inspirational, thoughtful messages
 Urges support and loving our neighbors as ourselves
 Comfort to grieving and sick and those in need
 Wednesday night fellowship dinners
 Better youth programs to attract young families
 Internal ministry, programs and support
 Traditional preaching of the Word
 Local efforts to spread work of the Lord
 Make effective Shepherding program
 More involvement in Church Missions
 Follow up on those who leave church or not attending regularly
 Engage more with broader community
 More opportunities to get to know members on personal basis
 More visits to sick and shut-ins
 A change
 More variety in worship
 More audience participation to read scripture, etc.

Secure new minister quickly
 Needing new members for their talents and gifts
 Mark Diehl as new minister
 Sermons that relate to today's life circumstances
 Pastor involved with all ages and parts of church

Question 3 – What are your expectations for the future of PIPC?

Reaching out to our community including African Americans, adding diversity
 Stable membership and growth and loyalty
 Serve local community, i.e. feeding and supporting those less fortunate
 Traditional values
 Secure Mark Diehl as pastor
 Increase membership to point of return to two services
 Growth in children attendance
 Financial stability
 Take more direction from Bible teaching to guide our future
 Engage more of congregation to build our strengths and shore up weaknesses
 Strong leadership in ministries and Session
 Not good!
 Provide enjoyable and meaningful events
 Growing in my faith
 Like it as it is now
 Rebuild youth programs and involvement
 Keep one service. Not fan of greeting folks via handshakes
 Miss Lee's wonderful children's sermons
 Continue music program
 Build Sunday School attendance
 Be committed to PCUSA completely
 Need more women in leadership positions, not just doing the work
 Hire young Bible teaching minister (40ish)
 Sharing more of everyone's talents

Question 4 – What can you do to help move our church forward?

Reach out to others, more inclusion and diversity
 Keep Bread of Life Kitchen going into future
 Actively participate in Sunday School, activities of church and service to others
 Continue my membership and support the church with time and money
 Music and hand bell participation
 Encourage giving to church programs
 Pray more, give more, attend more, volunteer more, share your talents with church
 Keep Mark Diehl as full time pastor
 Keep positive attitude and involvement
 Provide more opinions with solutions in mind
 Encourage others to get involved

Sunday School Discussion Groups

Question 1 – What do you think are the greatest strengths of our congregation?

- Friendliness and fellowship
- Qualified leaders
- Compassion for others
- Talented people
- Varied backgrounds
- Community outreach (VBS, TMP, B of L, JOY School)
- Music program
- Good communications
- Sunday School for children
- Teaching of the Bible
- Participation in Lenten Services in community
- Our minister (Mark)

Question 2 – What would you like to see accomplished by our congregation for the work of God's Kingdom in five years?

- Growth with more people joining
- See average age lowered
- Resist complacency, make more effort to know each other and welcome visitors more often.
- Inter-act with people more
- Bible or Life Group Study in homes to get to know each other better
- Better preparedness to defend our faith
- Continued compassion to membership
- Better Shepherds
- Build on youth programs
- Programs to create a more inclusive environment
- Better prepare Deacons and Elders in their roles
- Continue outreach programs
- Engage a sister church to interact with (i.e. swap choirs or ministers for preaching some Sundays)

Question 3 – What skills, experience and personal characteristics in our new pastor would be most supportive to fulfill God's calling?

- Strong preacher (like Mark)
- Perhaps younger pastor with children could draw younger families to become members
- Caring person who shows interest in members
- Good Shepherd with visitation skills
- Experience
- Good teacher who can guide the flock
- Charismatic, bold and inspirational individual
- Keep Mark
- Age (not too old or too young)
- Conservative (teaching from the Bible)
- Relate to both young and old members
- Sense of humor
- Administrative skills
- Inspire youth and programs for them
- Help to communicate and invite new members

Question 4 – Which areas of the congregation’s life and ministry need to be improved?

Communicate more broadly to reach people and get them involved in Church Life activities

Increase outreach to members and visitors

Reach shut-ins regularly

Encourage younger men to attend Men’s Breakfast

Get older members to mentor younger families

Understanding our demographics relating to age of folks we will attract as new members

Better mix of younger and older folks in Session and our Presbytery

Too much apathy

Put plans in action to attract new members

Need leadership to encourage and motivate people to get involved

Bring back Wednesday night fellowship and worship or Bible studies

What do community leaders think our role should be in the community?

CONGREGATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY INTRODUCTION

The Congregational Comprehensive Survey was conducted during October, 2016. The Survey was mailed to approximately 275 families of PIPC, primarily members, but also to some regular and seasonal visitors who worship here when they are at their homes in Pawleys Island. Participants were encouraged to make additional copies of the Survey for spouses and others, as needed. Approximately 112 surveys were returned, considered a robust response rate. Of those, some were not answered completely, or pages were missing, etc. and therefore, the numbers of responses are not the same per each question. The Survey was composed of 32 questions, some requiring multiple responses, and required at least 20 minutes or more to complete. The Mission Study Team tallied the responses.

A note of caution is called for in considering the results of the Survey. The PIPC Demographics Section shows that the congregation is fairly evenly divided, with half its members being under 50 years of age, and half over 50 years of age. However, the responders to the Survey were primarily over 50 years of age. Responses were tallied from only 12 responders under 54 years of age, while 91 responders were over 54 years old.

The MST is not certain why this occurred, as many of our younger families are very active in a variety of ways at PIPC. Perhaps their schedules were so crowded with activities centered on children and the juggling of schedules with both parents working, that time for filling out the survey was not available. Perhaps if the survey had been available online, more of these families would have participated. The opinions and participation of this group is highly valued, and the new minister will need to find ways to nurture this important population.

The section that follows is a Summary of the Responses to the Congregational Comprehensive Survey. Each of the first 15 questions are summarized, with the highest number of responses listed.

Following the Summary section, are written comments that responders made while completing the Survey, and the essential comments from two notes that were written to the MST, as well.

The complete results of the Congregational Comprehensive Survey may be found in Appendix C at the end of this report.

Summary of the Responses to Survey Questions for Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

1. Emphasis placed on the tasks a congregation likely performs:

Those tasks with the highest satisfaction:

- PIPC provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition in worship
- Effective language, liturgy, and music is used to express the Gospel in worship

Those tasks needing more emphasis:

- Participation in activities and programs with other local religious groups or congregations
- Sharing the good news of the Gospel with the unchurched
- Helping members discover their own gifts for ministry and service

2. Overall the tasks that PIPC feels it does best:

- PIPC provides a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition in worship
- Effective language, liturgy, and music is used to express the Gospel in worship

3. Tasks that PIPC needs to strengthen:

- Helping members discover their own gifts for ministry
- Helping members deepen their personal, spiritual relationship with God
- Participation in activities and programs with other local religious groups or congregations
- Providing fellowship opportunities for members

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with how the congregation deals with certain organizational issues, such as making decisions, sharing information and developing resources:

The issue with the most agreement:

- Members help each other in times of trouble

The issues where the agreement and disagreement were somewhat divided:

- Members are well informed about what the various teams/committees and groups at PIPC are doing
- Members and groups get significant support and encouragement for trying something new in the congregation
- The current morale of PIPC membership is high (many indicated “don’t know”)
- The theological and biblical implications of important decisions are regularly discussed (many indicated “don’t know”)

The issues with the most disagreement:

- There is a sense of excitement among members about PIPC's future
- Disagreements and conflicts are dealt with openly rather than hushed up or hidden behind closed doors
- Important decisions about the life of the church are rarely made without open discussions by PIPC leaders and members

5. Congregational identity, a sense of who they are, that all members generally share. Rate your agreement or disagreement from your personal perspective.

Those with highest agreement (Strongly Agree or Agree):

- Being at this church has made a difference in my spiritual life
- I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation
- Our congregation's identity, as it is, is one with which I feel comfortable

Those with mixed agreement:

- I have a clear understanding of what our church stands for
- It is easy for me to tell my friends what is unique about our congregation

Those with most disagreement:

- An effective effort was made to instruct me in our church's mission

6. How high or low a priority for the following to be for the way PIPC could be involved with community social issues?

Those with highest priority (High Priority or Moderate Priority):

- Providing or supporting social services for persons in need
- Providing meeting rooms in PIPC's facilities for community groups working on various concerns of the community
- Partnering with other faith communities

Those with lowest priority (Low Priority or No Priority):

- Organizing advocacy or action groups
- Giving money to ecumenical or nondenominational programs
- Speaking to business and governmental officials about peace and justice issues

7. For you personally, how important are each of the following qualities in worship service?

Those of highest importance (Very Satisfied or Satisfied):

- Having parts of the service focused on children
- Corporate prayer/liturgy in which whole congregation participates
- Attention given to the sacraments (baptism and communion)
- Role of music in our outreach, fellowship, and mission

Those needing more emphasis:

- Participation by lay members in leading worship
- Silent prayer/meditation
- Use of contemporary worship styles, music, language, and liturgy

8. For you personally, how important are each of the qualities that make a good sermon?

Those of highest importance (Essential or Important):

- Is skillfully delivered and engaging
- Is biblically based and theologically sound
- Is carefully composed and prepared
- Is spiritually moving and inspirational
- Touches directly on my everyday life
- Sets forth clear faith position as guide for making decisions; living faithful life
- Is challenging and thought-provoking

Those of low importance (Not Very Important/Distracting or Irrelevant):

- Sets forth various sides of an issue fairly without advocating for only 'one true Christian position'

9. Satisfaction with aspects of the congregation's worship

Those aspects ranked very satisfied or satisfied:

- Ambiance of the worship space in sanctuary
- Music provided during worship (choirs, anthems, instrumentals)
- Congregational participation in liturgy
- Special services with seasonal emphases (Advent, Holy Week, Lessons and Carols)
- Acoustics and sound system in sanctuary

Those aspects where some were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied:

- Comfort of seating and air-conditioning
- Ways spiritual needs are being met in the service

10. For pastor of PIPC, how high or low a priority for listed tasks:

The highest priorities were:

- Preparing and teaching inspiring sermons
- Providing leadership for engaging the congregation's vision and calling to ministry
- Providing administrative leadership to staff, Session, Diaconate, Teams
- Emphasizing the spiritual development of members

Priorities not in top, but scoring high marks

- Visiting the sick, shut-ins, bereaved
- Planning and leading worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation

- Pastoral counseling of members having personal, family and/or work problems
- Spending time in personal reflection, Bible study, prayer

Priorities ranked less important

- Participating in denominational activities beyond the local church at regional/national levels (Presbytery/General Assembly)
- Presenting peace and justice issues to congregation
- Planning creative worship services that might include more contemporary forms of worship and music
- Supporting world mission of the congregation and denomination

11. Images or dominant roles toward which ministers orient their ministry

Those roles considered essential or important:

- Minister of the Word/Teacher of the congregation; primary role in teaching and preaching
- Counselor/Healer; Spends time in pastoral and hospital visitation; counseling
- Celebrant/Worship Leader; Leads congregation in worship
- Church Administrator; Managing a productive church program
- Spiritual Guide; Development of all members' spiritual lives
- Friend or Companion on the Journey

Those roles considered Not Very Important or No Importance:

- Social Activist
- Community Chaplain

12. Of the roles listed in Question 11, identify the most important:

- Minister of the Word/Teacher of the Congregation

13. Of the roles listed in Question 11, identify the least important:

- Social Activist

14. Reasons you were originally attracted to PIPC:

- The Minister
- The Worship Style
- The Music Program
- Friendliness of Welcome

15. Reasons that keep you as part of the PIPC congregation:

- The Worship Style
- The Music Program
- The Minister
- An Atmosphere that contributes to Spiritual Growth

Comments on PIPC's MST Congregational Survey

1. Emphasis PIPC places on tasks a congregation likely performs:

Any dissatisfaction is my fault.

Have problems providing for some areas of global mission and expressing and embracing denominational heritage and tradition.

Participating with other groups or congregations – I don't really know what we do except Lenten Luncheons and we support that annually.

I would like better opportunity to get to know new members. It took me quite a few years to become more involved because I didn't know how I could contribute.

It's time for inclusive languages.

Is communion taken to shut-ins?

2. Task PIPC does best:

Outreach to the community

3. Tasks to strengthen:

I would like our church to be a church of inclusive members, staff and ministers. A "more light church" that welcomes the talents of LGBT in its ministry.

My personal involvement is my responsibility.

Providing a caring ministry to shut-ins

Skip "Passing of the Peace". Children's sermon should be shorter and for kids, not adults. More traditional old hymns for anthems.

In reference to those who more regularly attend PIPC, visitation of their immediate family members not attending church.

Helping members discover own gifts – but is not lacking to me and many. It just appears that the "few" do the "most" or at least do the most evident things. Am sure there are many who serve in the shadows so to speak and silently.

If I had more time to contribute to PIPC it would be along the lines of getting to know new and other members on a more personal basis to encourage greater participation.

There are many lonely people in need of Christian comfort. Organize events, small groups, gathering at restaurants or plays.

Offer Bible history classes to place Biblical stories in context with what was happening at the time.

4. How PIPC deals with organizational issues:

Relatively new member – not much communication, but this is the case in many churches. Is this a bad thing or more productive?

Taking too long to find a new minister! We should be further into the process after 15 months. Attendance in the last year is the lowest in a long time.

Concerning disagreements and conflicts – I have not been aware of but one “conflict”. It was not revealed as to its actual problem, but the small group I was in prayed for the situation. The person we prayed for left PIPC.

Implications of important decisions are done with team making decision, no necessarily with congregation (improving). Frank’s desire to avoid confrontation resulted in some things being done behind closed doors and decisions being reversed due to a complaint made to him.

5. PIPC’s overall identity and vision:

When we first joined it did, now feel complacent

Do not have clear understanding of what our church stands for at this time. Music and Bible study have made a difference in my spiritual life.

I can tell others what I personally like about PIPC, but I don’t put it in the context of comparing it to other congregations.

I disagreed with all items due to the PCUSA’s actions.

Being at the church when Mike Berry was here was the strongest difference in my life

6. Priority of PIPC’s involvement with community social issues:

We entrust the session with these leadership decisions. They should communicate and ask for opinions.

These groups and services would be provided only if the gospel of Jesus Christ would be part of these services.

I especially like the community Lenten Services.

I think what PIPC does with respect to JOY School and University, Bread of Life and Teach My People is great. (Also providing space for CBS.). I do feel PIPC should have the information necessary to connect people with needs to available social services.

No answers just “use the pulpit to teach what Jesus taught”.

7. Qualities of good worship service:

I've answered what is important to me (b,d, g, l, k, and l). The others aren't that important although personally I would like more use of contemporary worship styles, music, language and liturgy on occasion.

Prefer Gospel songs: Blessed Assurance, Victory in Jesus, Standing on the Promises.

Sometimes Apostle's Creed is left out before communion. I think it is most important before.

More prayer emphasis

Coffee after church

8. Qualities of good sermon:

"One true Christian position" – from the Christian's point of view we have the Holy Scripture to determine our position

9. Satisfaction with congregation's worship:

Sanctuary a bit cold (three comments) Thanks for the air diffusers

Wish music presentations were more viewable to congregation!

More in depth use of scripture in sermons

10. Priorities for Pastor

I respectfully disagree to choose only 3 or 4 to be the highest! I believe PIPC needs to identify/develop leaders amongst the congregation and train!

- a. Leadership doesn't have to be micromanaged
- c. Stewardship - Gotta pay the bills
- e. New member recruitment delegate to session. Supporting is important not necessarily planning/leading
- f. Participation in community – delegate most
- h. Communicating/interpreting PIPC's mission – session
- k. Visiting sick, shut-in, bereaved – time consuming but mission too, could be deacons and elders
- n. Religious programs for youth – support, but not necessarily develop or lead
- o. Adult education programs – support but not necessarily develop or lead
- p. World mission – session
- q. Denominational activities beyond PIPC – sometimes in conflict with congregation's values/ beliefs

11. Dominant roles of minister:

All of these questions are very “heavy” on extreme adjectives.

Problematic section!

- b. Church Administrator – If is he good at it
- d. Group facilitator – delegate, don’t try to do everything
- e. Celebrant/Worship Leader – YES!
- f. Spiritual Guide – spend balanced part
- h. Counselor/Healer – along with Elders and Deacons
- i. Community Chaplain – not fulfillment in civic roles and leadership, but OK to be chaplain
- j. Friend/Companion – not necessarily be “wounded healer”

12. Roles most important to pastor:

There is not a most important role

Especially sermons

13. b. “Mistaken Church Administrator, Tina is Great!”

14. k. Friendliness of welcome: 6 on a scale of 10 compared to other PI churches

15. What keeps you at PIPC:

“Sorry, but the actions of PCUSA has reduced our attendance. No offense to you as the local church. After being a Presbyterian all my life I can no longer sit under the authority of the PCUSA. We are not leaving the Presbyterian form of worship. Just looking for a non-PCUSA church.”

- a. The minister – both Frank before, but especially Mark now!
- e. Music program: Excellent
- f. Educational programs for children/youth: Could be expanded
- i. Opportunities in mission outreach: Not publicized

30. Participation has decreased:

Young families are not helping with youth programs.

Changing tides in the Presbyterian Church

31. How many have you invited to PIPC:

I usually ask people where they worship, if nowhere I invite them.

32. How many of your closest friends attend PIPC:

I have lots of friends but not really any “closest” friends except my husband

General Comments:

“As Elder in Presbyterian Church in past congregations that have been part of 3 minister transitions in last 10 years. This one is frustrating as it has dragged out longer and still uncertain of next steps. We joined because of Frank, and hoped to find new friends and a future in our adopted community (30 year visitors) but remain optimistic while goals remain unfilled.”

“I personally do not agree with the liberal policies of the national PCUSA hierarchy. Many of their beliefs go against what I have been taught my entire life. I do not want to see our church go down the road with them.”

“A church must attract new members (grow) or it will decline (die) as older members pass on. But as all good fishermen know, one cannot catch new fish on old bait. Thus the church must change and grow into its future or succumb to the fate of so many failed congregations that stubbornly insist on keeping things ‘the way we’ve always done them’ . . . PIPC has a wonderful opportunity now to embrace change just as the world around it is changing . . . Understanding what the scriptures are saying to us, in this place, and at this time in history, is a vital element of our ability to embrace change and grow as a congregation where new generations can feel welcomed and fulfilled . . . hope we will ultimately call a ‘teacher/preacher’ pastor, a leader willing to challenge us, think new thoughts and develop new understandings, a teacher able to delve into the true meaning and application of ancient words and concepts and help us apply those tenants to the modern world.”

In a letter to the MST from a member who did not participate in the study as she has not been involved in church in a long time but wanted to express her feelings:

“I hope we will stay a Bible inspired church and continue spreading our faith throughout our community and the world where possible. I love our church services, the choir and Sunday School, also the Women’s Circle. Good luck with the future planning and I’ll be praying for you.”

Strengths of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

Again and again, worshipers affirmed that PIPC provides a meaningful experience of God and Christian tradition in worship for them. The church uses effective language, liturgy and music to express the Gospel in worship, in a beautiful sanctuary conducive to prayerful contemplation. Additionally, worshipers strongly agreed that being at PIPC has made a difference in their spiritual lives, and that they have a strong sense of belonging to the congregation. The minister is a very significant part of PIPC, as well.

- The excellent music program is deeply ingrained in the worship tradition at PIPC, and worshipers appreciate the integration of the choir, soloists and instrumentalists, as well as different types of music used to enhance their experience.
- Having parts of the service focused on children was named a most important quality by a large majority of responders. Seeing children eagerly come to the front of the sanctuary and engage in the teachings of Christ, with the theme closely linked to the upcoming sermon, is highly valued by worshipers.
- The friendliness and welcoming spirit of PIPC was cited by most in the surveys, and it was cited by many as an important reason for being attracted to PIPC.
- Members helping each other in times of trouble is seen as a major asset and something members do well.
- The wide variety and activity of the Mission Programs sponsored by PIPC provide multiple avenues of outreach to the community and beyond, including the JOY School and JOY University for challenged children and youth, the Bread of Life Kitchen, and linkages with other groups such as Teach My People, Salkahatchie summer youth program, and the Baskerville Food Pantry.
- More than half of PIPC's members are under 55 years of age, and about 35% are over 55 years, providing a wide age base, with related interests and needs, as its congregation.
- PIPC is highly regarded in the community and enjoys a positive image by community leaders, in part because its members are seen as providing multiple kinds of community service.
- PIPC maintains active programs for children and youth, including JAM on Sunday nights and Vacation Bible School.
- PIPC has an attractive campus and well-maintained facilities, and is located in a highly desirable community in which to live and worship.
- PIPC's average contribution per worshiper in 2015 was \$3,043, well over the average for PCUSA churches overall of \$2,462 in 2013.
- There are 586 new family units being built in Pawleys Island and the Waccamaw Neck, with potential for providing new members for PIPC.

Challenges for Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

- Nearly 20% of the county population live in poverty and at least 38% of the children in Waccamaw Neck schools are eligible for assistance for needy families. While PIPC does sponsor programs and partners with others to aid the poor in our area, are there other meaningful ways for us to work with the poor in helping to address these needs?
- Approximately 33% of our area population is African American. PIPC partners with Teach My People in offering campus facilities for programs here. However, there is little interaction between our congregation and the local African American community. Are there ways for us to form linkages to better know our African American neighbors?
- About one quarter of the local population is over 65 years of age, as is our church, as well. Community leaders point to the needs of the elderly in this area to help avoid loneliness, isolation and related aspects of life as people age. Are there ways for PIPC to provide support for retirees as they grow older, including transportation to PIPC?
- PIPC's membership increased annually until 2014, when it declined to 395, where it was in 2005. Factors related to this decline include controversy over the denomination's decision to permit gay marriage (some disapproved and some wanted the congregation to more fully embrace the denomination's decision) and a significant turnover of staff. A popular Sunday School teacher had departed, the music program went through a transition, a young associate pastor only stayed briefly, and the long-term pastor retired in 2015. The downturn in membership negatively impacted attendance in worship and Sunday School, and the finances of PIPC. A stewardship decline in pledges and giving paralleled these membership declines. Attracting new members through policies and programs that are more inclusive and diverse, as well as more inviting to younger families may be ways to resolve the membership decline.
- While younger families are active in child-related church activities such as Sunday night JAM, the Scholarship Dinner and VBS, retired members tend to be more active in many church activities. What ways can we find for PIPC to bridge this gap?
- Some sense of apathy and difficulty in enlisting leaders to assume roles in the church seems to be apparent in recent months and years. The reality of the interim period along with significant recent staff changes may contribute to this apathy. The resolution of the interim period and a new era with a new pastor may help to resolve a sense of uncertainty in the membership.
- Increased and improved methods of communication with members of the congregation are needed to better inform them of opportunities to become engaged in the activities of PIPC, and to involve them more in important issues the church faces. There was significant disagreement among Survey responders that 'important decisions about the life of the church are rarely made without open discussions by PIPC leaders and members.' Forums for open discussions of important issues are needed. Events such as the recent 'Mission Fair' to inform and invite members to participate are helpful.

Opportunities for Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

- With significant new single family unit housing starts (586 units under construction, or in planning stages) on or near the Waccamaw Neck, PIPC has an opportunity to grow its congregation.
- There is sustained population increase in the surrounding area of Pawleys Island, Waccamaw Neck, and the Murrells Inlet communities, again with the potential for PIPC to grow.
- PIPC members have expressed desire for more inter-religious and inter-racial cooperation among our sister churches on the Waccamaw Neck.
- PIPC members have conveyed desire for members to experience more spiritual growth and increase members' knowledge of the Bible. They also wish to discover the spiritual gifts of other members.
- PIPC members have called for increased fellowship opportunities so that they may get to know other members better, especially new members. Members also desire an increase in Adult Education programs (which would also facilitate getting to know others better).
- Survey results indicate PIPC members would like increased time for silent prayer and meditation, and increased use of lay people in leading worship on Sundays. One fifth of the congregation also would like to see increased use of contemporary worship styles, music, language and liturgy.
- Nurturing participation of younger families in the life of the church so that those over 55 years and under 55 years may work more closely as one church family is a potent opportunity for PIPC.
- Members indicated that instruction in the church's mission at the time of joining was sometimes lacking. Consistency in providing a sound program about the mission of PIPC to new members is an important opportunity.
- Selection of the more permanent minister is obviously the most important opportunity for PIPC now. Members overwhelmingly cited, on all surveys, the importance of the minister in attracting them to PIPC and in keeping them here.

Vision and Mission Statements for Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

The Mission Study Team thoughtfully considered the current Vision and Mission Statements for Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, and voted to reaffirm them.

OUR VISION is to glorify God, make disciples, and send them to meet human needs in a broken world.

OUR MISSION is to lead people to Christ by forming a spiritual connection with God, a loving connection with others, and a committed connection with the causes of Christ in the world, using the Holy Bible as our rule of faith and practice.

Qualities for the New Pastor of Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church

Surveying the congregation with two surveys and discussion groups, an understanding was reached regarding the roles, qualities and strengths PIPC seeks in their next pastor. Additionally, participants indicated the areas of church life in which the new pastor should focus his or her energies.

The major areas of concentration are 1) Preaching Sermons and Teaching, 2) Providing Pastoral Care, 3) Being a Spiritual Guide and Congregational Leader, and 4) Serving as an Effective Administrator for Session and Staff.

Responders to surveys saw as most important:

- **That the sermon is** skillfully delivered and engaging; Biblically based and theologically sound; carefully composed and prepared; is spiritually moving and inspirational; touches directly on my everyday life; sets forth a clear faith position as guide for making decisions, living a faithful life; and is challenging and thought-provoking.
- **That for the minister of PIPC the tasks that are most important are** preparing and teaching inspiring sermons; providing leadership for engaging the congregation's vision and calling to the ministry; providing administrative leadership to Staff, Session, Diaconate and Teams; and emphasizing the spiritual development of PIPC members.
- **Other priorities include** visiting the sick, shut-ins, and bereaved; planning and leading worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation, pastoral counseling of members having personal, family and/or work problems, and spending time in personal reflection, Bible study and prayer.
- **The dominant roles toward which the minister should orient their ministry are** minister of the Word/Teacher of the congregation; primary role is one of teaching and preaching; Counselor/Healer; spends time in pastoral and hospital visitation and counseling; Celebrant/Worship Leader, leads congregation in worship; Church Administrator; managing a productive church program; Spiritual Guide; Development of all members' spiritual lives; and Friend or Companion on the Journey.
- **The role considered most important is Minister of the Word/Teacher of the Congregation.**

Additionally, an important aspect of the new pastor's role will be to nurture the younger families at PIPC, 65% of whom are under 55 years of age, and to integrate the younger members more into the full life of the church. Currently, the older members tend to lead most teams and formal organizational groups, while the younger ones tend to participate more in child-oriented activities such as JAM, VBS, and the Scholarship Dinner. More integration of the groups is important for the church family to support one another in the full life of the church.

APPENDIX

6/1/2016

residential development list for waccamaw neck

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Ms. Joley,

Per request, these are the current residential developments on the Waccamaw Neck (both single and multi family) they are either currently under review or under construction:

1. Lakeshore – single family homes, off Pond Road in Murrells Inlet, 68 units in two phases
2. Collins Creek Phase 6 – single family homes, part of Prince Creek in Murrells Inlet, 42 units
3. Shady Oaks – multi-family townhomes at corner of Melton Avenue and Business 17 in Murrells Inlet, 25 units
4. Waterleaf – multi-family apartment units, off Wesley Road in Murrells Inlet, 240 units, conceptual approval only at this stage
5. Marshland Park – single family homes on pads, Highway 17 in Litchfield, 39 units – most under construction
6. The Colony – single family homes, Highway 17 in Pawleys, across from Hog Heaven, 49 lots
7. Historic Waverly Mills – single family homes, at the end of Waverly Road, Pawleys Island, 9 lots
8. Hagley Retreat – single family homes, Tyson Drive in Pawleys Island, 15 lots, infrastructure under construction
9. Village at Mingo – multi family condos, Willbrook Drive in Pawleys Island, 60 units, Bldg 1 complete, Bldg 2 under construction
10. Reserve Club Villas – duplex condo units, in the Reserve off Willbrook Drive in Pawleys Island, 24 units, conceptual approval only at this stage
11. Pawleys Sunset – single family homes, at the end of Minnow Drive in Pawleys Island, 15 lots, conceptual approval only at this stage

I hope this is helpful for your report. Please feel free to contact me should you have further questions.

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COMMUNITY LEADERS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Teach My People	Eric Spatz	237-8737
Smith Medical Clinic	Anne Faul	237-2672
Tara Hall	Jim Dumm	546-3000
Sherriff	Lane Cribb	546-5102
Joy School	Martha Insignares	237-5368
The Lakes	Leslie Fryar	314-5642
Habitat For Humanity	Annette Perreault	546-5685
State House	Vida Miller	
Bunnelle Foundation	Geales Sands	237-1222
SC State Rep.	Stephen Goldfinch	803-212-6350
SC State Senate	Raymond Cleary	803-212-6350
Waccamaw Elem.	Vervatine Reed	237-4233
Waccamaw Intermediate	Dr. Timothy Carnahan	237-7071
Waccamaw Middle	Jamie Curry	237-2418
Waccamaw High	Dr. David Hammel	237-9899

**Survey Questions for Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church
Final Tally**

1. Listed below are a number of tasks that a congregation likely performs. Please respond to each item by indicating what emphasis you believe PIPC places on the task.

- a. Providing a meaningful experience of God and the Christian tradition in worship:
- b. Using effective language, liturgy, and music to express the Gospel in worship:
- c. Providing Christian education for children and youth:
- d. Providing Christian education, Bible study and other educational programs for adults:
- e. Helping members deepen their personal, spiritual relationship with God:
- f. Sharing the good news of the Gospel with the unchurched:
- g. Engaging in acts of charity and service to persons in need:
- h. Encouraging members to act on the relationship of the Christian faith to social, political and economic issues:
- i. Providing a caring ministry for the sick, shut-ins, and the bereaved:
- j. Providing pastoral care and counseling to help members deal with personal problems:
- k. Providing fellowship opportunities for members:
- l. Helping members understand their use of money, time, and talents as expressions of Christian stewardship:
- m. Supporting the global mission of the church/denomination:
- n. Helping members discover their own gifts for ministry and service:
- o. Participating in activities and programs with other local religious groups or congregations:
- p. Expressing and embracing our denominational heritage and tradition:

Too Much Emphasis	Very Satisfied	Generally Satisfied	Needs More Emphasis
0	70	30	7
0	80	20	4
0	57	39	10
0	65	27	13
0	42	49	16
0	19	40	39
0	49	44	11
3	14	64	16
0	48	40	20
0	48	40	16
0	47	41	19
0	26	57	19
3	36	57	7
0	21	45	34
0	19	43	40
5	23	51	22

2. Overall, which ONE task of the above does PIPC do best? _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
40	27	9	6	3	0	6	3	5	2	6	0	1
N	O	P										
1	1	2										

3. For your own personal involvement in PIPC, which ONE task of the above would you like to see strengthened? _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
7	1	7	5	11	8	7	2	6	1	9	2	0

N O P
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4. In order to carry out its ministry, every congregation must deal with certain organizational issues, such as making decisions, sharing information and developing resources. Listed below are a number of statements describing such issues. To what extent do you agree or disagree that each statement describes PIPC? A "Don't Know" response is provided, but please use it **ONLY** when absolutely necessary.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
a. Members are well informed about what the various teams/committees and groups at PIPC are doing:	7	45	36	9	5
b. The activities taking place at PIPC are well publicized to the local community:	4	35	47	4	12
c. Study of the needs of the congregation and community is regularly undertaken as the basis for PIPC planning:	1	43	35	4	20
d. Members and groups get significant support and encouragement for trying something new in the congregation:	2	45	22	10	23
e. Members are encouraged to discover their particular gifts for ministry and service:	4	60	25	2	11
f. PIPC leaders are provided the training they need for their team assignments and responsibilities:	3	51	26	3	21
g. Every member who is capable and interested has an equal opportunity to hold key leadership positions:	7	63	15	7	13
h. The theological and biblical implications of important decisions are regularly discussed:	3	34	35	5	18
i. Important decisions about the life of the church are rarely made without open discussions by PIPC leaders and members:	1	38	30	11	19
j. Disagreements and conflicts are dealt with openly rather than hushed up or hidden behind closed doors:	1	32	29	11	29
k. It is easy to summarize for visitors and non-members how our congregation differs from other ones in the area:	2	45	33	6	20
l. Members help each other in times of trouble:	32	62	1	2	4
m. Cooperative programs with churches of other denominations are highly valued in PIPC:	5	47	29	3	20
n. The current morale of PIPC membership is high:	5	39	31	8	18
o. There is a sense of excitement among members about PIPC's future:	5	36	42	6	14

5. All congregations have an identity, or a sense of who they are, that all members generally share in, and yet any individual member may stand somewhat apart from. Please rate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements from your own personal perspective looking at PIPC's overall identity and vision.

- a. Our congregation's identity, as it is, is one with which I feel comfortable:
- b. It is easy for me to tell my friends what is unique about our congregation:
- c. I have a clear understanding of what our church stands for:
- d. An effective effort was made to instruct me in our church's mission:
- e. I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation:
- f. Being at this church has made a difference in my spiritual life:

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
22	67	14	3
18	64	15	1
12	70	24	0
10	57	29	5
30	61	13	0
36	62	6	0

6. In your judgment, how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be for the way PIPC could be involved with community social issues?

- a. Providing or supporting social services for persons in need:
- b. Providing meeting rooms in PIPC's facilities for community groups working on various concerns of the community:
- c. Encouraging the minister to use a portion of his/her time working with community groups:
- d. Calling attention to social, community, and world issues from the pulpit and in study groups:
- e. Organizing advocacy or action groups:
- f. Linking interested members to denominational, ecumenical or non-church social service or advocacy programs:
- g. Giving money to denominational programs and missions:
- h. Giving money to ecumenical or nondenominational programs:
- i. Helping organize or support disadvantaged groups to advocate for their own needs:
- j. Speaking to business and governmental officials about peace and justice issues:
- k. Partnering with other faith communities:

High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	No Priority
44	47	9	0
36	46	19	3
12	57	32	4
17	52	31	8
3	34	46	19
6	57	27	12
10	54	30	8
2	33	54	11
13	47	37	8
4	25	47	5
27	55	19	2

7. For you personally, how important are each of the following in the total mix of qualities that make a good worship service?

	Too Much Emphasis	Very Satisfied	Generally Satisfied	Needs More Emphasis
a. Providing time for members to greet one another:	14	50	34	5
b. Providing worship that is emotionally moving:	0	54	34	11
c. Providing worship that is intellectually challenging:	1	58	30	11
d. Attention given to the sacraments (baptism and communion):	0	72	28	4
e. Participation by lay members in leading worship:	2	30	52	26
f. Use of inclusive, gender-neutral language:	16	41	33	3
g. Use of creeds or statements of faith (such as the Apostles' Creed):	5	73	23	3
h. Silent prayer/meditation:	0	51	28	23
i. Having parts of worship service focused especially for children:	3	71	30	2
j. Use of new or unfamiliar hymns:	13	39	43	6
k. Corporate prayer/liturgy in which the entire congregation participates:	1	65	34	4
l. Providing worship at times other than Sunday morning:	2	27	49	15
m. Use of contemporary worship styles, music, language, and liturgy:	4	32	44	20
n. The role of music in our outreach, fellowship, and mission:	1	59	32	9

8. For you personally, how important are each of the following in the mix of qualities that make a good sermon?

	Essential	Important	Important If In Right Situation	Not Very Important	Distracting/Irrelevant
a. Sets forth a clear faith position as a guide for making decisions and living a faithful life:	53	40	9	1	0
b. Based on a clear, unambiguous religious authority:	42	35	16	5	1
c. Touches directly on my everyday life:	37	58	10	1	0
d. Contains scholarly or literary illustrations:	14	55	34	3	0
e. Is biblically based and theologically sound:	58	40	4	4	0
f. Makes me reflect on issues and events that go beyond my personal life and local community:	18	60	23	3	1
g. Is challenging and thought provoking:	39	53	12	0	0
h. Obviously flows from the depth of the preacher's own personal faith and spiritual convictions:	28	50	21	3	3
i. Is comforting and reassuring:	17	60	23	5	0
j. Is carefully composed and prepared:	31	65	5	1	0
k. Is skillfully delivered and engaging:	37	63	5	0	0
l. Is spiritually moving and inspirational:	47	48	6	0	0

- m. Sets forth various sides of an issue fairly without advocating for only "one true Christian position":

18	32	31	6	13
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9. To what extent are you satisfied with the following aspects of the congregation's worship?

- a. The ambience of the worship space in the sanctuary:
- b. The level of comfort of seating and air conditioning:
- c. The acoustics and sound system in the sanctuary:
- d. The music provided during worship (choirs, anthems, instrumentals, special musical presentations):
- e. The level of congregational participation in liturgy (Call to Worship, Prayers, Affirmation of Faith, etc.):
- f. Special services with seasonal emphases (Advent, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, All Saints):
- g. The ways your spiritual needs are being met in the services of worship:

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
67	39	0	1
26	63	11	3
40	62	2	0
63	43	1	1
39	65	1	0
53	50	0	0
33	63	6	3

10. For the pastor of PIPC, how high or low a priority would you like each of the following to be? (Please remember that not every task can be of the the highest priority, and so you should choose only 3 or 4 to be the highest. You may want to read the entire list before making your rankings.)

- a. Providing administrative leadership to staff, Session and Diaconate, and the organization's committees/teams:
- b. Providing leadership for engaging the congregation's vision and fulfilling its calling to ministry:
- c. Actively and visibly supporting PIPC's stewardship program:
- d. Directly involving church members in the planning, leadership and implementation of programs and events:
- e. Planning and leading a program of new member recruitment:
- f. Participating in local community activities, issues, and concerns:
- g. Presenting peace and justice issues to the congregation:
- h. Communicating and interpreting to the congregation the mission of PIPC and opportunities for involvement and leadership by members:
- i. Planning and leading worship sensitive to the needs of the congregation:
- j. Emphasizing the spiritual development of members:
- k. Visiting the sick, the shut-ins, and the bereaved:
- l. Visiting members in their homes:

High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	No Priority
54	44	2	4
41	53	3	2
21	54	18	4
26	58	12	2
20	58	18	3
8	50	37	5
10	35	44	8
25	54	17	4
49	39	11	3
45	47	7	3
38	54	9	3
13	48	34	8

- m. Pastoral counseling of members having personal, family and/or work-related problems:
- n. Developing and supporting religious education programs for children and youth:
- o. Developing and leading adult education programs:
- p. Supporting the world mission of the congregation and denomination:
- q. Participating in denominational activities beyond the local church [at the regional and national level of the denomination (Presbytery, General Assembly)]:

34	56	9	3
22	56	20	3
23	59	20	3
5	49	44	6
12	33	40	14

10.
Cont'd.

- r. Preparing and preaching inspiring sermons:
- s. Planning creative services of worship that might include more contemporary forms of worship and music:
- t. Spending time in personal reflection, Bible study and prayer:

High Priority	Moderate Priority	Low Priority	No Priority
75	24	0	2
5	45	37	10
44	43	7	4

11. Listed below are ten images or dominant roles toward which ministers orient their ministry. To what extent would you like to see the pastor of this congregation emphasize or embody each of these roles?

- a. Minister of the Word/Teacher of the Congregation - Finds primary fulfillment in preaching and teaching, and is attracted to a congregational with a strong educational emphasis:
- b. Church Administrator - Fulfillment comes in administering and managing a productive and effective church program, organization, and staff:
- c. Social Activist - Ministry centers in relating the Gospel to the social needs of society, and enjoys being on the cutting edge of social concerns and community affairs:
- d. Group Facilitator - Centers ministry around work with small groups of people, helping them relate particular interests and needs to the Gospel, organizes the church around a variety of interests, study, and task groups:
- e. Celebrant/Worship Leader - Is most at home leading the congregation in worship; deep appreciation for theology embodied in the liturgy of the church, in both formal and informal settings:
- f. Spiritual Guide - Encourages development of all members' spiritual lives; works intensely with those interested in pursuing spiritual disciplines; minister is developing a variety of his/her own approaches to spiritual practice based on practices found in the church:
- g. Witness/Evangelist - Focus of ministry is sharing the Gospel with those not in the

Essential	Important	Not Very Important	No Importance
59	34	7	0
22	68	7	2
7	25	58	8
11	64	22	4
49	40	8	2
36	52	8	2

church, and equipping members for an effective evangelistic witness:

- h. Counselor/Healer - Spends a major part of each week in pastoral and hospital visitation, checking in on people, and providing counseling of members as needed:
- i. Community Chaplain - Finds fulfillment in civic roles and leadership; often serves on community boards and committees; may be a chaplain to community groups or organizations:
- j. Friend/Companion on the Journey - Warm and loving person who relates to others as an ordinary human being; compassionate and a good listener; not afraid to reveal personal pain and struggle; a "wounded healer":

15	61	20	3
24	69	7	1
3	28	58	9
44	44	8	3

12. Which of these ten roles do you believe to be the most important for the pastor of this congregation to fulfill? **Circle only ONE!**

- 72 a. Minister of the Word/Teacher of the Congregation Church
- 3 b. Administrator
- 0 c. Social Activist
- 0 d. Group Facilitator
- 9 e. Celebrant/Worship Leader
- 10 f. Spiritual Guide
- 2 g. Witness/Evangelist
- 1 h. Counselor/Healer Community
- 1 i. Chaplain
- 6 j. Friend/Companion on the Journey

13. Which of these ten roles do you feel is the least important? **Circle only ONE!**

- 2 a. Minister of the Word/Teacher of the Congregation Church
- 7 b. Administrator
- 64 c. Social Activist
- 2 d. Group Facilitator
- 2 e. Celebrant/Worship Leader
- 0 f. Spiritual Guide
- 6 g. Witness/Evangelist
- 0 h. Counselor/Healer Community
- 24 i. Chaplain
- 0 j. Friend/Companion on the Journey

14. In thinking about what **ORIGINALLY** attracted you to PIPC, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for coming. You may select more than one.

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|----|---|
| 55 | a. The Minister
My friends are |
| 14 | b. here |
| 3 | c. The congregation's reputation |
| 55 | d. The worship style
The music |
| 46 | e. program |
| 12 | f. Educational program for children or youth |
| 15 | g. Educational program for adults |
| 26 | h. Fellowship |
| 14 | i. Opportunities to participate in mission outreach
Denominational |
| 36 | j. ties |
| 42 | k. Friendliness of welcome |
| 26 | l. An atmosphere that contributes to spiritual growth |

15. In thinking about what **KEEPS** you as part of this congregation, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for staying. You may select more than one.

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|----|---|
| 51 | a. The Minister
My friends are |
| 35 | b. here |
| 4 | c. The congregation's reputation |
| 66 | d. The worship style
The music |
| 58 | e. program |
| 14 | f. Educational program for children or youth |
| 17 | g. Educational program for adults |
| 43 | h. Fellowship |
| 16 | i. Opportunities to participate in mission outreach
Denominational |
| 27 | j. ties |
| 36 | k. Friendliness of welcome |
| 45 | l. An atmosphere that contributes to spiritual growth |

DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS:

16. What is your age?		Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
		0	0	0	2	10	19	38	34
17. Gender:	44	Male	66	Female					
18 Marital Status:	3	a. Single, never married							
	0	b. Living in a committed relationship							
	78	c. Married							
	20	d. Widowed							
	2	e. Separated or divorced							
19. If you have children living at home, how many are in each age group?					<u>6</u>	Ages 0-5			
					<u>5</u>	Ages 6-12			
					<u>12</u>	Ages 13-18			
					<u>10</u>	Ages 19 or over			
20. Are you . . . ?	67	a. Retired							
	1	b. Retired and working part-time							
	17	c. Employed full-time							
	4	d. Employed part-time							
	0	e. Not currently employed but seeking work							
	4	f. Work in the home							
	0	g. Student							
21. If married, is your spouse . . . ?	51	a. Retired							
	7	b. Retired and working part-time							
	15	c. Employed full-time							
	2	d. Employed part-time							
	0	e. Not currently employed but seeking work							
	3	f. Work in the home							
	0	g. Student							
22. Are you a full-time resident, a part-time resident, or a seasonal visitor to Pawleys Island?									
101	Full-Time Resident	3	Part-Time Resident	0	Seasonal Visitor				
23. How many years have you lived in this general area, or if you are a part-time resident or seasonal visitor, how long have you been coming to the Pawleys Island area?									
		<u>3</u>	One year or less						
		<u>9</u>	2-4 years						

<u>18</u>	5-9 years
<u>37</u>	10-19 years
<u>38</u>	20 years or more

24. How long have you been a member of PIPC?

<u>13</u>	Not a member
<u>4</u>	One year or less
<u>14</u>	2-4 years
<u>22</u>	5-9 years
<u>33</u>	10-19 years
<u>18</u>	20 years or more

25. How long does it usually take you to travel from home to PIPC?

<u>26</u>	5 minutes or less
<u>36</u>	6-10 minutes
<u>27</u>	11-15 minutes
<u>14</u>	16-30 minutes
<u>1</u>	31-44 minutes
<u>0</u>	45 minutes or more

26. On average, about how many times have you attended church worship during the past year?

<u>0</u>	None
<u>0</u>	About once or twice a year
<u>4</u>	Once or twice every three months
<u>4</u>	About once a month
<u>32</u>	About two or three times a month
<u>62</u>	Four times a month or more

27. In how many church organizations, committees, and groups do you hold membership and participate (not counting membership in PIPC itself)?

<u>14</u>	None
<u>24</u>	One
<u>30</u>	Two
<u>17</u>	Three
<u>18</u>	Four or more

28. Has your involvement in the congregation increased, decreased, or remained about the same in the last few years?

<u>35</u>	Increased
<u>24</u>	Decreased
<u>44</u>	Remained the same

29. If your participation has **INCREASED**, which of the following are reasons for that (check all that apply):

<u>11</u>	More time available
<u>4</u>	Because of children
<u>23</u>	Accepted an office or other new responsibility in the congregation
<u>2</u>	Better health
<u>13</u>	Stronger faith
<u>9</u>	More positive attitude or perspective about the church

30. If your participation has **DECREASED**, which of the following are reasons for that (check all that apply):

<u>5</u>	Less time available
<u>1</u>	Because of children
<u>4</u>	Given up an office or other responsibility in the church
<u>9</u>	Health reasons
<u>0</u>	Decreased faith
<u>11</u>	More negative attitude or perspective about the church

31. How many persons or families have you invited to visit or join the church in the past year?

<u>19</u>	None
<u>24</u>	One
<u>33</u>	Two
<u>11</u>	Three
<u>19</u>	Four or more

32. How many of your closest friend attend PIPC?

<u>23</u>	None
<u>9</u>	One
<u>21</u>	Two
<u>7</u>	Three
<u>17</u>	Four or five
<u>29</u>	Six or more

Please return your completed survey by September 26th to the Church Office, to a member of the Mission Study Team or leave in the designated box in the narthex!

Thank you for your participation!

