

Annual Report 2018
Pastor Nikki Ramage: Women and Young Adult Ministry

It is a fun exercise to reflect back on my first year of “official” ministry at FMCSB. Being a young pastor in such a mature, loving, and Christ-centered body has been a wonderful experience. I have learned much by simply observing, listening, and modeling after the faithful ministers and congregants who have been serving here so faithfully long before me.

When I am not doing official FMCSB ministry, I work as a case manager for adults with disabilities at PathPoint. I also have started to minister in the jail as a women’s chaplain. I view all of these roles as my ministry and love that I get to participate with each of you in being a part of the in-breaking kingdom of God. I am thankful we get to work alongside and on behalf of a good God.

Women’s Ministry:

- 1) It has been such a pleasure to lead the Women’s Committee this year and to see the mature women of faith on the team who care so deeply about the development and holistic well-being of the women in our church.
- 2) We have shared so many fun moments together, whether it was dancing around the Upper Room during our World Dance for Humanity Night or sharing moments of laughter and great conversation at the Women’s Christmas Party (which we put on even in the midst of the Thomas Fire). It is our hope that we have provided moments of rest, laughter, and fellowship in tumultuous and trying times. It is hard to beat the healing power of laughing and having fun with our sisters in Christ.
- 3) Over one hundred women attended our annual Women’s Retreat in Cambria. Our theme “For Such a Time as This: God Called and Chose You,” taken from the book of Esther, powerfully challenged us to consider where we could step out courageously in our own lives. We heard from a diverse array of speakers from our church, participated in spiritual practices together, and had time to get to know the different women at our church, across multiple generations!

Young Adult Ministry:

- 1) I also stepped into Young Adult Ministry along with TJ and Jake and started the Young Adult Worship Nights (which we affectionately nickname YAWN). This has been such a special time for young adults to gather together, connect and commune with God, and experience the healing and restoration that comes from being in His presence. These times have given our young adults space to explore how God might want to be integrated and present in every aspect of their adult lives.
- 2) Just recently TJ and I had the privilege of partnering with my two friends from seminary in putting on a Young Adult Retreat which included both young adults from the Azusa Free Methodist Church and Long Beach Free Methodist Church. The retreat far surpassed my expectations as young adults from such different communities loved and accepted each other with such grace and warmth. We practiced hearing from the voice of God together and grew in fellowship with our brothers and sisters throughout Southern California.