

# From the Pastor

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We are the church where “people are lifted up and not torn down!”

As we continue our generosity challenge this fall here at St. Mark’s, I want to lift up one of the programs your generosity helps make possible. Through your faithfulness in giving financially and serving as volunteers we have helped Project Transformation in Tennessee lift up churches, children, and college students in amazing ways over the past five years.



Project Transformation in Tennessee uses a proven model that has been successfully replicated in other regions of the country. The program is aimed at developing college students as Christian leaders, building the literacy, social-emotional, and spiritual development of children from low-income families and helping United Methodist churches engage in service to their community.

Here are some Middle-Tennessee statistics from this summer:

99% of children in the program improved or maintained their reading level.

70% of summer interns say exploring God’s call on their lives is more important after PT.

1847 volunteers invested their time and gifts at PT.

This year, 31 volunteers from St. Mark’s UMC invested more than 128 hours serving with Project Transformation at Woodbury United Methodist Church. We read to the children, served interns and children and had a lot of fun! Dorothy Murphy, Jennifer Hall, Beth Morris and Jennifer Marlatt also serve as Project Transformation leaders.

The Fall Partner Church meeting was held here at St. Mark’s on Monday, September 25th. If you know a college student who might be interested in the Project Transformation internship program or just want to know more about PT, contact <http://www.pttennessee.org>.

Thank you for all you do in sharing the love of Christ!

Blessings,

Craig