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Once again, we reflect on a year gone by. In 2023 we experienced God's continual faithfulness and moving, as we served with our respective gifts!

It's been an amazing staff to serve alongside, at Mapleview! Specifically in my area, being able to partner with Carla and Chase has been a fun adventure! And of course, all of our amazing worship team and production team volunteers play such a crucial part in bringing each week to life. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful, and talented group of people to serve alongside week after week!

In the area of Creative Arts, one of the main components is to prepare for the services each Sunday. From the music to the visual presentation, to all of the technical elements. It all works hand in hand, to help Sunday services be the most effective in reaching and impacting every person and family coming in our doors each week.

As far as our worship team is concerned, it's been great to see new faces get involved. And to watch team members grow in their gifts, as well as their faith. What makes it special at Mapleview, is the diverse age demographic involved in these teams; from the youth, to the more "mature" in age. The uniqueness that each person brings to the team helps make us better.

It has been a joy to see our monthly Pause services continue to grow. Not only numerically but also seeing people's desire to come and encounter God.

We believe this monthly gathering is going to see great things happen in the months ahead.

This year we again enjoyed the summer season with our outdoor services. With all of the extra technical challenges entailed in making each week work outside, we do get the benefit to experience church in a whole different/ unique way for those few months....For Canada Day, again we celebrated with our family concert/movie night. Which continually draws families out.

The month of October is always a special month as we focus on Missions. Creatively, we always enjoy making the services reflect the diversity of cultures around our globe, with the music and the decor. Also, we get to showcase how Mapleview is making a global impact.

Another creative outlet that we utilize is our Mapleview music videos. Once again, we got down to recording a few songs. This is a unique method of outreach, which we use on our online platforms. We continue to hear of people finding encouragement by this medium. Also, new people are discovering more of what Mapleview has going on.... Without fail, our amazing crew of musicians, singers, and tech team got together to audio record, then film our videos. Transforming the church atrium into a video set, where the joy of the Lord was celebrated and captured!

The major calendar seasons, Easter and Christmas, are also a large part of the creative team's work. As we come to see

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many more people outside of our regular church family come through the doors during these seasons. Through music, video, lighting, decor... we use these sound and visual tools to create an atmosphere for all to have some level of experience with Him.

This year, Good Friday and Easter Sunday were special moments of celebration. Each with a distinctively different feel and approach. We got to see God move!

Christmas is always a month long of celebration. Each Sunday we switch gears, with Christmas music being up front and center. Also, this year we saw the return of Bethlehem Drive. Which is a BIG undertaking! The community got a unique experience to see and hear the Christmas story.... And then we finished off the season with our Christmas concert during the Christmas Eve services. We enjoyed four services that day, each with our full band and choir, celebrating "The Miraculous Birth"!

I find myself growing year after year, as I have this wonderful opportunity to serve alongside our staff, our worship and tech community, and all the friends at Maplevue Community Church!

It's exciting to see so much happening around us each month. 2024 has so much to look forward to! God continues to move, and open opportunities for gifts to be used to reach the community, and world around us!

Respectfully Submitted,
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