

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will hear you.” Jeremiah 29:11-12

2020 was quite an adventure for our congregation. As with all churches the COVID pandemic was at the forefront of many of our decisions as a congregation, and as a session. As a session, we are very thankful for the peace and unity of our congregation during this tumultuous season.

During 2020 we were able to experience many blessings from the Lord. One of those blessings was the increased use of technology. Before March of 2020 we did not broadcast any service live online. With the use of a grant from the Lilly Foundation we were able to procure the equipment necessary to stream our services online. This blessing has allowed our members who are unable to come to the building to be able to join our services, we have seen people from the community join our services, and we have seen people from around the World join us online. God is using technology as a means to advance His Kingdom.

During 2020 Pastor Niess finished preaching through the books of Genesis and Acts. He also preached through the book of Ecclesiastes, completed a topical series through the “Fruit of the Spirit”, and finished a series on the Psalms of Ascent. Just recently we have started a series in the book of Leviticus in the morning, and a topical sermon series in the evening on the “Identity of God”. God has uniquely used the preaching of His Word to us during this challenging year.

One of the greatest needs we have had as a congregation for several years was the need for new deacons. One of the greatest blessings of 2020 was the election and subsequent ordination and installation of three new deacons. We are very thankful for God’s provision.

In the summer, Dan Webb retired from the session. Dan faithfully served as an elder in our congregation for over 30 years. We miss Dan’s wisdom on the session, and we are all thankful for Dan’s service.

In 2020 the session met as a constituted court a total of 19 times. The session planning retreat was held July 24-25. The sacrament of Lord’s Supper was conducted seven times.

In 2020, the congregation received six new communicant members, we had two baptisms, and the Lord took two of our members’ home.

As of 12/31/20, our current membership is 125 (85 communicant members, 40 baptized members.) Net change in total membership is +7 from 12/31/19. Since 12/31/20 and the writing of this report, we have welcomed 20 more members into our midst. We are thankful for the growth and seeing God work in our midst.

Our congregation continues to be active and involved in bringing God’s Word to the Tippecanoe County Jail. Bob Bibby continues to lead us in this ministry. In 2020, this was greatly limited, but we are thankful that we can continue to be involved in taking the Gospel to those in jail.

Purdue Corps (CORPS at Purdue) continues to be a key ministry of our congregation, although it looked very different this past year than in previous years. Adam and Anne Niess faithfully lead this ministry.

Youth Group continues to be a joint ministry with IRPC. Jeff and Karla Kessler are the leaders from our congregation.

During the week, we continue to have several mid-week Bible Studies to encourage fellowship and spiritual growth.

As a session, we continue to be involved in the larger courts of our denomination. All of the elders served as delegates to Presbytery, at different times over the year. At the synod level, Adam is on the International Conference Advisory Committee, and RPIC workshop committee; Bob is serving on the E&P board, and on the Inmate Membership Committee. At the presbytery level Adam is serving as a provisional elder at Selma, on the Candidates and Credentials Committee, chaired the IRPC Advisory committee; Bob is serving as a provisional elder at 1st RP in Durham; Jeff is on the Christ Church Advisory Committee, Covfamikoi Advisory Committee; and Ken (and Christy) are serving as Covfamikoi conference directors.

In the coming summer we are excited to have Jonathan Sturm and his family join us as a summer intern. We will get the opportunity to get to know the Sturm's better and we anticipate God using them in our lives.

We thank God for how He is guiding our congregation. We may feel things are out of control at times, but what a comfort to know that God is in control of all, and he is guiding the plans for our congregation.

Membership:

Communicant	85 (+3)
Baptized	40 (+4)
Total	125 (+7)

Changes:

New Converts	0
Transfers-In	10
Baptisms	2
Transferred-Out	1
Removed from Roll	2
Deaths	2

On behalf of the session,

Ken Nelson, Clerk

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2020 Treasurer Report

2021 Proposed Budget

	2020	2020	2020	2021
	Actual	Budget	Over/Under	Proposed
Income				Budget
Interest	439	400	39	300
Rent	19,800	21,600	-1,800	21,600
Tithe	204,112	230,000	-25,888	221,000
Total Budgeted Income	224,351	252,000	-27,649	242,900
Special Gift Income	17,133		17,133	
Total Income	241,484	252,000	-10,516	242,900
Expenses				
<u>Allowances and Salaries</u>				
FICA	1,238	1,258	-20	1,879
Guest Speakers	4,016	3,500	516	5,500
Summer Intern			0	8,000
Housing - Adam	29,700	29,700	0	22,900
Ministry Expense - Adam	2,900	4,100	-1,200	4,100
Ministry Expense - Intern			0	500
Pension - Adam	4,400	4,400	0	4,400
Custodian Salary	5,987	6,240	-253	6,240
Associate Pastor Fund			0	8,000
Office Manager Salary	10,200	10,200	0	10,320
Pastor Salary - Adam	51,400	51,400	0	60,700
Total Allowances and Salaries	109,841	110,798	-957	132,539
<u>Church Building</u>				
Capital Improvements	15,067	20,000	-4,933	15,000
Furniture & Equipment	3,342	4,000	-658	2,500
Insurance	3,952	4,000	-48	4,000
Interest Expense	1,802	1,754	48	1,115
Maintenance	10,747	12,000	-1,253	12,000
Supplies	3,546	4,500	-954	4,300
Utilities	8,295	12,000	-3,705	12,000
Rental Expense	6,356	2,500	3,856	3,500
Total Church Building	53,107	60,754	-7,647	54,415
<u>Congregational Giving</u>				
Gifts	276	800	-524	800
Matrix	200	200	0	200
Miscellaneous Missionary	700	700	0	700
Presbytery Assessment	2,696	2,696	0	2,713
Synod Assessment	5,652	5,652	0	5,412
RP M & M	6,500	6,500	0	6,500
RP Seminary	2,500	2,500	0	2,500

RTF	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
RP Global Mission	4,500	4,500	0	4,500
Trinity Mission	500	500	0	500
International Students Inc	1,800	1,800	0	2,500
Total Congregational Giving	26,324	26,848	-524	27,325
Ministry Expense				
Administrative	3,276	3,200	76	3,521
Christian Ed	1,424	2,200	-776	2,200
College Ministry	288	2,500	-2,212	2,500
Hospitality Committee	800	1,700	-900	1,700
Social Committee	1,171	1,500	-329	1,500
Jail Ministry	0	3,500	-3,500	2,500
Mercy Ministry	577	3,500	-2,923	3,500
Nursery		200	-200	200
Outreach	256	500	-244	500
Session	115	1,000	-885	500
Session Conferences	348	1,000	-652	1,000
Ironmen	220	1,000	-780	200
Theological Education	1,000	1,500	-500	2,500
Youth Group	2,062	1,000	1,062	1,000
Book Table		300	-300	300
Total Ministry Expense	11,537	24,600	-13,063	23,621
Total Budgeted Expense	200,809	223,000	-22,191	237,900
Fund Transfer Expense	1,617		1,617	
Special Gift Expense	14,134		14,134	
Total Expense	216,560	223,000	-6,440	237,900
Net Income	24,924	29,000	-4,076	5,000
Extra Mortgage Paydown	-29,000	-29,000		-5,000
Net Income After Mortgage Paydown	-4,076		-4,076	

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Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2020

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
100 RPC Checking	29,042
110 RPC Money Market	101,538
120 RPC Savings	5
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 130,585
Other Current Assets	
150 Other Receivables	662
155 Prepaid Mercy Gift Cards	250
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 912
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
215 Deferred Revenue	1,800
217 Other Payable	2,398
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 4,198
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Long-Term Liabilities	
220 Synod Loan Payable	41,085
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 41,085
Total Liabilities	\$ 45,283
Equity	
300 General Fund	34,406
310 Retained Earnings	0
320 College Ministry Fund	1,360
330 Family Conference Fund	1,041
355 Book Table Fund	854
358 Associate Pastor Fund	20,000
390 Youth Group Fund	3,630
Net Revenue	24,924
Total Equity	\$ 86,214
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 131,498