

**Annual Report for the Hetherton Reformed Presbyterian Church  
To the Great Lakes Presbytery for the year 2020**

**February 26, 2021**

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup>Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145: 1-3 )

As in previous years, we have many blessings received from the Lord. We have seen the Lord bless us in spiritual growth through His Word (the Bible), and for our younger ones physical growth as we see the children maturing. We have seen and developed a love and concern for each other during our fellowship times. Yes, there have been health challenges, Barton had treatments for prostate cancer, which at this time has been successful. Several have had other illnesses from asthma, colds, stomach upsets, etc. How wonderfully the Lord has shown His lovingkindness and mercy to His people. How great is our LORD!!

The year, 2020, came and departed with several challenges: the leading one was the Covid-19. This disease brought lockdowns and quarantines of all sorts. Many churches were affected as the government ordered them to shut down. In Michigan the governor ordered shutdowns but realized there was the First Amendment which allowed churches to exercise their rights for assembly, especially for worship. It was recommended that those who recently had the virus, or possibly have it, to stay at home so as not to infect others. This was a reasonable action even from a Biblically point of view, we are our brother's keeper. The outcome for us in Hetherton was that some did stay at home because of their own compromised health conditions. The number worshipping dropped greatly with 4 to 5 worshipping regularly. There wasn't regular worship from March 29 to April 26. Then worship restarted and continued regularly from May 3 onwards with the small number gathering for Sabbath School and the Worship Service. One specific reduction to our number was the departure of the LaPointe family of 5 because Jason managed to get employment in Florida. He continues to apply for a job "up north" which we pray the Lord will provide.

We had many visitors during the year. They were welcome worshippers. One or two families have thought of settling in this area and what a wonderful event this would be!!! We pray for them and their joining this church, as we greatly desire the continuing of the church here in Hetherton! We hope in the Lord! We pray for the Lord's help in making this happen.

My preaching was mostly on the Psalms and then on the 10 Commandments. The Psalms were Psalm 78 to 89. With the Commandments there were introductory and foundational messages and then on first to fifth commandments. The messages were on both the requirements of each commandment and the "what is forbidden", and for some, the reasons annexed to the commandment. The rest of the commandments are continuing in 2021.

There were topical sermons: spring and fall Preparatory and Communion services; The “Psalm Praise” services were also in the spring and fall, the latter being the Sabbath evening before Thanksgiving. There were 3 or 4 Praise services on the Lord’s Days in Morning Worship. I preached on other topics such as the Life issue in January, calls to prayer in May (National Day of Prayer), and July and November, (International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church) and appropriate messages at Christmas and Easter. When I was not here, the people gathered for some Psalm singing, prayer and Bible reading. This meant that the church was open should any visitors arrive. At one of these Paul Mathews was present to help with the singing of the Psalms. All were blessed for these times. I try my best to be here each Lord’s Day and I was only away two Lord’s Days. I enjoy times to hear the Word of God preached.

The Session has the responsibility of making financial decisions. Financially, the church has been blessed with funds for the “special” projects as well as the ongoing expenses. The financial report is attached. The parsonage property lines have not yet been settled so keep praying. The septic bed for the church had to be replaced. The Elders, Treasurer, and congregation express their sincere “thank you” to God for His supplying the needs for His continued witness here in Hetherton that the work of God may continue in this place of His vineyard.

**Statistics:** Total Membership- 20; (15 Communicant; 5 Baptized)  
Average AM Worship- 15 and then 6; New members by transfer- 0;  
Net change in Total Membership -0

All our members are accounted for and all our bills have been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Morton, Moderator,

Barton Briley, Clerk

**HETHERTON REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT Jan 1,2020-Dec 31, 2020**

	CHECKING	SAVINGS	TOTAL
<b>BALANCE, Dec. 31, 2019</b>	<u>3,781.11</u>	<u>12,210.02</u>	<u>15,991.13</u>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
Collections	31,226.82		
Special donations	-		
Interest		4.75	
savings deposit		5,275.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS for 2020</b>	<u>31,226.82</u>	<u>5,279.75</u>	<u>36,506.57</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
Pastor's Compensation	12,000.00		
Guest Preaching	150.00		
Presb. Assesment	922.82		
Presbytery's Assessment	-		
Fuel-Church	1,178.55		
Fuel-Parsonage	1,703.46		
Electric-Church	1,011.00		
Electric-Parsonage	1,259.00		
Maintenance-Church	11,161.00	10468	
Maintenance-Parsonage	184.00		
supplies	1,905.00		
Misc.	160.00		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<u>31,634.83</u>	<u>10,468.00</u>	
<b>BALANCE ON HAND DEC 31, 2020</b>	3,373.10	7,021.77	10,394.87