

Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church

Terre Haute, Indiana

Report to Presbytery

Spring Meeting 2021

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in Christ's name from Terre Haute, Indiana. The Gospel ministry continues here, and we are encouraged. As a newly organized congregation, we have our growing pains, as we work to establish the systems and functions of an established church without losing the organic character of a church plant. But our pains pale against our passion and Spirit-given energy for the future.

One thing we have done over the past year is establish "ministry teams" (a.k.a. committees) to manage and encourage efforts and activities in the various areas of ministry. We have four teams now: Facilities, Church Life, Outreach, and Missions.

Our Missions team is the newest of the four, by which we hope to stay informed of RPCNA missionary work both at home and abroad. We have a weekly missions prayer insert in the bulletin and some visuals posted around the building to keep us thinking and praying missionally.

Our Outreach Team continues to prompt us as a congregation to think about and seek numerical growth, given our conviction that we are here not just to maintain but to multiply. The team is currently conducting a survey to discern "What People See" as they come into our building and engage us as a church. By this effort we hope to do a better job of receiving, welcoming, and enfolding newcomers.

Our Church Life Team has done some great work setting up efforts that other churches already have in place, like gathering the church in fellowship beyond our Lord's Day worship service, communicating with each other throughout the week, and giving gifts of recognition and appreciation to those coming into the church and for special occasions like baptisms and significant birthdays/anniversaries. A recent accomplishment is that we now have an updated, pictorial directory for the church.

Our Facilities Team has excelled at keeping the building functional, comfortable, and conducive to weekly ministry. Our small, nondescript building keeps us humble, but we are thankful for it, and the team works hard to maximize its effectiveness for ministry.

Otherwise, Session itself directly oversees worship and educational ministries. We have only a morning worship service, although we gather again online using Zoom for what we call "Afternoon Assembly" at 3:00 pm each Lord's Day, which includes a Psalm explanation, Psalm singing, and prayer. Session desires to see a full second service in the future and is currently conducting a survey of members to discern this possibility. Educational ministry includes Sunday School before the morning worship service for children and adults. Our two adult classes, including the few high school students we have, are these: 1. a study of the Heidelberg Catechism; and 2. a discussion group

reading C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Our children's classes make use of Sunday School curriculum from Great Commission Publications. We also have a Thursday Evening Bible Study meeting at church with the option to join and participate via Zoom.

As far as Lord's Day worship, we approach God in Christ each Sunday at 10:45 am, serving and celebrating the Lord's Supper on the first Lord's Day of each month. Our current ongoing sermon series is the book of Genesis, and we have taken breaks for shorter topical series, one on thanksgiving, another on sanctification, and most recently, on the "doctrine of the new," looking at things in Scripture that are said to be "new" (new creation, new covenant, new commandment, and new communion), to celebrate the new year in January.

We welcome visitors, both from the community and from Presbytery. Why not choose a Lord's Day in the near future and come visit and encourage us at Terre Haute RPC? We love you and hope to stay close to you, our brothers and sisters throughout Presbytery.

Here are our membership stats for 2020:

Current Professing Members: 27

New Professing in 2020: 7

Transfers In in 2020: 4

Current Baptized Members: 13

New Baptized in 2020: 2

Blessings to you in Christ,
The Session of Terre Haute RPC

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	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
100-INCOME	\$ 92,250.00	\$ 101,148.25	\$ 102,000.00
101 - Tithes and Offerings	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 90,783.25	\$ 97,000.00
102 - Designated Gifts to TH (local)		\$ 75.00	
103 - Book Table	\$ 250.00		
104 - Outside Gifts	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,290.00	\$ 5,000.00
105 - Designated Gifts (outgoing)			
200-PASTORAL SUPPORT	\$ 72,750.00	\$ 72,750.00	\$ 72,750.00
201 - Pastor's Salary	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 37,800.00
202 - Pastor's Housing Allowance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
204 - Pension	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 4,500.00
205 - Professional enrichment			\$ 450.00
206 - Other Expenses			
300-CHURCH MINISTRY	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 4,101.30	\$ 5,900.00
301 - Children's SS Curriculum	\$ 800.00	\$ 596.73	\$ 800.00
303 - Pastor's Ministry Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,212.22	\$ 3,000.00
304 - Guest Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
305 - Mercy Ministry	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,336.21	\$ 300.00
306 - Website Hosting			\$ 100.00
307 - Other	\$ 250.00	\$ 156.14	
309 - Youth Ministry			
310 - Missions			\$ 250.00
311 - Fellowship Activities/Gifts/Nursery	\$ 300.00		\$ 450.00
400-CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	\$ 700.00	\$ 979.16	\$ 700.00
401 - Church Office Expenses	\$ 700.00	\$ 701.30	\$ 700.00
403 - Other		\$ 277.86	
500-DENOMINATION	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,388.00	\$ 3,086.34
501 - Presbytery Assessments			\$ 486.34
502 - Synod Assessments	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 1,888.00	\$ 2,000.00
503 - Presby & Synod Delegate			
504 - RPM&M	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
505 - CYPU			\$ 100.00
600-CHURCH BUILDING	\$ 16,728.00	\$ 16,827.32	\$ 17,088.00
601 - Mortgage	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
602 - Insurance	\$ 578.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 578.00
603 - Cleaning	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,560.00
604 - Maintenance	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 2,000.00
604 - Maintenance: Bug Man		\$ 590.00	

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604 – Maintenance: Mowing		\$ 840.00	
604 – Maintenance: Snow Removal			
607 - Utilities	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,227.37	\$ 3,200.00
607 – Utilities: Electric – Duke		\$ 902.23	
607 – Utilities: Gas – Vectren		\$ 525.64	
607 – Utilities: Sewer		\$ 338.52	
607 – Utilities: Water		\$ 255.58	
607 – Utilities: Internet & Phone		\$ 562.03	
607 – Utilities: Sermon Audio		\$ 399.49	
607 – Utilities: Zoom			
609 - Other		\$ 716.71	
610 - Church Supplies	\$ 750.00	\$ 528.24	\$ 750.00
700-FACILITIES TEAM	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 5,810.70	\$ 7,000.00
701 - Discretionary Project Fund		\$ 267.44	\$ 500.00
702 - Furnace / Building fund			\$ 2,000.00
703 - Approved Project (2019): Tree Removal		\$ 1,400.00	
704 - Approved Project (2020): Carpet / Garage	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 4,143.26	
705 - Approved Project (2020): Tables / Chairs	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
706 - Proposed Project (2021): Building upgrade research			\$ 2,000.00
800-OUTREACH	\$ 850.00	\$ 88.09	\$ 750.00
801 - Printing	\$ 100.00	\$ 32.10	
802 - Mailing			
803 - Facebook			
804 - Other	\$ 750.00	\$ 55.99	\$ 750.00
900-MISCELLANEOUS			\$ -
TOTAL:	-\$12,828.00	-\$1,796.32	-\$5,274.34

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Account balance:	\$57,462.19	\$63,231.31
Designated for Furnace fund:	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00