

Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church

**"But you who held fast to the
LORD your God are alive
today, every one of you."
Deuteronomy 4:4 (NKJV)**

**Annual Congregational
Report to Presbytery
Spring Meeting, 2021**

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

We are grateful to the Lord for His abundant mercies to our congregation over the past year. Here are some of the highlights.

1. Starting in March, we replaced our existing worship schedule (morning worship, fellowship meal, afternoon worship) with morning and evening services (10am, 6pm), since only a tiny handful of our members live at a great distance from the church.
2. By God's grace, we were able to maintain public worship for the entire year with zero cancellations,¹ zero infections, zero mandatory shutdowns, zero controversy, and quite a few visitors.
3. Our Facebook livestream provided members with the option of worshiping from home as needed, while delivering God's Word to hungry souls previously outside our sphere of ministry; Zoom was used for midweek and Sabbath meetings involving prayer, Bible study, catechism, sermon discussion, and book discussion.
4. This year we performed seven baptisms (2 Adults, 5 children) and observed communion five times, twice in the open air.
5. On April 12 we baptized an entire family of (now ex-) Mormons who began attending during the early stages of the pandemic, and we are currently discipling a newly converted young man who began attending in December and desires to be baptized.
6. Pastor Kuehner continued his preaching ministry at a Detroit rehab center on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and joined OPC pro-life evangelist Andrew Belanger of OneLife4Life (with other

¹ Recognizing that every congregation's circumstances are different, we heartily rejoice in the many ways by which God's people have "held fast" to Him throughout the pandemic, regardless of their ability to attend in-person public worship services during that time.

MEMBERSHIP

Communicant: 42 (-3)

Baptized: 16 (+2)

Grand Total: 58 (-1)

ATTENDANCE*

AM Worship: 49 (-9)

PM Worship: 35 (-10)

PROFESSIONS

New Converts: 2

Covenant Children: 0

In Lieu of Transfer: 0

BAPTISMS

Adults: 2

Children: 5

OTHER ACTIONS

Transfers (in): 0

Transfers (out): 4

Excommunications: 1

Deaths: 1

* In-person attendees only, not including live-stream participants.

likeminded saints) in evangelizing local abortion clinics, through which the Lord has graciously spared 70+ lives since late 2019.

7. On March 30, we bid a temporary farewell to Elder Emeritus (and nursing home resident) Dr. Bruce Adams, who passed into glory at the age of 93 following a (non-virus-related) heart attack.
8. This year we celebrated two weddings (with another expected in Spring 2021) and rejoiced with four of our households as they welcomed healthy newborn covenant children into the world, including the birth of Dr. Adams' great grandson.
9. In June, one of our most committed families (the Lindsays) moved to Kansas due to unemployment, and was later transferred.
10. In December, we took the painful step of excommunicating Paul Price (and dismissing his wife and son) due to ongoing unrepentant sexual sin and abandonment of his church vows.
11. Our **total active membership** presently stands at **58**, with an **average in-person morning worship attendance** of **49** (Avg: 4 visitors), and an **average in-person evening worship attendance** of **35** (Avg: 3 visitors). Many others regularly tune in via the live-stream.
12. Our membership continues to be on the younger side, with 57% our **communicant** membership and 63% of our **total** membership under the age of 35.
13. Despite several costly and unforeseen expenses, a boost in congregational giving (including unexpected donations from appreciative "live-streamers") left us with a deficit of only \$408.
14. Household visits occur during our class time on the Lord's Day.
15. Thanks to Wendy Hughes (et al), our pastor's newly renovated study has allowed him to adapt to his ever-increasing workload.
16. We are humbled and thankful to the Lord for His rich blessing, and remain eager to see what He will do next, as we continue to seek and serve Him in the year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Session of the Southfield RP Church

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Treasurer's Report

BALANCE SHEET - AS OF 12/31/20

	<u>YTD as of</u> <u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>% of</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>
1 BALANCE FORWARD	24,882.61	24,882.61		24,474.53
2 TOTAL INCOME:	123,578.35	116,230.00	106%	120,100.00
3 TOTAL EXPENSES:	123,986.43	119,202.15	104%	124,982.43
4 ENDING BALANCE	24,474.53	21,910.46		19,592.10

INCOME STATEMENT - December, 2020

5 INCOME:				
6 Tithes	121,366.60	116,000.00	105%	120,000.00
7 5th Sabbath Offerings	1,915.00			
8 Interest - Certificates of Deposit and Savings	284.75	230.00	124%	100.00
9 Other	12.00			
10 TOTAL INCOME:	123,578.35	116,230.00	106%	120,100.00

11 EXPENSES

12 BUSINESS EXPENSES:				
13 RPCNA SYNOD & PRESBYTERY:				
14 Delegates to Synod	0.00	450.00	0%	450.00
15 Synod's Assm't (2.2% of receipts)	2,696.00	2,720.00	99%	2,700.00
16 Presbytery Assessment	1,416.15	1,416.15	100%	1,445.43
17 SOUTHFIELD:				
18 Worker's Comp. Insurance	393.00	425.00	92%	400.00
19 Church Business Expenses	76.71	100.00	77%	100.00
20 Pastor's Expense Account	3,078.64	3,150.00	98%	3,200.00
21 TOTAL BUSINESS EXPENSES:	7,660.50	8,261.15	93%	8,295.43

22 BUILDING EXPENSES:

23 UTILITIES:				
24 Electric	1,370.97	1,450.00	95%	1,500.00
25 Natural Gas	889.49	1,080.00	82%	1,000.00
26 Internet	875.40	840.00	104%	920.00
27 City Water & Sewer	550.40	520.00	106%	520.00
28 PROPERTY INSURANCE:	3,891.00	3,700.00	105%	3,900.00
29 CONTRACTED SERVICES:				
30 Gutter Cleaning - Parsonage & Church	0.00	0.00		
31 Janitorial Services & Supplies	3,209.55	3,900.00	82%	3,900.00
32 Lawnmowing Service	1,590.00	1,625.00	98%	1,700.00
33 Parking Lot & Drive Seal Coating	0.00			0.00
34 Snow Plowing	1,100.00	1,000.00	110%	1,200.00
35 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR:				
36 Building	4,109.54	800.00	514%	800.00
37 Equipment/Appliances/Furniture	2,527.94	800.00	316%	2,000.00
38 Materials/Supplies	408.06	100.00	408%	100.00
39 Groundskeeping/Landscaping	86.23	250.00	34%	250.00
40 BUILDING FUND:	1,650.00	0.00		3,000.00
41 TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSES:	22,258.58	16,065.00	139%	20,790.00

		<u>YTD as of</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% of</u>	<u>2021</u>
		<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
42	MINISTRY EXPENSES:				
43	SOUTHFIELD:				
44	Social Committee	522.93	1,000.00	52%	500.00
45	Education	0.00	50.00	0%	50.00
46	Library Expenses	28.00	28.00	100%	28.00
47	Guest Preaching	1,397.55	3,000.00	47%	2,500.00
48	Church Web-Site Expenses	835.13	530.00	158%	625.00
49	Outreach/Evangelism (add to Fund)	0.00	0.00		0.00
50	RP Conference Travel Expenses	0.00	300.00	0%	300.00
51	REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN GIVING:				
52	RP Missions & Ministries	5,186.00	4,900.00	106%	5,000.00
53	RP Home	2,000.00	1,900.00	105%	2,000.00
54	RP Seminary	2,000.00	1,900.00	105%	2,000.00
55	RP Global Missions	2,000.00	1,900.00	105%	2,000.00
56	Home Missions	950.00	900.00	106%	1,000.00
57	Reformation Translation Fellowship	0.00	0.00		0.00
58	Other (Includes desig. gifts)	0.00	0.00		0.00
59	FIFTH SABBATH OFFERINGS:	1,915.00	0.00		0.00
60	NON-REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN GIVING:				
61	Choices Prenancy Center	100.00	100.00	100%	100.00
62	Other	0.00	0.00		0.00
63	MINISTRY OF MERCY(add to Mercy Fnd)	0.00	0.00		0.00
64	TOTAL MINISTRY EXPENSES:	16,934.61	16,508.00	103%	16,103.00
65	PASTORAL COMPENSATION EXPENSES:				
66	Pastor:				
67	Salary	41,750.00	41,750.00	100%	43,550.00
68	Housing Allowance	10,000.00	10,000.00	100%	10,000.00
69	Utilities	5,864.82	5,600.00	105%	5,700.00
70	Health Savings Account	7,099.92	7,100.00	100%	7,250.00
71	Pension Fund-Employer Cont.(10%)	4,500.00	4,500.00	100%	4,600.00
72	Conference Costs	0.00	1,500.00	0%	500.00
73	In Lieu of Social Security	7,918.00	7,918.00	100%	8,194.00
74	TOTAL PASTORAL COMPENSATION EXP:	77,132.74	78,368.00	98%	79,794.00
75	TOTAL EXPENSES:	123,986.43	119,202.15	104%	124,982.43
76	NET INCOME(LOSS)	(408.08)	(2,972.15)		(4,882.43)

OTHER FUNDS

		<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Mercy</u>	<u>Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Outreach/ Evang. Fund</u>	<u>Payroll Tax Liability Account</u>
1	Balance 01/01/2020	11,683.46	353.44	(1,124.16)	981.85	0.00
2	+ Contrib. or Interest	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	+ From General Fund	0.00	0.00	1,900.00	0.00	100.98
4	- Expenditures	2,209.99	47.67	777.67	508.48	100.98
5	Balance 12/31/20	11,473.47	305.77	(1.83)	473.37	0.00

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

Balance 12/31/20

	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Designation</u>
6	Bk Of America	SV acct.	12/12/19	none	0.02	13,922.51	
7	Live Oak Bank	12 mth.	09/19/20	09/19/21	0.60	10,253.28	CD# 115
8	Live Oak Bank	12 mth.	05/05/20	05/12/21	1.50	10,095.91	CD# 946
9	Southfield checking account balance as of 12/31/20					2,453.61	
10	TOTAL CASH BALANCES					36,725.31	
11	General Fund					24,474.53	
12	Cemetery Fund					11,473.47	
13	Mercy Fund					305.77	
14	Improvement Fund					(1.83)	
15	Outreach/Evangelism Fund					473.37	
16	Payroll Tax Liability Account					0.00	
17	TOTAL FUNDS					36,725.31	

SUMMARY OF NOTES RECEIVABLE

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date of Loan</u>	<u>Total Loan</u>	<u>Amt. Repaid</u>	<u>Bal. Due</u>
18	None at this time						

SUMMARY OF NOTES PAYABLE

19	None at this time						
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