

Pastor's Report

Gratefulness

A year ago this month, I was contemplating a call to serve as the pastor of Columbus RPC. I was grateful, but it was still an unknown city, unknown church, unknown environment to which I was being called.

With faith in the Lord's leading and trust in His call, I accepted the call.

A year later, I say this: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

I am so grateful to be here as pastor of this wonderful and loving church. Soon after I accepted the call, Seth was born up there in Indianapolis, and the congregation overflowed with kindness in gifts and kindness to make us already begin to feel at home in Columbus – even while still living in Indy. My installation service here a few months later added to this sense of welcome and home for us here.

Now that we are here, Orlena, the kids, and I find ourselves gratefully serving and living among you all. Thank you for the warm and wonderful ways you have welcomed our family. My kids would gladly speak of times on the playground with church members, the VBS program, or the many people who lovingly welcome them at church or into their homes. We are thankful.

Life and ministry as pastor

I have focused my ministry on proclaiming Christ and Him crucified, the theme of my opening sermon on 1 Corinthians 2:2. Proclaiming Christ and Him crucified has centered on preaching on the life of Christ in the gospel of Mark. Life is about seeing Jesus on the road and following Him on the way of the cross and resurrection.

In the new (or begun again) evening fellowship times, we enjoyed together seeing the story of the Psalter and seeing how it leads us forward to the crucified and now risen Lord Jesus.

Christ and Him crucified is not simply a word for the Sunday sermon. Much of my time in these early months has been invested in simply building relationships within the church. Orlena and I have loved to have many of you in our home and we hope to do more hospitality in the year to come. As elders, we have begun doing more pastoral visitation, and we would like to strengthen this again in 2022.

I've enjoyed getting to know many of you – and some in the community – through things like Open Office hours at Lucabe Coffee Company. We have hosted the college/career Bible study at our house since the summer. This has been a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and study God's Word with young adults from within and outside the immediate church community.

Many other forms of ministry could be mentioned, such as GreenTree outreach, visiting refugees at Atterbury, or meeting 1-on-1 with various individuals for counseling and prayer.

Life has included presbytery and denominational service as well. I serve on the benefits board of our denomination. Great challenges have also afflicted our presbytery. There has been a heavy weight tied to participation in our denominational engagement with these challenges. We need to pray that God will give His Spirit of wisdom to many as we long for resolution to the challenges we face.

Congregational developments

The session has been busy with meeting together and seeking to oversee the membership and care of the church. We were thrilled to welcome into membership this year Tim Erney, the Harts, Chuck Gaskins, Kevin and Kristi McDermott, the Moes, Noah Meng, and Peter Paeng.

We really do miss Gary and Cynthia McNamee, along with McCheyne, who moved to Missouri for future service in Christ's kingdom. Similarly, we miss Bob and Lynn McCracken, who moved to Fresno. God blessed us dearly with these saints through the years.

We will also miss Aaron Hull and his family, who were removed from membership over the past year.

We have also been saddened by the cessation of worship services at Louisville. We continue to pray that the Lord will bless the saints we know and love who are serving there.

We ended the year with 101 Communicant Members and 35 Baptized Members.

What's next?

We look to the year as one of opportunity to prayerfully continue to step forward in Jesus Christ. Christ and Him crucified remains the core – Christ will always be the core of who we are and what we do.

Opportunity presents itself. Though COVID obviously carries on, we are in a different place than we were about two years ago on this front. We pray that the love of God will fill our hearts with love and then lead us to love one another and our community in real and vibrant ways.

How would God lead us to consider the resources He's given us to serve as stewards in this community in the months to come? How can we think together about life as servants and ambassadors for Christ together?

I pray that we would be found an invigorated and eager body of believers, with a life all centered on our crucified and risen King Jesus.

In Christ,

Joel Hart

Columbus Reformed Presbyterian Church								
	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	Total	2021	Spend	2022
						Budget	vs Bud	
Giving Income								
General Giving - Columbus	101,557.02	61,553.06	60,379.81	97,655.53	321,145.42			
Designated Giving - Columbus	1,651.37	1,883.77	2,280.93	2,031.92	7,847.99			
Other (Grants, Fees)		650.00	1,800.00	537.00	2,987.00			
Interest Income	20.32	20.88	21.11	21.11	83.42			
Total Giving Income	103,228.71	64,107.71	64,481.85	100,245.56	332,063.83			
Net Income	76,762.23	-3,456.86	-4,160.85	-22,199.85	46,944.67			
Net Cash Balance (Unreserved Funds)								
Operating Fund (<i>Checking</i>)	114,350.00	114,847.90	111,821.65	88,632.44				
Seminary/Bible Training Scholarship Fund - <i>Reserved</i>	7,804.34	9,304.34	10,430.34	11,381.34				11,381.34
Higher Education Scholarship Fund - <i>Reserved</i>	6,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00				6,000.00
Parking Lot Repair Fund - <i>Reserved</i>	34,300.00	34,300.00	34,300.00	0.00				N/A
Roof Repair Fund - <i>Reserved</i>	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00				75,000.00
Playground/Landscape <i>Reserved</i>			20,000.00	4,760.00				20,000.00
Fellowship Hall Expansion <i>Reserved</i>								100,000.00
Non-Restricted Savings	113,526.51	114,067.71	99,710.82	148,320.93				
Total Overall Cash Fund Balances	320,980.85	321,519.95	321,262.81	298,094.71				
Total Non-Restricted Cash Funds	227,876.51	228,915.61	211,532.47	236,953.37				
Expense								
Ministries								
Christian Education (incl. WBS)		550.00		311.51	861.51	750.00	114.9%	1,000.00
Church Listings	520.00				520.00	550.00	94.5%	550.00
CPRC Short Term Missions				100.00	100.00	2,000.00	5.0%	2,000.00
Digital Ministry	327.60	119.85	1,099.02	289.84	1,836.31	3,000.00	61.2%	3,000.00
Evangelism/Outreach					0.00	5,000.00	0.0%	5,000.00
Benevolence/Gifts	102.87	69.54		63.66	236.07	500.00	47.2%	500.00
Fall Seminar		500.00		2,380.00	2,880.00	4,000.00	72.0%	4,000.00
Fellowship		398.18	33.24	112.12	543.54	3,000.00	18.1%	3,000.00
Pulpit	2,182.02		242.25	238.50	2,662.77	3,000.00	88.8%	1,500.00
Higher Education Fund Scholarship Expense		2,000.00	4,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	100.0%	6,000.00
Mercy	1,255.57	8,060.95	2,800.00	466.56	12,583.08	10,000.00	125.8%	10,000.00
Clarity	1,200.00				1,200.00	2,000.00	60.0%	2,200.00
RP Missions & Ministries	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,800.00	26,300.00	26,000.00	101.2%	26,000.00
RP Witness Subscription				935.10	935.10	950.00	98.4%	1,000.00
Biblical Training Scholarship Expense	748.00		374.00	1,149.00	2,271.00	N/A	N/A	2,000.00
Session Ministries		374.92		398.34	773.26	2,500.00	30.9%	2,500.00
Vacation Bible School			454.11		454.11	1,000.00	45.4%	2,500.00
Youth Memory Work Scholarship	85.50		184.06		269.56	750.00	35.9%	750.00
Youth Ministry/College & Career				574.15	574.15	1,000.00	57.4%	2,000.00
Youth Missions Training -TFY/Echo			175.00	250.00	425.00	1,200.00	35.4%	750.00
Total Ministries	12,921.56	18,573.44	15,861.68	14,068.78	61,425.46	73,200.00	83.9%	76,250.00
Synod & Presbytery								
Presbytery Assessment		3,223.52			3,223.52	3,000.00	107.5%	3,210.00
Synod Housing		234.00			234.00	1,000.00	23.4%	1,000.00
Synod's Assessment			5,395.00		5,395.00	6,000.00	89.9%	6,000.00
Total Synod & Presbytery	0.00	3,457.52	5,395.00	0.00	8,852.52	10,000.00	88.5%	10,210.00

	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	Total		Spend	2022
Columbus Reformed Presbyterian Church								
Senior Pastor							vs. Bud	
Salary		13,630.42	7,000.00	11,500.00	32,130.42	35,000.00	91.8%	44,100.00
Housing Allowance		12,600.00	7,000.00	10,500.00	30,100.00	35,000.00	86.0%	44,100.00
Relocation	5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00	100.0%	N/A
Total Pastor Compensation	5,000.00	26,230.42	14,000.00	22,000.00	67,230.42	75,000.00	89.6%	88,200.00
Pastor Benefits								
Book Fund		95.11	55.21	361.22	511.54	1,000.00	51.2%	1,000.00
Business Expense		388.42	473.89	284.42	1,146.73	1,500.00	76.4%	1,500.00
Pension Contribution			6,250.00		6,250.00	6,000.00	104.2%	6,500.00
Refreshment/Continuing Education					0.00	500.00	0.0%	500.00
Total Pastor Benefits	0.00	483.53	6,779.10	645.64	7,908.27	9,000.00	87.9%	9,500.00
Church Labor & Fees								
Administrative Labor - Secretary	752.00	1,752.00	1,520.00	2,516.00	6,540.00	5,500.00	118.9%	5,500.00
Administrative Labor - Admin.Asst.								3,000.00
Custodial Labor	792.00	1,496.00	792.00	1,144.00	4,224.00	4,500.00	93.9%	5,000.00
Employer Taxes	118.12	248.44	176.86	279.97	823.39	5,200.00	15.8%	1,000.00
Payroll Service Fee	62.10	104.85	69.20	88.80	324.95	800.00	40.6%	1,000.00
Total Labor & Fees	1,724.22	3,601.29	2,558.06	4,028.77	11,912.34	16,000.00	74.5%	15,500.00
Property								
Church Capital Expenditures		1,305.91	12.84		1,318.75	5,000.00	26.4%	10,000.00
Church Repairs/Updates	71.97	421.02		2,126.02	2,619.01	4,000.00	65.5%	2,000.00
Church Utilities (incl Phone/Internet)	3,967.11	2,309.58	1,996.73	2,151.72	10,425.14	13,000.00	80.2%	11,000.00
Grounds Upkeep	1,848.85	5,546.58	6,617.97	2,033.35	16,046.75	12,000.00	133.7%	15,000.00
House Capital Expenditures					0.00	5,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
House Repairs					0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
House Utilities	525.08	529.52	900.04	906.52	2,861.16	2,000.00	143.1%	2,000.00
Insurance/CPR License Fees		3,398.00			3,398.00	3,500.00	97.1%	3,500.00
Playground/Landscape			13,449.80	1,790.62	15,240.42	20,000.00	76.2%	20,000.00
Parking Lot Repair				71,283.50	71,283.50	34,300.00	207.8%	N/A
Total Property	6,413.01	13,510.61	22,977.38	80,291.73	123,192.73	100,800.00	122.2%	67,500.00
Supplies								
Custodial	102.95	24.76		122.60	250.31	1,000.00	25.0%	500.00
Kitchen					0.00	500.00	0.0%	500.00
Library				19.95	19.95	200.00	0.0%	200.00
Nursery					0.00	500.00	0.0%	500.00
Office	93.80	1,683.00	854.58	1,058.10	3,689.48	4,000.00	92.2%	4,500.00
Worship (incl. Psalters/Bibles)	210.94		216.90	209.84	637.68	1,300.00	49.1%	500.00
Total Supplies	407.69	1,707.76	1,071.48	1,410.49	4,597.42	7,500.00	61.3%	6,700.00
Total Expense	26,466.48	67,564.57	68,642.70	122,445.41	285,119.16	291,500.00	97.8%	273,860.00