**Marion Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**Congregational Report: 2024**

*“The word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.” Acts 19:20*

This is the great refrain in the Book of Acts. We pray with hopeful expectation that the Lord would see fit to have His Word increase in prevail mightily here in Marion, Indiana.

**Session:** The session of MRPC is made up of Jason Camery, Greg Fisher, Scott Hunt, and Aaron Murray. The session met seventeen times in constituted court in the year 2023. By God’s grace, our session is united and full of joy as we serve together. On top of our shepherding duties and privileges, we are going through the book, “Shepherd Leaders,” by Timothy Witmer. This book is encouraging and convicting us as a session as we seek to grow in our care of the flock the Lord has given us charge over.

**Deacons:** Our deacons, Billy Cole, and Jacob Fisher, lead the congregation in mercy ministry and the regular upkeep of our building.

**Preaching:** In 2023 Pastor Murray was able to finish a series in Philippians and Haggi. He continues to preach through the book of Acts. Jason Camery has also been able to occasionally fill the pulpit for MRPC this year.

**Christian Education:** The elders are on a teaching rotation working through the Westminster Confession of Faith and the R.P. Testimony each Lord’s Day. The youth of our congregation are being taught curriculum published by Great Commission Publication by Pastor Murray and other members of the congregation.

Pastor Murray also leads a midweek Bible study on Wednesday evenings. Last year we studied the book of Joshuah, 1 Peter (co-lead with another member of the congregation), and we are currently going through the book of Judges.

On Tuesday afternoons, Pastor Murray teaches a high school level class entitled “An Introduction to Systematic Theology” to some of the high schoolers of the congregation.

**Outreach:** Currently, under the leadership of Jason Camery, we engage in a budding jail ministry. A few members of the congregation lead Bible studies on Sunday afternoons with different cell blocks in our county jail. If the Lord wills, we look forward to starting a more robust outreach ministry in our community in 2024.

**Miscellaneous:** From the time we purchased our current building, we inherited a daycare that would rent a portion of the building from us. In November of last year, they opted not to renew their lease. While this brings economic uncertainty, this has ultimately been a blessing to the congregation. We now have full access to our building and the congregation is growing in their ownership of the building. We are praying that the Lord would provide a holy vision in how we can use this space for the good of the congregation and to the glory of God.

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| Membership: | Communicant 49, baptized 18. Total: 67 |
| Adherents: | 4 |
| Average attendance: | 55 |
| New members: | Transfer 7, Profession 1, baptism 1 |

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|  |  |  |  | **BUDGET** |  |  | **REPORT** |  | **BUDGET** |  |
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| **INCOME** |  |  |  | **$134,250.00** |  |  | **$148,268.94** |  |  |  |
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| TITHES AND OFFERINGS |  |  |  | $102,000.00 |  |  | $113,064.08 |  |  |  |
| GIFTS |  |  |  |  |  |  | $5,070.00 |  |  |  |
| RPM+M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OTHER INCOME (RPCNA PENSION PLAN) |  |  |  | $250.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PRESCHOOL RENT |  |  |  | $18,000.00 |  |  | $15,000.00 |  |  |  |
| INTEREST |  |  |  |  |  |  | $37.89 |  |  |  |
| PRESCHOOL UTILITIES |  |  |  | $14,000.00 |  |  | $15,096.97 |  |  |  |
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| **TOTAL EXPENSES** |  |  |  | **$135,250.20** |  |  | **$153,322.12** |  |  |  |
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|  | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |  | **$6,800.00** |  |  | **$4,300.95** |  |  |  |
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| ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE |  |  |  | $1,000.00 |  |  | $508.81 |  |  |  |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION |  |  |  | $900.00 |  |  | $1,713.31 |  |  |  |
| PULPIT SUPPLY |  |  |  | $500.00 |  |  | $750.00 |  |  |  |
| PASTOR EXPENSE |  |  |  | $500.00 |  |  | $364.22 |  |  |  |
| MISC |  |  |  | $200.00 |  |  | $53.31 |  |  |  |
| NURSERY |  |  |  | $200.00 |  |  | $238.32 |  |  |  |
| MEDIA/WEBSITE |  |  |  | $3,500.00 |  |  | $672.98 |  |  |  |
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| **BUILDING** |  |  |  | **$60,750.20** |  |  | **$73,220.02** |  |  |  |
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| MORTGAGE |  |  |  | $6,655.20 |  |  | $6,655.20 |  |  |  |
| MAINTENANCE |  |  |  | $8,595.00 |  |  | $13,880.36 |  |  |  |
| CHURCH CLEANING |  |  |  | $3,600.00 |  |  | $4,200.00 |  |  |  |
| GROUNDS/PARKING |  |  |  | $6,000.00 |  |  | $3,335.00 |  |  |  |
| SUPPLIES |  |  |  | $500.00 |  |  | $968.06 |  |  |  |
| UTILITIES |  |  |  | $30,000.00 |  |  | $30,931.90 |  |  |  |
| INSURANCE |  |  |  | $5,400.00 |  |  | $8,249.50 |  |  |  |
| BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS |  |  |  |  |  |  | $5,000.00 |  |  |  |
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| **MINISTRIES** |  |  |  | **$5,600.00** |  |  | **$1,907.68** |  |  |  |
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| FELLOWSHIP/HOSPITALITY |  |  |  | $500.00 |  |  | $186.07 |  |  |  |
| MERCY |  |  |  | $1,000.00 |  |  | $1,721.61 |  |  |  |
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| **INDIA MISSION** |  |  |  | $500.00 |  |  | $420.00 |  |  |  |
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| **SYNOD ASSESMENT** |  |  |  | $2,400.00 |  |  | $2,765.00 |  |  |  |
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| **PRESBYTERY ASSESMENT** |  |  |  | $1,200.00 |  |  | $1,120.81 |  |  |  |
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|  | **PASTOR CAMERY** |  |  | **$1,500.00** |  |  | **$4,087.50** |  |  |  |
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| PASTOR CAMERY SALARY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PASTOR CAMERY HOUSING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PASTOR CAMERY HEALTH |  |  |  | $1,500.00 |  |  | $3,000.00 |  |  |  |
| PASTOR CAMERY PENSION |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1,087.50 |  |  |  |
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|  | **PASTOR MURRAY** |  |  | **$60,600.00** |  |  | **$60,500.16** |  |  |  |
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| PASTOR MURRAY HOUSING |  |  |  | $30,000.00 |  |  | $29,839.60 |  |  |  |
| PASTOR MURRAY SALARY |  |  |  | $20,000.00 |  |  | $20,160.56 |  |  |  |
| PASTOR MURRAY HEALTH |  |  |  | $6,000.00 |  |  | $6,000.00 |  |  |  |
| PASTOR MURRAY PENSION |  |  |  | $4,600.00 |  |  | $4,500.00 |  |  |  |
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