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- Our minister has continued as part of the Mary Rutan Hospital Chaplain staff. This is the local hospital in Bellefontaine, one of the best of its size in Ohio. It is a volunteer position for at least one week during most months.
  - We are blessed by continued financial gifts for our building fund from outside sources. We now have more than enough money to engage a contractor to do some of the work, or perhaps even finish it. Should the building be completed as we anticipate, it will be without incurring any debt, due to God's favor and the kindness of many.
  - The increased giving has continued. More people have, of course, helped with this. For the first time in some years, we have seen a net gain financially, strictly by tithes and offerings.
  - We have continued unity and love, forged stronger by our mutual suffering in much illness.

### *Challenges*

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- Nonetheless, there are challenges we have faced, some of which remain:
- Serious health issues and ongoing health problems – some debilitating --in several of our members. Our minister, our deacon, and several other members are diabetic. One member is in beginning stages of dementia. There are other health problems, as well. Our retired officers are all in declining health: Larry Bump, Jim McDonald, and Paul McDonald. This has hindered our progress in this past year, but increased our love and, perhaps, our general sanctification.
  - Several members or former members deeply needing repentance. We have two members currently under suspension.
  - With a now-growing congregation, and our minister coming up to his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday in a few months, the pastoral burden is growing. We yearn for, and plead with Jesus for, a local ruling elder. We'd love to have more than one.
  - We need labor to finish our building, although our financial resources are there to do the rest of the work, now. With the completion of state-mandated inspections, work on the building is now apace.
  - We have continued inability fully to support our minister in the way we wish and think, justly, that we should. The manse is also not in good repair. The budget for this year has set an ambitious goal for the repairs, thanks to a generous designated gift for the purpose from outside the congregation. We were able to give our minister a raise for the first time in several years.
  - At least one family needs a better work situation for the husband and father to allow him to avoid Sabbath work.
  - We are a little discouraged with our apparent meager fruitfulness from witness.
  - Two of our young men, who have married since our last report, have gone with their new wives elsewhere, after much time investment by our pastor and other members of the congregation over the years. We'd had hope that two more new households would be established in our congregation. Both these new families were also blessed with the birth of baby girls.
  - We are praying for a deeper spirit of prayer to come over us.

### *Teaching and Preaching*

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- We have maintained our normal teaching schedule. In the adult/family Sabbath School class we studied church history with DVDs from Ligonier. The teacher was Dr. Robert Godfrey.

92 That was followed by a short video series by R. C. Sproul on “Justification by Faith Alone”. We  
93 are now in a long class on Covenant History, taught by our minister, based upon S. G. DeGraaf’s  
94 *Promise and Deliverance*.

95 In the first worship service, we continue in the Gospel of Matthew. The second service  
96 preaching series finished the *Shorter Catechism*. We have begun an exposition of Romans. We  
97 have experimented with using the preaching of other RP ministers via SermonAudio when our  
98 minister is absent or ill, using the Probsts’ home sound system while we were meeting at their  
99 house, and then the sound system at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church’s building, and it seems to  
100 have worked well. We have made some progress in getting back Psalm Meditations and sermons  
101 up on SermonAudio thanks to the diligent work of Miss Sarah Bump. Other electronic outreach is  
102 via our website at bcrpchurch.org, ably maintained by Miss Michelle Brotherton.

103 We have held Communion on the fifth Sabbath of every month that has a fifth Sabbath.  
104 This is much more frequent than our spring and fall Communions that we held until 2006, with a  
105 full season. Session continues to have a “split cup” for Communion. We thankfully report that this  
106 has occasioned no dissent or disunity.

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#### *Miscellany*

108 Like last year, Session has formally met infrequently, although there has been more  
109 frequent informal consultation by telecom. Our Minutes are here for review. The Moderator  
110 represented us at Synod and all meetings of Presbytery this past year.

111 We continue to provide for our minister up to four weeks of paid vacation at his discretion,  
112 a book allowance for his continued education and spiritual refreshment, time and reimbursement  
113 for his and Judy’s attendance at Covfamikoi or RPI, and much prayer.

114 We have asked you to pray for godly marriages for our young adults. Please continue!  
115 There are several single young people in our congregation, or who are no longer members but grew  
116 up here, who believe God calls them to marriage, but they have not yet found their spouses.

117 The Rev. Frank Schutz, due to his physical weakness, can do very little with us. As a  
118 Session, we do try to keep up with his situation and keep him in prayer before the congregation.  
119 He attends the Grace OPC in Columbus, where his family are members.

120 As we conclude this report, we give thanks to God for this calling He has given our  
121 congregation to serve Jesus in this place. We want to continue. Only Zion’s King can bring that  
122 about. Please pray for us, that He, through us, will not only sustain but build His Church (Matt.  
123 16:18).

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125 Respectfully submitted,

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127 Phil Pockras, Moderator

128 Scott Hunt (provisional), Clerk

## Belle Center RP Church Budget vs. Actual 2019

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 62,089.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 85,628.58</u></b>
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 59,840.00	\$ 73,215.50
Synod' Dividend	\$ 2,178.00	\$ 2202.51
Interest Income	\$ 71.00	\$ 135.57
Gifts Received	\$ - 0 -	\$ 10,075.00
Building fund	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -
 <b>Fixed Expenses</b>	 <b><u>\$ 6,366.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 6,530.41</u></b>
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,584.00
Rent	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Taxes	\$ 925.00	\$ 930.52
Utilities	\$ 1,341.00	\$ 1,415.89
Electric	\$ 159.00	\$ 293.75
Gas	\$ 340.00	\$ 366.04
Sewer	\$ 537.00	\$ 607.10
Water	\$ 120.00	\$ -0-
BC Cap. Imp.	\$ 185.00	\$ 149.00
Garbage	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
 <b>Flexible Expenses</b>	 <b><u>\$ 75,736.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$63,916.57</u></b>
Church Building Rehab.	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 9,466.42
Interior	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 9,466.42
Furn & Fixt.	\$ 2,800.00	\$ - 0 -
Flowers	\$ 50.00	\$ - 0 -

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Guest Speakers	\$	400.00	\$	195.12
Mercy Fund	\$	- 0 -	\$	600.00
Mowing	\$	150.00	\$	115.00
Office Supplies	\$	150.00	\$	57.00
Pastor's Expense	\$	51,967.00	\$	50,386.00

Book Allow.	\$	200.00	\$	- 0 -
Covfamikoi	\$	200.00	\$	- 0 -
Health Ins.	\$	9,600.00	\$	9,600.00
Housing Allow.	\$	5,100.00	\$	5,100.00
Med. Exp. Reim.	\$	500.00	\$	- 0 -
Mileage	\$	500.00	\$	- 0 -
Office Exp.	\$	150.00	\$	-0-
Pension	\$	4,300.00	\$	4,300.00
Salary	\$	31,172.00	\$	31,172.00
Synod Reg.	\$	245.00	\$	214.00

Presbytery Assessment	\$	908.00	\$	907.40
RP M&M	\$	1,870.00	\$	528.22
Repairs	\$	1,500.00	\$	335.41

Manse                   \$ 1,500.00                   \$ 215.41

Synod's Assessment	\$	941.00	\$	1326.00
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**Budget****Actual**

<b>Total Budget Income 2019</b>	<b>\$ 62,089.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,628.58</b>
<b>Total Budget Expenses 2019</b>	<b>\$ 81,570.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,446.98</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>- \$ 19,481.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,181.60</b>

## 2019 Asset Summary

<b>Checking Acct. Balance 1/1/19</b>	<b>\$ 46,599.27</b>
<b>Checking Acct. Balance 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$ 59,615.65</b>
Difference	+ \$ 13,016.38
Savings Acct. Balance 1/1/19	\$ 6,147.44
Savings Acct. Balance 12/31/19	\$ 6,151.75
Total cash assets 12/31/19	\$ 65,767.40
Designated Building Fund	\$ 34,533.58
Designated Mercy Fund	\$ 5,600.00
Designated Manse Repairs	\$ 10,000.00
2019 General Fund	\$ 15,633.82
2018 General Fund	\$ 8,746.71

# Budget - 2020

## Belle Center Reformed Presbyterian Church

### Income

\$ 70,337.00

<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings</u>		\$ 68,000.00
1st Qtr.	\$ 17,000.00	
2nd Qtr.	\$ 17,000.00	
3rd Qtr.	\$ 17,000.00	
4th Qtr.	\$ 17,000.00	

<u>Synods Dividend</u>		\$ 2,202.00
<u>Interest Income</u>		\$ 135.00
Checking	\$ 131.00	
Savings	\$ 4.00	

### Fixed Expenses

\$ 61,444.00

<u>Insurance</u>		\$ 1,584.00
Rent		\$ 2,600.00
<u>Taxes</u>		\$ 930.00
Church	\$ 182.00	
Manse	\$ 748.00	
<u>Utilities</u>		\$ 1,547.00
Electric	\$ 300.00	
Gas	\$ 370.00	
Sewer	\$ 607.00	
Water	\$ 120.00	
Belle Center Cap. Imp.	\$ 150.00	
Garbage	\$ - 0 -	

<u>Pastor's Expense</u>		\$ 54,783.00
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Book Allowance	\$	200.00
Covfamikoi Reg.	\$	200.00
Health Ins.	\$	9,600.00
Housing Allow.	\$	5,300.00
Med. Exp. Reim.	\$	500.00
Mileage	\$	500.00
Office Expense	\$	1,650.00
Pension Exp.	\$	4,400.00
Salary	\$	32,219.00
Synod Reg.	\$	214.00

**Flexible Expenses**

**\$ 50,442.00**

<u>Church Building Rehab</u>		\$ 34,533.00
Interior	\$ 34,000.00	
Furn. & Fixt.	\$ 533.00	
<u>Church Building Supplies</u>		\$ 500.00
<u>Flowers</u>		\$ 50.00
<u>Guest Speakers</u>		\$ 300.00
<u>Mercy Fund</u>		\$ 500.00
<u>Mowing</u>		\$ 150.00
<u>Office Expense</u>		\$ 400.00
<u>Presbytery Assessment</u>		\$ 813.00
<u>Synod's Assessment</u>		\$ 1,326.00
<u>RP M&amp;M</u>		\$ 1,870.00
<u>Repairs</u>		\$ 10,000.00
Manse	\$ 10,000.00	

Total Budget Income \$ 70,337.00

Total Budget Expenses \$ 111,886.00

**Difference** **\$ -41,549.00**

Designated Funds on Hand \$+ 50,133.58

Budget Difference \$ + 8,584.58



