

Annual Report for the Hetherton Reformed Presbyterian Church

To the Great Lakes Presbytery for the year 2019

February 13, 2020

1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. 2Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145: 1-3)

As in previous years, we have many blessings received from the Lord. We have seen the Lord bless us in spiritual growth through His Word (the Bible), and for our younger ones physical growth as we see the children maturing. We have seen and developed a love and concern for each other during our fellowship times. Yes, there have been health challenges, Barton had treatments for prostate cancer, which at this time has been successful. Several have had other illnesses from asthma, colds, stomach upsets, etc. How wonderfully the Lord has shown His lovingkindness and mercy to His people. How great is our LORD!!

Now to fill in some experiences:

Dorothy Rose “Ditty” Harrington passed away on March 21, 2019. Her funeral and internment were on July 7, 2019. “Ditty” was a member of the Hetherton R P C from the mid 1940’s.

Marie Esther Harrington passed away on September 11, 2019, in Kentwood, MI. Her funeral and internment was at the Fairview Mennonite Church and then the Fairview Cemetery on September 16, 2019.

Pastor Morton was at the funeral of his sister-in-law, Lucinda “Cindy” Morton, in Almonte, ON Canada. Cindy passed away peacefully at the Fairview Manor, in Almonte on October 12, 2019, and her funeral was on October 16, at the Barker Funeral Home in Carleton Place, ON Canada. Jack and Cindy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 5th with a family and friends picnic at their home on July 6th.

All of these were true Christians and loved the Lord and now rest in His heaven. For those of us still here on earth, we are comforted by the Lord’s promises.

“Blessed are those who die in the LORD”

We have remained with the same membership except for one, Ditty Harrington. Our average attendance at the Worship service has been 13. For another year, the Lord has blessed us with many visitors, and it is wonderful. Many of the Lord’s Day’s visitors have come from different places, some near, some far away. On August 4 a group of singers from a Reformed Church in Grand Rapids attended, and the singing was great. Similarly, the following week, August 11, while Farmfest was on, we had about 20 visitors, some of whom have become repeats. We also had visitors from other Reformed Presbyterian Churches, such as Belle Center, OH, Gibsonia, (Pittsburgh) PA, and Grand Rapids, MI. We thoroughly enjoy these services.

On September 15th, Barton Briley and Shelley StAnge-Sheldon were united in marriage and we pray they will greatly enjoy their life together. They live in Wolverine and enjoy their beautiful location.

Through most of 2019, Pastor Morton has preached from the Book of James, and then from Psalms in the last couple months, Psalms 73 to 77. There were topical sermons for the Preparatory and Communion services, (in the spring 3/31 and 4/7/19; then in the fall 10/13 and 10/20/19), and for the Psalm Praise (4/26/19 and 11/24/19), and on other topics such as the Life issue in January, and the International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church, and the National Day of prayer when additional prayer was sent up to God. When Pastor Morton was not here, Larry Hagadorn, and Randy Lieuwen, (O P C minister from Woodstock, ON) and Barton conducted worship. Paul Mathews helped lead the singing of the Psalms, when Pastor Morton was elsewhere. All were blessed for these times.

The Session has the responsibility of making financial decisions. The pole barn was finished. A big “thank you” to Dave and Barton for doing the electrical work and the water line to the building from the parsonage. Financially, the church has been blessed with funds for the “special” projects as well as the ongoing expenses. The financial report is attached. The parsonage property lines have not yet been settled so keep praying. The Elders, Treasurer, and congregation express their sincere “thank you” to God for His supplying the needs for His continued witness here in Hetherton that the work of God may continue in this place of His vineyard.

Statistics: Total Membership- 20; (15 Communicant; 5 Baptized)

Average AM Worship- 13; New members by transfer- 0;

Net change in Total Membership -1.

All our members are accounted for and all our bills have been paid.

Respectfully submitted, Raymond Morton, Moderator, Barton Briley, Clerk

HETHERTON REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT Jan 1,2019-Dec 31, 2019

	CHECKING	SAVINGS	TOTAL
BALANCE, Dec. 31, 2018	<u>9,390.23</u>	<u>8,001.51</u>	<u>17,391.74</u>
RECEIPTS:			
Collections	22,644.73		
Special donations	-		
Interest		4.51	
savings deposit		4,204.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS for 2019	<u>22,644.73</u>	<u>4,208.51</u>	<u>26,853.24</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Pastor's Compensation	12,000.00		
Guest Preaching	800.00		
Presb. Assesment	350.48		
Presbytery's Assessment	589.00		
Fuel-Church	1,709.40		
Fuel-Parsonage	2,049.25		
Electric-Church	1,021.00		
Electric-Parsonage	1,106.00		
Maintenance-Church	1,143.96		
Maintenance-Parsonage	5,300.98		
supplies	1,978.00		
Misc.	205.78		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>28,253.85</u>		
BALANCE ON HAND DEC 31, 2019	3,781.11	12,210.02	15,991.13