

Hetherton RP Church
Update to Presbytery
Spring 2024

Membership & Attendance

In the past year, there was one removal from the roll and one addition of a baptized member.

Communicant members: beginning of 2023: **12** / end of 2023: **11**
Baptised members: beginning of 2023: **7** / end of 2023: **8**
Total membership, both: **19**

Average weekly attendance is about 14. Main factors in the average attendance are travel, sickness, and visitors throughout the year.

Finances

2023 found the congregation scraping the bottom of the barrel to make ends meet at several points. By the end of the year, giving caught up with expenses and the congregation had a net increase in finances.

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Beginning Balance	\$2,653.12	\$3,257.96
Tithes & Offerings	+\$20,631.64	+\$15,000.00
Pastoral Compensation	-\$12,000.00	-\$7,600.00
Pulpit Supply	\$0.00	-\$900.00
Heating	-\$3,161.80	-\$1,500.00
Electric	-\$2,278.00	-\$1,200.00
Building Maintenance	-\$428.00	-\$500.00
Insurance	-\$2,159.00	-\$2,300.00
Outreach	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
Net change	+\$604.84	+\$0.00
End of Year Balance	\$3,257.96	\$3,257.96

The session proposed a 2024 budget with lower expected giving but also lower expenses. In addition, money is being set aside for outreach initiatives in 2024.

Session

- Ruling Elder Barton Briley resigned from the session and was removed from the rolls of the congregation at his request. He had not been in regular attendance for several years.

- Rev. Ray Morton retired from his ministry at Hetherton at the end of 2023 but continues to aid the congregation in many ways. The congregation is very appreciative of Pastor Morton's years of ministry here.
- Two provisional elders, Wade Mann and Phil Pockras, were appointed in October 2023.
- The current session is comprised of Wade Mann, Moderator (provisional), Phil Pockras (provisional), and Bryan Dage, Clerk.

Future Outlook

There is a mix of both optimism for the future and discouragement at our small size. The congregation is hopeful that new outreach initiatives in 2024 may yield fruit.