

Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church

Terre Haute, Indiana

Report to Presbytery Spring Meeting 2025

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

This year has been a year of transitions and mourning for our congregation with the sudden resignation of our pastor Steve Rhoda. Our congregation is thankful for the years of faithful gospel ministry, selfless service, and stability that he and Mary brought to our congregation, paying special attention to the “little ones” in the congregation. Through these difficult months, our congregation continues to love one another, support the Rhoda family as we are able, and keep up hopes for the future. We are indeed under the care of the great Shepherd of the sheep.

God has brought aid to us through many sources, including our presbytery. We are thankful for the service of our interim session moderator Pastor Jack Baumgardner, the ministry of the Ad Interim Commission chaired by Pastor Jerry Foltz, and the care shown to our congregation by the Terre Haute Shepherding Committee also chaired by Pastor Jerry Foltz. We are also grateful for the many members of presbytery who have lifted us up in prayer.

Worship

Terre Haute has several RP congregations within a 1- or 2- hour drive that have graciously committed to providing regular pulpit supply for us. Due to our heavy reliance on pulpit supply, Session made the decision to observe the Lord’s Supper on a quarterly instead of a monthly basis, and to cancel evening services for the time being. However, we were encouraged that some in the congregation expressed a desire to continue to meet at the usual time to continue in the word, singing, and prayer. The preaching ministry of the past year has included series on the Psalms of Ascent, topics from the Book of Proverbs, the Book of Habakkuk, and The Big Words of Scripture. Outdoor worship services in local parks were held monthly, weather permitting, and we have been able to have some interaction with the community through those events.

Fellowship

Our congregation continues to have regular fellowship over meals at the church building and at home. It has been especially reassuring for the leadership to see the evident love of the congregation members for each other. Our Church Life Team hosted a number of epic events for the congregation, including Fall Party, a camping trip, and a Reformation Day Party. The Missions Committee hosted a Kid2Kid event to inform our children about RP Global Missions, even providing food samples from the various nations!

Bible Study

The Women's Fellowship has been studying the Psalms and our Thursday Evening Bible Study completed a study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism assisted by G.I. Williamson's book of the same title. The adult class has made it through three fifths of Dr. Godfrey's masterful panorama on church history, with a brief excursion along the way to the booklet *Contentment, Prosperity, and God's Glory* by Jeremiah Burroughs. Both topics have been challenging and enriching. We currently have four classes for the children ranging from toddler to middle school and are blessed with a stellar group of Sunday School teachers who are committed to training our children up in the Lord.

Diaconate

Our deacons Brian Toevs and Kevin Sellers have been a great blessing to the elders and congregation, maintaining our facilities, meeting mercy needs, and overseeing finances. We anticipate the ordination of a third deacon to expand this important ministry. In addition, the deacons have played an important role in our "Property Search Committee" which continues to consider the property market in Terre Haute. In the meantime, we are very thankful to God for our current facilities.

Membership

The membership of the congregation has declined slightly, as a family of five that had moved away in 2023 transferred to another NAPARC denomination in 2024, and one inactive communicant member was removed from the roll. However, we received one transfer from a NAPARC denomination, and to our great encouragement heard the profession of a baptized member of the congregation.

- Current Professing Members: 30
- Current Baptized Members: 9
- Additional Regular Attenders: 7

Blessings to you in Christ,

The Session of Terre Haute RPC

	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
100-INCOME	\$ 120,926.53	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 124,867.23	\$ 125,000.00
101 - Tithes and Offerings	\$120,911.53	\$ 122,000.00	\$124,867.23	\$ 125,000.00
102 - Designated Gifts to TH (local)	\$86.30		367.63	
104 - Outside Gifts				
105 - Designated Gifts (outgoing)	-\$71.30		-\$367.63	
200-PASTORAL SUPPORT	\$ 74,496.00	\$ 80,950.00	\$ 80,504.00	\$ 23,250.00
201 - Pastor's Salary	\$39,996.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$45,004.00	\$ 3,750.00
202 - Pastor's Housing Allowance	\$30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
204 - Pension	\$4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$ 750.00
205 - Professional enrichment	\$0.00	\$ 450.00	\$0.00	\$ -
206 - Other Expenses				\$ 6,250.00
207 – Pastoral Bonus		\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ -
208 – Pastoral Search	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 10,000.00
300-CHURCH MINISTRY	\$ 5,782.58	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 5,273.16	\$ 16,500.00
301 - Children's SS Curriculum	\$737.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$904.12	\$ 1,000.00
302 - Christian Education Materials	\$36.10	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
303 - Pastor's Ministry Expenses	\$3,362.58	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,032.31	\$ 1,200.00
304 - Guest Ministry	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
305 - Mercy Ministry	\$222.32	\$ 1,000.00	\$874.07	\$ 1,000.00
306 - Website Hosting	\$0.00	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
307 - Other	\$85.44	\$ -		\$ -
309 - Youth Ministry		\$ -		\$ -
310 - Missions	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	\$118.20	\$ 500.00

311 – Church Life	\$339.14	\$ 450.00	\$344.46	\$ 450.00
400-CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	\$ 781.52	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00
401 - Church Supplies	\$781.52	\$ 700.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,400.00
403 - Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	
500-DENOMINATION	\$ 3,939.75	\$ 5,650.00	\$ 5,110.83	\$ 5,900.00
501 - Presbytery Assessments	\$1,419.75	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,352.83	\$ 1,500.00
502 - Synod Assessments	\$2,420.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$2,758.00	\$ 2,900.00
503 - Presby & Synod Delegate		\$ 550.00		\$ 500.00
504 - RPM&M	\$100.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
505 - CYPUP		\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
504 – RP Global Missions		\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
600-CHURCH BUILDING	\$ 21,442.87	\$ 23,650.00	\$ 20,913.09	\$ 22,660.00
601 - Mortgage	\$9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
602 - Insurance	\$2,594.68	\$ 3,300.00	\$2,857.63	\$ 3,300.00
603 - Cleaning	\$2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
604 - Maintenance (subtotal)	\$1,550.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,660.00	\$2,000.00
– Maintenance: Bug Man	\$590.00		\$590.00	
– Maintenance: Mowing	\$960.00		\$960.00	
– Maintenance: Snow Removal	\$0.00		\$110.00	
607 - Utilities (subtotal)	\$4,999.13	\$6,000.00	\$4,382.65	\$5,760.00
– Utilities: Electric – Duke	\$1,362.98		\$920.22	\$ 1,500.00
– Utilities: Gas – Vectren	\$845.39		\$587.14	\$ 1,000.00
– Utilities: Sewer	\$338.52		\$338.52	\$ 400.00
– Utilities: Water	\$378.06		\$317.61	\$ 400.00
– Utilities: Internet & Phone	\$1,594.78		\$1,619.76	\$ 1,700.00

– Utilities: Sermon Audio	\$479.40		\$599.40	\$ 600.00
– Utilities: Zoom	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$ 160.00
609 - Other				
610 - Church Supplies (Roll into 401)	\$699.06	\$ 750.00	\$412.81	\$ -
700-FACILITIES TEAM	\$ 744.76	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 236.96	\$ 4,000.00
701 - Discretionary Project Fund	\$744.76	\$ 1,000.00	\$236.96	\$ 1,000.00
705 – Parking lot sealing and lines	\$0.00			\$ 2,500.00
706 – Roof inspection		\$ -		\$ 500.00
800-OUTREACH	\$ 96.86	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
801 - Printing				
802 - Mailing	\$0.00			
803 - Facebook	\$0.00			
804 - Other	\$96.86	\$ 750.00		\$ 500.00
900-MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$ -	\$242.69	\$ -
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TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 120,926.53	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 124,867.23	\$ 125,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 107,284.34	\$ 120,500.00	\$ 112,280.73	\$ 74,210.00
NET INCOME:	\$ 13,642.19	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 12,829.19	\$ 50,790.00
Balance Transfer to Savings Account		\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
ACCOUNT SUMMARY	12/31/2023	2/5/2024	12/31/2024	2/15/2025
Checking Account balance:	\$ 89,612.77	\$ 84,161.44	\$ 93,812.37	\$ 95,157.58
Savings Acct balance:	\$ 9,512.84	\$ 11,512.84	\$ 11,516.06	\$ 13,516.06