

Hetherton RP Church
Update to Presbytery
Spring 2025

Ministry

The session consisted of Wade Mann (chair, provisional), Phil Pockras (provisional) and Bryan Dage (clerk, stated supply). Session held stated meetings monthly online and also met for called meetings as needed. The provisional elders each traveled to Hetherton on several occasions as needed and for the communion services which were held in April and October.

Sermon series included: the book of 1 Peter, the Servant Songs from Isaiah, the first part of the book of Romans.

In November, session began a church information study for the three teenage children which is currently ongoing.

Membership & Attendance

In the past year, there were no changes to the roll.

Communicant members:	11
Baptised members:	8
Total membership:	19

Average weekly attendance is about 14.

Finances

The end of year balance in the account was \$2371.45, which is \$727.51 lower than the previous year. See financial page for details.

Struggles & Future Outlook

The congregation has reached the point of questioning whether to continue. The factors include:

1. Over the past year, the congregation has realized that it does not have the necessary manpower to have a coordinated outreach program.
2. Despite lack of a coordinated outreach effort, there were several local visitors. However, none of these visitors chose to continue with the congregation.
3. Finances are in poor shape with not enough money to pay the stated supply, and he needs to find other work.
4. There is currently no visible path forward for ordination of local ruling elders.
5. Due to a combination of these factors, the congregation is discouraged to the point of wanting to close Hetherton RP.

The congregation is planning to hold a meeting on March 2 to discuss asking Presbytery to dissolve the congregation. The session will likely be sending a communication to Spring Presbytery to that effect.

HETHERTON REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT Jan 1,2024-Dec 31, 2024

	CHECKING	SAVINGS	TOTAL
BALANCE, Dec. 31, 2023	<u>2,419.75</u>	-	<u>2,419.75</u>
RECEIPTS:			
Collections	12,362.35		
Morton's repaying elect and fuel	1,592.54		
Interest	-		
saving w/d	-		
savings deposit Balance to bank	679.21		
TOTAL RECEIPTS for 2024	<u>14,634.10</u>	-	<u>14,634.10</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Pastor's Compensation	1,600.00		
Guest Preaching	1,072.75		
Presb. Assesement	-		
Synod Assesement	-		
Fuel-Church	1,400.01		
Fuel-Parsonage	371.54		
Electric-Church	1,022.00		
Electric-Parsonage	1,221.00		
Maint clean furnace Church	129.00		
Maint replace church furnace	5,235.00		
Insurance	2,537.00		
Credit union put SS money in our acc	94.10	-	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>14,682.40</u>	-	
BALANCE ON HAND DEC 31, 2024	2,371.45	-	2,371.45