

Presidents report annual meeting 2020

This year is closing out like no other. We have faced challenges to our congregation and rose above them. Did we do it perfect? Not even close, but we were able to continue our services seamlessly and didn't miss a Sunday! I want to commend the tech crew AND worship for working tirelessly to provide a quality service each and every weekend. Thank you, all.

Financially, we budgeted a \$12,000 deficit for the year. With the help of Carl Wolf, and Marsha Plesac, the branch manager at Centier, we were able to acquire a Payroll Protection Program forgivable loan from the small business administration under the Cares Act. With this loan, we should end the year fairly close to even.

Our new tech team has also been active. Applying for a grant to fix our recording/livestream so we can continue this way into the future. With the help of the Center for Congregations we should be able to reach many more people, either stuck at home, or for the very first time.

As many of you know, our interim minister, Rev. Patrick Price is leaving at the end of June. Good luck to Patrick and family on their next adventure.

In the past year, we also hired our own Janet French as the interim R.E. coordinator. We also agreed to keep her on for the next year to help get us lined up for the future and aid us in the hiring of a settled director. We are looking forward to a great year of learning in adult and childrens religious education.

While we've been gone from the building, it sustained some damage to the roof system, gutter, and siding on the steeple. We are still in the process with insurance and contractors. There will be more to report in a week or two. The initial tally of damage is somewhere in the \$38,000 range. Our expense is only \$1000 unless we decide to do something special.

With the aid of Bob Allen, Don Parker, and Rosalind Davila, we've resumed talks of acquiring the property adjacent to the parking lot. At this moment, we are waiting to hear back from the owner on how he would like to proceed. Negotiations have stalled, and he seems to not be in a hurry to sell.

I want to thank my fellow board members for sticking with me, covering for me while I was sick and recovering, and being patient as I found my way. I especially want to thank Maggie Riester-Walters for her mentoring and abundance of energy and enthusiasm! She served on the board for 7 years straight, that in itself is a tribute to how much she cares for all of you in this church.