

## Grace Evangelical Free Church 2020 Annual Review

Even though 2020 was an exceptionally challenging year, we at Grace Church have been actively pursuing our mission and vision. Thanks to all Members who have helped through action and prayer.

Although our in-person Church services were halted in March until late June, we quickly transitioned to on-line services. The on-line services enable us to reach our members and others interested in the Word.

Below is a review of the church activities for 2020.

**2020 – Average Sunday Worship Service attendance: 41**

**41 (19 in person / 21 online)**

**2020 – Annual Contributions:     \$ 102,235.66**

**vs. budget of:                     \$ 104,060.74**

*(Based on contributions recorded from donors; online service fees not deducted from this amount.)*

**2020 – Other Income – Rental Income**

**= + \$ 2,575.00**

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

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## Financial Overview:

Cash at 12/31/2019: \$ 7,991.70

**Cash at 12/31/2020: \$26,775.16**

**Change: + \$18,783.46**

Reflects lower expenses than budget and PPP loan for \$10,968

## Financial Activities:

- Signed with new insurance carrier for Property / Liability insurance – which saves \$3,500 per year +
- Researched and switched payroll processing provider for 2021 which will save \$600 per year
- Continued replacing bulbs with LED, reducing electric usage
- Purchased lawnmower to eliminate the need for outside contractor.
- Began tracking utilities on a monthly basis (charting usage) to spot any problems
- Applied & received a PPP loan from the Gov't. Have applied for forgiveness. No issues anticipated.
- Copier Lease - We contacted the lessor and sought legal advice on the possibility of getting out of the remaining 14 months of the 5-year lease since our printing needs have changed. Unfortunately, we have no legal ground to cancel the lease which runs until March 2022.

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## Outreach / Ministry Efforts:

- Held **monthly food collections** serving 5 local food pantries (rotating each month) – Members were very generous!
- Collected 13 Shoe Boxes for **Operation Shoe Box**
- Collected warm scarves, hats, clothes for **Paterson Men's Shelter**
- Participated in **Baby Bottle Boomerang** – raised \$1,265 in 2020; already have contributions for 2021 campaign.
- Continued our **Missionary Support** – except Chris & Jen Kujawa withdrew from the field.
- Agreed to participate in **Family Promise** program to shelter homeless families one or two weeks per year. (Will occur in 2021)
- Continued to host Saturday night men's **AA meetings** at Church.
- Worship Team participated in the "**Unspeakable Joy**" **concert** with 3 neighboring churches which aired in December.
- **Christmas Eve service** was well attended (49 in person / 10 on-line) with newcomers & family members joining.

## Care and Upkeep of Church Assets:

- Member cleaning teams continued caring for the church building
- Members volunteered to "own" landscape beds to weed & plant

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- Member Landscaping team cut the grass, trimmed shrubs, and is clearing out the underbrush around the church property.
- Trustees / Elders Developed a Task List which prioritizes church facility projects and includes longer term projects that we need to keep in focus and plan for.
- Developed and implemented a pandemic cleaning process for the church facility to enable in-person services.

### **Streaming / FM / Worship on Line – Implementing New Technology:**

- Developed and implemented on-line worship platform to keep us connected during COVID and beyond.
- \$2,865 in extra targeted donations were received to support the new on-line service.
- Praise Team practiced and worked remotely to provide worship music and songs until we could be back together again.
- Set up FM radio transmission of Sunday Service for those who may not have a computer to watch/listen.

### **Ministering to our spiritual needs:**

- On-line prayer meeting held via Zoom every Wednesday evening
- Ladies bible studies continued on-line through the pandemic providing fellowship and spiritual growth.
  - 8 on-line studies were held since Nov. 2019
  - 78 participants across all studies (includes those that have done more than one)

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- Largest group was the Advent 2020 bible study with 15 participants.
- Prior to the pandemic, study participants gathered for a meal 3 times to share fellowship.
- Men's bible studies resumed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, in-person.
- Grace Book Club – restarted in December 2020.
- Members reached out to members via email and telephone to keep the connections during the Pandemic.
- Ladies held weekly Zoom chats during the summer months
- Weekly bulletins were mailed to our attenders / members without email.

In summary, although the pandemic might have changed the way we do things, it did not change the focus on our mission and vision to Love, Grow, Serve and Reach.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Rod Kesselring

Elders : Stan Antonwich, Walt Shaw, Steve Carlsen

Trustees: Matt Pendolino, Carol Lizzi

Treasurer: Cathy Jenisch