

## Clerk of Session – 2020

### Session Members:

Rich Connell	Jane Wilcox	Jan Maas
Judy Fiorentino	Richard Stephens	Bernie Brown
Judy Christley	Ralph Marcellus	

### Corporate Officers:

President: David Geurtsen	Vice President: James Corbin
Secretary: Richard Stephens	Treasurer: Judy Fiorentino

**Holy Communion** was served on the first Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary January, February, March, October and November, virtually April through September and December. For October and November, crackers and juice in individual containers were used in line with COVID guidelines. Virtual communion was encouraged for virtual services.

**Services** were held in the Sanctuary January through mid-March when the COVID pandemic took hold in New York State and the country. The use of ZOOM allowed us to hold a virtual Easter Sunrise Service as well as regular worship services from Palm Sunday through September 6. September 13 through December 27 services were “hybrid” with in-person, socially distanced opportunities as well as live-streamed services. The Christmas Eve Service was pre-recorded with the traditional lessons and carols and posted on youtube. We returned once again to virtual services only in January 2021.

**Average Attendance** was 42 over 50 regular services (2 were cancelled due to COVID). There was no Good Friday Service and the ecumenical Easter Sunrise and Christmas Eve Services were pre-recorded and celebrated virtually.

**The Session** held 12 stated meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Three called meetings of the Session were held: March 23<sup>rd</sup> to suspend worship services until further notice; May 17 to act on the use of \$125,000 of church investment and surplus funds along with borrowing \$100,000 from the Presbyterian Foundation for renovation of the tower as approved by the congregation; and December 29 to discontinue in-person worship.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** took place on February 9, 2020. Long with receiving the Annual Reports, approving the budget and electing new officers, Pastoral Nominating Committee was elected replacing the Search Committee and changing the pastor position from part-time designated to full time called. There was 1 **Called Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** on May 17, 2020 to approve of the use of \$125,000 from investment and designated surplus funds of the church’s along with borrowing \$100,000 from the Presbyterian Foundation for renovation of the tower.

There have been no **Memorial Services, Baptisms, or New Members**. There has been **two deaths**: long time member and Ruling Elder, **Freda Major**; and Lyndon Hutteman. Nine individuals have been removed from the roles.

**Ecumenical Services:** We shared with St. Andrew Catholic Church, Sulpher Springs Methodist Church and the Smithville Baptist Church the virtual Easter Sunrise Service on the Battlefield for Sunday April 12, 2020.

**Community Involvement:**

- Tour groups as part of the Sackets Experience program sponsored by the NYS Battlefield, were cancelled;
- Gentle Yoga continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in our Fellowship Hall averaging 3-4 after we reopened;
- Movies, pot-luck suppers and the Annual Community Chorus Christmas Concert were all cancelled.

**Committee Assignments for 2020:**

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| • Stewardship: Session                     | Worship and Music: Jane Wilcox      |
| • Finance: Judy Fiorentino                 | Buildings and Grounds: Rich Connell |
| • Clerk of Session: Dick Stephens          | Treasurer: Judy Fiorentino          |
| • Christian Education: Patti Stephens*     | Heritage: Jan Maas                  |
| • Insurance: Dave Geurtsen*                | Tower Renovation: Bernie Brown      |
| • Nominating: Jan Maas                     | Pastor Search: Dick Stephens        |
| • Mission: Deacons                         | Financial Secretary: Karen Fields*  |
| • Presbytery Representative: Dick Stephens | Memorial: Session                   |

(\* ex officio)