

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP

2020

2020 started with hope: hope for finding a new pastor, hope for restoration of our Tower, hope for refreshed worship by those returning from exciting travel in January and February.

Covid forced us to find new ways to worship. From March 22 until September 6 our services were virtual with Marti Montovani leading us from her home. Dick and Greg Stephens provided all the necessary electronic production. Dick enhanced each service with his inspirational local and cross-country photography.

Dick, Greg and Patti Stephens organized and produced an ecumenical Easter sunrise service on the Battlefield. Patti heralded Easter morning with an hour of hymns from our Tower bells.

December 2nd, the Women's Circle, Jim Wilson and Ralph Marcellus decorated the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Banners, wreaths, swags, poinsettias, the tree and creche brought alive the festive season.

The four Sundays of Advent were lead in readings and Advent wreath candle lighting by Karen Fields, Melanie Geurtsen, Judy Christley and Ralph Marcellus.

Our virtual Christmas Eve Service was prerecorded by Dick Stephen and his video crew. Bev and Bernie Brown, Kate and Rich Connell, Carmen and Terry Zumbach, Beth Burdick and Mary Johnson read the Christmas scriptures interspersed with carols sung by a choir trio of Dick and Patti Stephens and Judy Fiorentino. Two pre-recorded choir anthems and "Jesu Bambino", sung by Dick Stephens, were included.

Christmas Eve Carmen Zumbach and Patti Stephens gave the Sackets community an hour of bell carols from our Tower.

Throughout the year we were blessed with the Sunday service leadership of Adele Spencer, Toby Schilling, Marti Montovani, Gail Parsons, Judy Christley, Beth Burdick, Jane Wilcox and Patti Stephens.

Communion was served the first Sunday of each month. Thanks to those who served communion and to Sandy and Nancy Cowell serving as our communion stewards.

Jane Wilcox

Chairman