

Clerk of Session – 2021

Session Members:

Rich Connell	Jan Maas	Judy Fiorentino
Richard Stephens	Judy Christley	Bernie Brown

Corporate Officers:

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

Rev. Summer Sattora candidated in our pulpit on Sunday, January 10 and **her call was unanimously approved** that day. Facebook recorded over 1,100 “views” that day for our service. Sunday, February 14 was her first official day to serve our congregation. **Installation** by the Presbytery was held July 18 in our Sanctuary. Summer’s **Ordination** was held virtually on February 27, 2021 by the Genesee Valley Presbytery. Prior to Summer’s ordination, **Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani** served as **Moderator** for session and congregational meetings.

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

Services were virtual via livestream January through mid-March. As the COVID situation improved we were able to change to hybrid services combining live in-service with livestreaming. In mid-February we were able to expand to streaming both to Facebook and Youtube to serve those who do not have Facebook accounts. Easter Sunrise Service was held on the battlefield as in the past and was well attended, however the annual pancake breakfast was not able to be held for the second year.

Average Attendance is quite different this year due to the use of hybrid services. Our average in-person attendance is 22 and livestream is 79 for the entire year. Since mid-March when we started hybrid service, the average in-person is 26 and livestream is 50.

The Session held 12 stated meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Five called meetings of the Session were held: April 25 to approve resolutions for a loan of \$100,000 from the Presbyterian Foundation for the Tower Restoration project; May 23 to request the Presbytery to install Rev. Sattora as our pastor and update COVID protocol; July 30 to review our housing allowance investment fund and accept a letter of resignation from Elder Bernie Brown (moving); August 15 to accept the membership of Kris Moorman by letter of transfer; and October 24 to approve use of the building for the ecumenical Thanksgiving service and for the village’s “Whooville in the Harbor” event.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation took place on February 14, 2021 to receive the Annual Reports, approve the budget and elect new officers. There were 2 **Called Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation**: on January 10, 2021 to approve the call of Summer Sattora to our congregation; and April 25, 2021 to approve the loan application for \$100,000 to the Presbyterian Foundation for the Tower Restoration project. There has been one **wedding** (Maas/Drake) and one **funeral** (Anderson). There was **one death**, long time member and Ruling Elder, **Jay Johnston**, and one new member by letter of transfer, **Kris Moorman**. Rev. Sattora presided at two graveside services: **Jay Johnston** and **Dick Edwards**.

Ecumenical Services: We shared with St. Andrew Catholic Church, Sulpher Springs Methodist Church and the Smithville Baptist Church Easter Sunrise Service on the Battlefield for Sunday April 4,2021 and a Thanksgiving Service in our Sanctuary Sunday November 21,2021.

Community Involvement:

- Tour groups as part of the Sackets Experience program sponsored by the NYS Battlefield, started up again. There were 4 bus tours for 2021. We receive \$2.00 per person on the tour for our regular funds. Thanks to Eileen Edwards, Earleen Maxon, Brenda Scordo, Patti Stephens and Rev. Summer Sattoro for assisting in telling our story to visitors from out of the area.
- Gentle Yoga continued on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in our Fellowship Hall averaging 3-4 after we reopened. In the summer, Yoga went to Tuesday at the battlefield and Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. In mid-October the class moved to Chaumont.
- Friday night free movies began again in August.

Committee Assignments for 2021:

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| • Stewardship: Rich Connell | 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: Brenda Scordo | Mission: Deacons |
| • Financial Secretary: Karen Fields* | Memorial: Session |
| • Presbytery Representative: Dick Stephens | |
- (* ex officio)