

## **The United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor Annual Report – Fellowship Circle 2022**

The Fellowship Circle has traditionally been made up of all the women of the church. We recently voted to open membership to any member of the congregation, male or female, who wishes to work with us to enrich the life of our church. We meet at the church the second Monday of the month at 1:00PM with average attendance of 8 to 10. Officers are as follows: Moderator, Jane Wilcox, Secretary, Eileen Edwards, and Treasurer, Karen Fields.

Since the coordinating council of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Northern NY disbanded, the women of two Presbyterian churches in Watertown formed a new local group. We decided not to participate in this group but offered to work with them on various projects if asked.

In February, we cleaned and reorganized the kitchen cabinets. Session decided not to hire professionals to clean the church so the work continues to be done periodically by volunteers from our group and others in the congregation.

After a two year break due to Covid-19 restrictions, we once again held a yard sale on Memorial Day weekend. Due to inclement weather, books, puzzles and plants had to be sold indoors as well as other items displayed in Fellowship Hall. We enjoyed a July picnic at the home of Mary Johnson. A harvest display was in the sanctuary in November.

Activities planned during “Wonderland” in the village on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> suffered a set-back due to a major snow storm. Activities for the 19<sup>th</sup> were cancelled but resumed on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to the deacons for their financial support for materials needed. Visitors enjoyed decorating cookies and fellowship with those of us who stayed after worship that day. We did two receptions, one after Barbara Rose’s funeral in October and one after the Community Chorus Concert in December. We oversaw the “Hanging of the Greens” on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The “blizzard of 2022” forced the cancellation of our in-person Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services but we were able to view recordings of the services thanks to several people who braved the snow and cold.

We plan to be an active part of the life of the church in the coming year with many activities already planned. All are welcome.

Eileen Edwards, Secretary

