

## **The United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor Annual Report – Fellowship Circle 2023**

The Fellowship Circle is made up of anyone, male or female, who wishes 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.

In January we voted to discontinue collecting “least change” and “birthday” money. Anyone attending meetings is invited to donate \$1 to our newly formed “Fellowship Philanthropy Fund”. The money will be used to fund any worthwhile causes we choose or to assist the Deacons on some of their projects.

In February, we arranged a baby shower for the Franzosa family. We presented them with a baby quilt made by Vicki Wilson.

We supervised the annual yard sale the last weekend in May. A small number of volunteers helped make this successful. Bus tours started in June. We turned down serving lunch to a group in June but honored our commitment to serve a lunch to a tour group in September and it went very well. We voted to donate \$100 of the profits from the luncheon to the Tower Project and \$100 to Interfaith Works in Syracuse. The church entered a float with a “Love Your Neighbor” theme in the CanAm parade in August. Numerous volunteers helped make paper flowers and other decorations for the float, which won second prize. We discussed the possibility of a silent auction this year but decided it wasn’t feasible at this time.

We took part very successfully in the “Halloweenville” celebration in the village. Tower tours and cookie decorating were extremely popular. We also decorated a scarecrow for the competition.

A harvest display was in the sanctuary in November. Hanging of the greens was done informally this year rather than after worship. We assisted with a dessert reception after the Thanksgiving Ecumenical service held at our church. We did a “cookie” reception after the Community Chorus concert in December. We participated on Saturday of the Yuletide village celebration, showing children’s Christmas movies and serving popcorn and drinks in Fellowship Hall.

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

Eileen Edwards,  
Secretary