

## Historian Report for 2023

*The Congregational United Church of Christ celebrated another year of working together to serve our Lord. We are no longer using individual Communion cups wrapped in plastic every first Sunday, but have transitioned to taking Communion by intinction.*

February 5 – Scout Sunday observed, followed by a coffee hour.

February 19 – Annual Meeting

February 22 – Lent begins – joint Ash Wednesday service with Paris church,

February 26 – Sermon series on the Lord’s Prayer – until April 11

February 28 – Bible Study – The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, focusing on Holy Week.

March 3 – World Day of Prayer

March 4 – Sunday School spaghetti dinner – proceeds of the dinner will go toward the Church World Service kits.

March 11 – Daylight Savings

March 26 – One Great Hour of Sharing collection dedicated

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

April 9 – Easter Sunday – with trumpet music

April 16 – Tom Lawton’s commitment to our church for another year was confirmed by the signing of a Call Agreement, as suggested by the UCC Conference

April 22 – Wilderness Journey at Roger’s Conservation Center – 8 people joined

April 23 – Church World Service kits dedicated – 29 school kits and 26 health kits

May 4, 5, 6 – Women’s Fellowship Spring Rummage Sale

May 20 – Wilderness Journey again at Roger’s Conservation Center in Sherburne

May 21 – Worship with the Augusta Church on their 225<sup>th</sup> celebration – the church was organized in 1797

May 28 – Strengthen the Church offering dedicated/Pentecost

June 3 – Worshipped with members of the United Methodist Church at the Pavilion behind the Town Hall

June 17 – Wilderness Journey

August 16 – Incoming Freshman from Hamilton College housed in the church during their Orientation activities.

September – Sharon McMullen offered a quilt she made to be raffled off. The second prize is a gift certificate. The winners will be announced in December.

September 9, 10, 11 & 16 – Women’s Fellowship Fall Rummage Sale – So successful it was carried on the next weekend.

September 10 – Recognition of 50-year members: Bonnie McLaren Boughton and Gary Peck

September 12 – Bible Study- the basis is from The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton; continues until mid-October

September 26 – Guest preacher Clayton Lawton

September 30 – Women of the church came together to make 65 apple pies – they were sold for \$14

October – Neighbors in Need offering through the month of October

October 1 – World Communion Day breakfast

October 14 – Brothertown Indian Nation visit as part of the Anniversary Tour

October 15 – Roger Williams leads service

October 16 – Lawrence Reiben & Sons, roofers from Whitesboro, begin work on the steeple, which has been leaking. They finished the first week of November. The funds for that were approved in September by the Congregation.

November 4 – Daylight Savings ends

November 12 – Jennifer DeWeerth leads the service of worship

November 26 – Bible Study – studying and comparing the Christmas narratives of the books of Matthew and Luke.

December 3 – Hanging of the Greens service

December 9 – Women’s Fellowship Cookie Sale and luncheon

December 10 – Budget Meeting

December 13 – gifts to six adopted children to be taken to Waterville

December 17 – Blue Christmas service at 5:00

December 24 – Regular service at 9:00; Christmas Eve service of lessons, carols and candlelight at 5:00

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 31 – Jennifer DeWeerth leads morning service of worship

Harry Goodson, who was not a member but who was a faithful attendee at church and ready to lend a helping hand where needed, passed away in December. He and his sons built the steps to the Church House, and he helped with shoveling snow off the shed roof. There are many ways he served the church and the Lord.

*The Church regularly donates to the Food Pantry in Waterville. Donated food and health & beauty items are taken on Tuesday of the week. Many members and friends the church send monetary donations.*