

Historian Report for 2020

The Congregational United Church of Christ celebrated another year of working together to serve our Lord, although many of our activities were cancelled or postponed due to the Corona Virus, Covid-19, pandemic.

February 16, 2020 – Sunday School led the service of worship with song and reading. Their topic was the Bible.

February 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday, held at Three Steeples, with Letty Umidi and Sue Shuster.

March, 2020 – One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

March 14, 2020 – Sunday School Pasta Dinner cancelled due to the Pandemic.

March 21, 2020 – Sunday Service suspended indefinitely; Letty sent out Daily Devotionals, which were also posted on Facebook.

March 29, 2020 – Annual Meeting postponed until April 26

April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday – (no palms were distributed; service of worship cancelled)

April 9, 2020 – Maundy Thursday service of communion cancelled

April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday (service of worship cancelled)

April 26, 2020 – Annual Meeting, postponed from March 29, postponed again until May.

May 2020 – Women's Fellowship rummage sale cancelled

May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day

May 31, 2020 – rescheduled Annual meeting cancelled; Pentecost

July 5, 2020 – Service resumed, with precautions: masks, 6 feet distancing, roping off some pews, not more than groups of 10, hand sanitizer at doors, bulletins on the pews, and no singing aloud.

July 19, 2020 – Barb Shuck at the pulpit

July 26, 2020 –Dennis Dewey occupied the pulpit in Letty's absence (vacation)

August 16, 2020 –Dennis Dewey at the Pulpit

September 2020 – Fall Women's Fellowship rummage sale cancelled

September 20, 2020 – Jen DeWeerth at the Pulpit

October, 2020 – Harvest Turkey Dinner cancelled

October 4, 2020 - Neighbors in Need Offering throughout the month of October.

October 4, 2020 – World Communion Sunday breakfast cancelled

October 18, 2020 Jen DeWeerth in the pulpit

October 31, 2020 – Sunday School Trick or Treat at Marshall Town Barn

November 1, 2020 – All Saint's Day

November 16, 2020 – Jennifer DeWeerth spoke in Letty's absence

November 28, 2020 – Setting up for Hanging of the Greens Service

November 29, 2020 – Hanging of the Greens service

December, 2020 – Women's Fellowship Cookie Walk, Luncheon, and Mini Bazaar cancelled

December 10, 2020 – Gifts for 6 "adopted" children taken to Waterville – 102 total benefited from the community's generosity

December 24 – Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols cancelled due to rising cases of Covid-19 in Oneida Co.

The Food Bank, which we have donated to regularly, stopped accepting donations of food and health and beauty items in March; however, during the year, many members and friends of the church sent donations.

The annual August gathering at the Pavilion behind the Town Hall was cancelled.

So much was cancelled through the year; observances for which we have become accustomed and have looked forward to did not happen. Attendance at church remains light, but it is a joy to get together. Letty continued to send out the bulletin to those who have requested it.

The Church World Service Kits were not delivered last year – they will be accepted this year.

The Pandemic is still around; however, many of us are getting vaccinated against Covid-19, and hopefully things will be back to normal.