

Historian Report for 2018

The Congregational United Church of Christ celebrated another year of working together to serve our Lord.

January, 2018, was the beginning of our former minister, Ed Townsend's 3-month Sabbatical.

January 14 - Rick Cowles, retired UCC Conference Minister, met with us to discuss the history of our church. He met with us for one hour following the service of worship.

February 11, after the service of worship we met with Rev. Cowles again when the topic was on the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), through which prism we discussed our strengths and weaknesses.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

February 18 – A special meeting was held after the service to discuss setting aside funds to repair the heating system.

March 11 –Rick Cowles met with us for a final time following the service. The session focused on the question who is our neighbor in the context of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10).

March 17 – The Sunday School Pasta Dinner. Proceeds went toward Church World Service kits, the Weekend Warrior program at Memorial Park School, and a similar program at Sherburne-Earlville School, which provides food for students to take home over the weekend.

March 25 – Palm Sunday; Ed Townsend returned to the pulpit.

March 15 – One Great Hour of Sharing collection received

March 29 – Maundy Thursday observed with a service of Tenebrae to commemorate the Lord's Supper

April 1 – Easter Sunday, and the dedication of Church World Service kits.

April 4 – Pilates and Yoga in the church house started a six-week session

April 15 – Annual Meeting; Ed Townsend explains he will be going to $\frac{3}{4}$ time ($\frac{1}{4}$ for us) starting July 1; the budget is in positive territory; Dave Lloyd suggests that the entire basement be demolished and "started from scratch."

May 3, 4, 5 – Women' Fellowship Rummage and Bake Sale

May 31 – Memorial Day – members of the Council met on the church steps to hand out American Flags to passersby.

June – the kitchen was painted yellow by Linda Camp and Colette Pierce; gravel was put down on the north part of the driveway in the low places

June 17 – Chicken Barbeque by the Women's Fellowship.

July and August – Church services will be in Deansboro for both months at the usual time.

August 6 – kitchen floor replaced

August 12 – Combined service with the United Methodist church at the Pavilion behind the Town Hall. Service was conducted by Gary Spraker.

August 15-19 – Hamilton College Students for Orientation

September 6, 7, 8 – Women’s Fellowship Rummage and Bake Sale

September 16 – Marjorie Purnine, Associate Conference Minister, met with us concerning the future of our church.

September 29 – Women’s Fellowship made 73 pies

September 30 – Ed Townsend’s last Sunday with us, followed by coffee and cake. Jen DeWeerth led a brief service for a departing pastor, Lawrence Gilley read a letter of remembrance of the past 10 years; Janet Dangler compiled highlights of his tenure as pastor

October 7 – World Communion Day breakfast; service led by Jennifer DeWeerth

October 20 – Harvest Dinner; quilt made by Sharon McMullen raffled off

October 28 – Neighbors in Need Offering

November 4 –All Saints Day, recognizing Dorothy McConnell, Lester Bugbee, Don Lloyd, Debbie Steinmann, Paul Cornelius, all of whom passed away in the past year

November 25 – Hymn Sing

December 2 – Hanging of the Greens; service of lessons and carols led by Jennifer DeWeerth

December 2 – Budget Meeting; budget for 2019 was approved by the Congregation

December 8 – Women’s Fellowship Cookie Walk, Craft sale, and luncheon

December 14 – gifts for “adopted” family of six taken to Waterville Christmas Committee

December 24 – Christmas Eve service; trio of Jen DeWeerth, Emily Belouin and Janet Dangler sang.

December 30 – Hymn Sing

Over the course of the year, we had a number of speakers occupying the pulpit: Jen DeWeerth, Letty Unidi, Dennis Dewey, Gail Collins, Sue Schuster, Larry Beasley. We are very grateful to them!

Every Sunday the basket for the Food Pantry is dedicated.