

Pastor's Report  
Deansboro UCC 2022

I officially began as the called pastor at the Deansboro UCC church on March 1, 2022. The Service of Installation was held on May 22, 2022 at the Deansboro Church. Since that time, I led 39 Sunday morning worship services. Two of those services were joint services held in conjunction with Three Steeples United at Paris, NY. The first of those services was held at Deansboro UCC on August 7<sup>th</sup> with the Rev. Vita Hale providing the sermon. The second joint service was held at Paris with me delivering the sermon.

On World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022, our service was held in the fellowship hall. This service included a breakfast as part of the service. Communion concluded the service.

Two other services were held in 2022 in addition to the Sunday services. A Maundy Thursday service was held in the fellowship hall. The service included a meal followed by a Service of Tenebrae. The other special service was a Christmas Eve service. This service was structured as a Lessons in Carols service followed immediately by a candle lighting service.

I have also been a part of two Bible studies held in conjunction with Three Steeples United. The first was a 6-week study based on the Gospel of John beginning in September of 2022. This study was held in the evening at Paris. The second study was held at Deansboro during advent. This study was based on 4 Gospel spiritual songs from the black church traditions and was held in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Thomas Lawton