

United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor
The Deacons

February 22, 2010

Dear Friends,

When I last wrote there was a definite chill in Fellowship Hall and we were waiting to see if a new furnace would be installed. For those of you who don't believe in miracles, you might want to reconsider. The furnace was installed the day after I wrote the letter and the worship service was back in Fellowship Hall the very next Sunday. As someone who has waited at home for hours and even days for repairmen to show up, this was indeed a miracle!

Of course it isn't over yet, but we have had a relatively mild winter. We have had some very low temperatures and our share of snow but nothing dramatic compared to some of the southern states. Attendance at church has been good. We are especially happy to see many new faces. We have had a young couple expecting their first child, a father with two young boys and several other individuals and couples worship with us. We hope we made them feel welcome and that they will be attending Sunday worship with us many more times in the future.

The annual meeting was held on February 14th right after worship. Thanks to Patti, Barbara and some very efficient committee chairpersons, the booklets with annual reports were available a week ahead of time for our review. Adele kept us on track during the meeting and Judy did an excellent job of reviewing the financial report and the budget for the coming year. A slate of officers presented by the nominating committee was elected. For the first time in several years, we have nine people on both session and deacons. Our thanks go to the people who agreed to serve. For those of you who did not pick up the annual report booklet, it will soon be available on our website, www.sacketsharborpresbyterian.org. If you aren't into computers, just let me know and we can deliver or mail you a booklet.

Again this year, Inger is teaching a Bible Study Class. The topic of discussion is the book of Exodus and the class meets at Jean's every Monday at 11:00. Those attending enjoy the class very much and Inger's leadership is appreciated.

Choir members have been traveling this winter. Dick and Patti went to Ottawa to skate the Rideau Canal; Jane and Bill have been to Ohio and Massachusetts to visit children and grandchildren; Sheryl and John visited relatives in the Boston area; Judy has been to Illinois to visit her daughter and family and Hannah spent school vacation in New Hampshire. The choir took one week off, but otherwise we carry on with who we have. We are still working on some of the new music purchased last fall.