

President's Report
2020 Annual Congregational Meeting
Jennifer Whittaker, President

What a year this has been so far! While it's been a difficult time for all of us, I appreciate all the work that our congregation has put into staying connected and keeping each other safe. Through virtual worship, the Caring Circle, committee meetings, phone calls, and the new small group Circles, we continue to keep each other close.

Usually this section would be filled with all the various activities and events we've had throughout the year. As in everyone's personal lives, activities and events at the church were severely curtailed this year. What has happened, has almost completely been done virtually.

While activities and events were less, the work of Council was not. We started the year excited and enthusiastic about thinking about big picture things and the vision of the future of our church. When March hit, we had to quickly shift to very concrete decision-making on how to keep our congregation safe, while at the same time keeping everyone connected. I have been impressed time and time again by how thoughtful, caring, and engaged our Church Council has been during this time. From emergency meetings, to difficult decisions on building use, to thinking about new ways to "do" church, this year has not been for the faint of heart! Even though much of our work this year has been logistics related to the pandemic, we have spent time discussing and working on the budget, affirming our stance on Black Lives Matter, and taking the time to host a Listening Session to hear from the congregation.

Thank you again to everyone who has worked hard this year to continue keeping our church community close and together.

Jenn Whittaker

Church Council President