

Clerk of Session Report 2021

Our monthly Session meetings end with a time to share how we've seen God working in the life of our church. During this hopefully unique 2021, many experiences and observations were shared. We realized we had many things to be very grateful for, including an appreciation for the Music & Worship team folks who have blessed us with their diligence in making sure music is a part of our worship. There was a concern that when congregational singing was postponed, we would have trouble getting the spirituality that music can bring to our services. However, **due to the work of the Music & Worship Team, we have an awareness of the words and music—even when we can't sing as a congregation—which fills us with grateful hearts.**

Another expressed reason for the gratefulness of the Session is **the thoughtful and respectful conversations over this past year on very difficult topics.** A dominant topic has been figuring out together how to navigate an uncertain and dynamically changing landscape as a church family. Session listened to input from the congregation, the Presbytery, and each other, discerning where God was leading us in the important decision-making process. Session members have expressed a **gratefulness to each other for being heard and being safe in expressing diverse options and in making those decisions.**

Our gratefulness includes the **constancy of God's love and care for all of us.**

Session Members: Bev Ruston, Carol Mitzelfeldt, Dave Johnson, John Miller, Willa MacKenzie, Molly Van Appledorn, Sarah Smith, Casey Weiss

Moderator: Dr. J. Taylor Haley

Clerk: Linda Jawson

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jawson, Clerk of Session

CLERK OF SESSION'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of January 1, 2021:

Active Roll	229
Affiliate Roll:	2
Inactive Roll:	30

Additions in 2021:

Profession of Faith:	+9
Letter of Transfer:	0

Losses in 2021:

Deaths:	-8
Transfers:	0
Moved to Inactive Roll:	0
Withdrawn by Request:	0

***Member Deaths in 2021:** James Knudson, Carolyn Philips, Aubrey Kroner, Edward Winga, Barbara Gilles, Mildred Freng, John Ness, Dave Klinge*

Pastoral Activities in 2021:

Weddings:	1
Child Baptisms:	3
Adult Baptisms:	1
Funerals:	9 (NOTE: 3 funerals were for non-members)

Present Membership as of January 26, 2022:

Active Roll:	230
Affiliate Roll:	2
Inactive Roll:	30