

FROM THE PASTOR continued:

drey, just turned 12 and is in the 6th grade. She loves to draw, is a good swimmer and a good student. My son, Lawson Condrey, is 9 and is in the 4th grade. He loves sports, plays Little League baseball, is in Scouts and will talk to anyone who is interested. Allen is a wonderfully supportive partner, and he will appreciate any help in finding employment. They are all constant examples of God's grace in my life.

Again, I can't wait to get up there and to get started. We covet your prayers during this transition time. Happy New Year, and we will see y'all soon.

- Susan Poole Solomon

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

The Session is very pleased to announce that an Interim Pastor was hired on March 22, 2021. The position has actually been filled with a team consisting of Reverend Ed Townsend, Reverend Naomi Kelly, and Steve Vance. They will start on May 1 and most likely end on December 31, 2021.

Many of you will recall Ed serving as our Interim Pastor for much of 1993-95, between John Preston's retirement and Susan Solomon's start in January, 1996. Ed retired from the Three Steeples United Church in Paris, NY, and recently served as Interim at First Presbyterian Church in Cooperstown. He lives in Waterville. Reverend Kelly lives in Old Forge and has substituted for us numerous times the past few years. Steve Vance provides Pulpit Supply in the Presbytery of Utica and lives in Lowville.

The team's responsibility will be helping the congregation to prepare for new, long-term pastoral leadership. They will be facilitating both a large group and a small group discernment process (read more about this in Naomi's Twins article). The team will provide worship leadership (all 3), emergency visitation, moderating Session (Ed), weddings, funerals, administering the sacraments, limited/occasional office hours, and coordination with other staff.

There will be additional details in the month ahead and in the May Twins.

Session eagerly anticipates the next eight months of new experiences and study, and of hearing from three worship leaders each month. We hope that you share in our anticipation.

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