

Council report: Council continues to meet regularly to discuss the matters of our church. Almost all the members are present at most meetings and there is always a spirit of cooperation. The following is a summary of some matters that were discussed and some decisions that were made: 1. The standing committees report regularly to council and the Search Committee has been reporting at every meeting. We thank them for their diligence and we pray that in God's time we will once again have a lead pastor to lead us in worship and to shepherd our congregation. 2. There have been some membership changes. The membership of Steven Doesburg was transferred in from Community CRC of Dixon's Corners. Siena Dean was accepted as a professing member and we rejoice with that profession. The sacrament of baptism was approved for Elias Staal, son of Stuart and Sarah. 3. Since the attendance has been declining at the annual New Year's Eve services and since NYE is on a Monday this year, it was decided to have the traditional New Year's Eve service on Sunday morning, December 30. In this way most members of the congregation will participate in the NYE service. This worship service will be similar to the NYE services of the past with a time of reflection of the past year and with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The New Year's Day service will be held at 10:00 on January 1, as in the past. 3. Some financial matters were discussed and they will be addressed at the fall congregational meeting. 4. The procedure of choosing new officebearers has been under discussion. An ad hoc committee was formed and a report will be attached to the agenda for the congregational meeting. 5. After one of the members of our congregation was hospitalized and then returned home, it was learned that the family received very little help from the congregation or from their own family. A discussion will be held at the congregational meeting to address how we can better help each other when a need arises. Council covets your prayers as we continue to lead this congregation.