

The Bell and Clock Tower in the center of the Village is a gift from Marietta Pickering Hay, daughter of Captain Augustus Pickering. Born in Sackets Harbor in 1831, she was a generous spirit who left an enduring legacy for her hometown. After Sackets Harbor's disastrous fire in 1899, she directed that the present Tower be built to house a library and ten chimes, as a gift to the "dear little Village of Sackets Harbor".

For over a century, the Tower's illuminated clock and chimes have rung out the hour; the bells have celebrated holidays, graduations, weddings, and otherwise marked the lives of residents. Many eager visitors have climbed the spiral staircase to see the panoramic view of Village rooftops, the 1812 Battlefield, and gleaming Lake Ontario.

But years of harsh weather have taken their toll on the Tower, damaging the masonry and threatening its structural integrity. Restoration efforts are now underway, initiated by the Sackets Harbor United Presbyterian Church, the honored stewards of the Tower and bells.

Preserving a Landmark... Sustaining a Legacy





The Bell & Clock Tower RESTORATION PROJECT Sackets Harbor, New York

### Please consider a gift TOWER RESTORATION CAMPAIGN SUPPORT FORM



#### The Goal for the Tower Restoration Campaign Is \$300,000

We thank Northern New York Community Foundation for offering a generous \$25,000 matching grant to donations from the community !

#### PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR TOWER CREW BY PLEDGING TO ONE OF THESE LEVELS:

Marietta's Legacy — \$15,000

- Tower Sentry \$10,000
- Bell Ringer \$5,000
- Time Keeper \$2,500
- Brick Layer \$500Mason Tender \$250

Stair Climber —- \$1,000

Mortar Mixer — \$100

#### Yes! We/I pledge a gift to the Tower Campaign in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_

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#### Online donations may be made at: www.nnycf.org/giving/donate-online or www.restoreshtower.org

Checks may be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation Memo: UPCSH Tower Restoration Fund Mail to: Northern New York Community Foundation 131 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601 United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor (UPCSH) Memo: UPCSH Tower Restoration Fund Mail to: United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor PO Box 138, Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

If you wish to support this effort with a gift of appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.), please contact the NNY Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110

I would like to learn how I can support the Tower's future in my will or legacy plans

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# WHY THE TOWER MUST BE REPAIRED

Over the last 121 years, the brick facade of the bell tower, consisting of kiln-fired soft clay bricks and lime based mortar, has withstood extreme temperature variations and the powerful winds off Lake Ontario. The wind driven snow and rain have infiltrated deep into the tower walls, causing the mortar to deteriorate and the clay bricks to expand and spall. Continuous thermal expansion and contraction of the steel supports has resulted in a crack in the concrete belfry floor. The tower is stable now, and no restrictions are placed on the tower or bells, but expert repair is needed.

The Church has been a faithful steward of this iconic landmark. Structural assessments have been completed and in 2020, an eminent restoration company began repairs. The Church congregation funded \$150,000 for this initial work, secured grants, and made financial commitments of another \$150,000 for significant repairs in 2021.

We appeal to you, our friends and neighbors, to help with a monetary contribution towards our goal of an additional \$300,000. Our giving levels provide recognition, and any amount is graciously appreciated.

Go to www.restoreshtower.org for a detailed discussion of the restoration project, photographs, and a progress report on the tower repairs. A history of the tower, and stories about the colorful local people associated with the tower can be found there too.



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