

I am thankful that so many are praying for all of our membership and our activities. The understanding is that GOD IS DOING A NEW THING and we are trying to be up to snuff on sound and video production and copyright for any music we use. Our viewer audience is up again; that is good. Once more I am so thankful that so many have opted to mask and in general be safe as we gather in person.

KROGER monies, I wonder, could we designate that for MISSIONS? Once more it is a matter of inviting more of our membership and/or friends and family to engage with the KROGER program. This Council could decide on which mission activity they would like KROGER monies to go to.

Personal visitations continue and phone visits as well. Our elders amaze me with great attitudes, stamina, even energy. It continues to be true that if you want anything done, ask a busy person and they will most likely get it done.

Sharlene's passing was not a surprise but her family did think she had a couple more weeks to live. Sharlene's not getting back to their home with Hospice there was the biggest shock. Darrel, as he puts it shuffles/wobbles but can still manage. It is already a month since Sharlene died, so hard to believe. Darrel never was a church person until he and Sharlene met and I hope the membership will visit and include him.

The Conference had Vitality Day today on *How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You Are Going*. The presenter/author is actually from Troy, MI and her base for her book was local churches of over 200 in their membership. No matter, there is always something to be learned at any conference. It was a 9-4:00 ZOOM.

While Tyler was able to be with us he made a complete set of training videos so that other's can learn the technology. To date we have one high school student, Mia, operating the system and other's we are sure will step up so that there can be a rotation of tech operators. Also, Price wants to get a choir going using background accompaniment with words on the screen soon. Even if there are only two participants, it will be a start.

Eastern Association meets twice monthly and any zooms per the conference are available to any who want to listen once they are posted on the Conference site and our website as Ron puts any communication from the Conference up regularly. March 2 is Ash Wednesday and Lent begins. I have borrowed a scripture study for use if anybody wants to take it on and lead it. One had wanted to do it, but I'm not sure if she is able at this time. Our building needs to be used, space rented out, maybe a night for prayer other than on Sunday, OR even coming in and doing walking within the Sanctuary. The footing would be level and safe and keeping

within six feet of another would be easy and for the brave ones, they could include steps. Actually, Jack walks the building anytime he is with me. By the way I always put the front outside lights on when I am in the building.

Price wants to schedule an evening for choir and he is willing if only 2 participate. It is a beginning.

A special thanks to Hope who took on the initiative of 'hanging the greens' and then getting everything down and put away with the assistance of the membership. The building looked beautiful. Christmas Eve was especially beautiful: a community praying in song just can't be beat and always the lighting of the candles and singing Silent Night is an absolutely beautiful way to begin Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
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