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Pastor's Report



Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel new MI Conference Minister
You will know her from our Still Speaking prayers.

I'm impressed as to how this community of faith comes together in prayer when needed. We rallied with prayer support for the Porrett family and Glen and family felt the love and support. We are what we say we are as Christians. We walk it and don't just talk it.

Once again in February we had songs for the month and you may have noticed that for worship there is a concerted effort to have a contemporary song, a traditional hymn, and a spirit-like song prior to the Gospel. This week we will introduce a song from the 1980's but I think it will be picked up easily and that many will like it especially for Transfiguration Sunday. *Shine Jesus Shine*: I sent a video to the people who usually come in person and everyone seems to like it. I am not a liturgical police person in that every song must go along with the readings and if notified of songs that have been missed or wanted will be included. One person from on-line got back to me and said that song was the theme of her four day retreat a few years back.

For Lent, I would like your input on this, how about we include Psalms. There are Psalms in the back of our Hymnal but they don't always have to be sung they can be recited in a right/left fashion. The Psalms are the prayerbook of the bible and we might all want to be better acquainted with those prayers. Psalms haven't been included for some time. The question: would you like them included for Lent?

On the same issue of Worship: What is your preference regarding Ash Wednesday? At the most recent pastors meeting it was the general consensus that folks tend to think of Ash Wednesday as a Catholic 'thing' even though the practice for all Christians has been around since the 10th Century and was not an issue during or since the Reformation. The 'drive-by' two years ago had some 20 come by from the neighborhood, one from the local church. A Drive-By as an option to meet our neighbors is the question OR Worship experience inside?

Many of the offered podcasts of late have been mentioning that there are many, because of work situations, who can never attend worship in person on a Sunday and serious consideration be given to another time and day. The podcasts were suggesting close to the weekend so the Sunday Gospel could be done but with more praise included. The two weeks we've tried so far have been extremes in weather. Price is willing to come in for these: actually I thought maybe we would

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have to use CD music but he is more than willing to be there. These will not be on facebook. Walking at 6:00 is open to any.

Rise UCC Romeo is officially in Covenant with the Association. First Congregational UCC Romeo is no more. Respectfully Submitted, Katie Dailey, Pastor