

2022 May Pastor's Report

Our Members in home-away-from-home are doing as well as can be expected. Unfortunately Joyce Townsend fell and broke her wrist just before she moved across the street to Assisted Living rather than the Memory Loss rehab. In Assisted Living there will be a lot more stimulation and activity. Lucille, at MediLodge is a chatter box but Joyce says little. Joe Burkhart can't talk and Bob Rybarczyk sleeps most of the time.

In-Our-Thoughts-and-Prayers gets sent out regularly so you are informed and some send cards to some or make phone calls to those you haven't seen for a long time.

Volunteers stepped up to make the cakes for Armada as they hosted MCREST. Jack Dailey, Terri Verlinde, Chris Hensch, Pat Fenton, Donna Cockrill, Kim Schrote, Lucia Marshall, and Lynn Dunsmore made cakes. Two days of breakfast was also provided: pancakes from Kim Schrote, and French Toast from Lynn Dunsmore.

Price Smith is on Retreat but will be back this Sunday, May 22. I suggest we send a hanging basket to **Linda Malan** for substituting for Price. Helen has her address. She plays as her worship to God, but I think a little something is in order.

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Last week I took in Gareth Higgins an Irish Storyteller for continuing education. Our MI Conference lists any zoom meetings and presentations in the Friday Correspondence and anyone can access those.

The Festival of Homiletics is this week and I am doing the on-line edition. It is always a great happening with the best of worship and preaching.

Because it is Mental Health Awareness Month I've tried to include information in the GRIND and also on the Voice Mails. Since COVID there has been a drastic increase of mental illness in all its forms but especially with our young people.

Price attended the Richmond High School Culinary Arts luncheon on April 29 so he actually had an opportunity to meet some of the staff and the superintendent. Hopefully, this will lead to some students who will do service hours with our technology. Mia graduates next week so we don't know how long she will be willing to stay on prior to her going to Oakland University.

A Celebration of Life for Nieves Nehring will take place on May 27, at 2:00 and there is a Baptism for the baby of the grandson of Jim Weeks on June 5.

I hope the males appreciate hearing a male voice once in a while when I forward a sermon done by usually someone I know OR one that simply seemed like one that would be appreciated. It is good to hear another's viewpoint so unless I get a complaint I will continue to do so and I do include a Christian Ed attachment each weekend that gets posted on our website. It does get sent to Joselyn, and some of the others who have grandchildren. I have no idea if anyone looks at those.. The simplified sermon goes out to would be Confirmation kids - - - Doris Anne's grandsons, Carissa, Joselyn for Kaleb. Sometimes the adults like that one better and I usually highlight things everyone should know about.

The Eastern Association has an outdoor worship at the East China Park on Sunday at 10:00. Apparently it is a great place for kids to play. It's been posted for any who don't care to gather indoors. In the past there was an Eastern Association May gathering with a speaker on a Saturday.

Respectfully Submitted, Katie Dailey