

We now have 3 in MediLodge, Lucille T, Joe B, and Bob R, so a visit there makes it easy to see others - - - If anyone stops by to say hello to Lucille, please note that 2:00 is her BINGO time and it is important to her to participate.

Hank Schroeder is easy to visit with and with this warm unseasonal weather he walks and any can walk with him. He is a great communicator. We have two looking to surgery in the New Year, Karen and Sandy. Amy and Sharlene continue with treatment.

Shannon Vivona has committed to a 3-year term and Pat Fenton says she will give it a go, but if after a year she doesn't feel she can contribute we have Lynn Dunsmore and Pam Green considering Church Council. The interest is there. The desire to move and grow is there. The three-year term probably needs looked at; a three-year commitment is difficult.

Hope organized the 'hanging of the greens', thank you Hope. Everything looks beautiful. The Jazz Service was appreciated and the link afterwards even more appreciated. How nice it would have been if everyone who came in person had invited one other. I, for one, never visited a church unless I was personally invited. That is how I came upon the UCC, personal invite. - - -

I confide in and go over ideas with four but each says, how do we get young people? I'm wondering is that really our desire? It would seem we are an empty-nester church. Based on my perspective the youth including younger heads of households with children are just too busy with school and activities to commit to anything other than school, sports, things appropriate to their age. Many haven't realized that those associations will never get them through tough times.

For what it's worth, someone reminded me that they stay here because we aren't Kensington or Rock like church. We sing hymns, in some ways we honor tradition. To that I responded that maybe we worship the past and the past is gone, we need to move forward, honor some from before but realize that since the pandemic so much

has changed and we must also. Things will never be as they were and actually was that all so good? So many have never invited anyone to pray with us - - - see it as stepping over the boundary - - - well, it is time.

I've noted that sometimes we don't have everything for Council, should we consider having Helen come to the office on the day of council so that materials that aren't in by Tuesday can be added? Except for Romeo, the other Eastern Association secretaries are back to regular hours. Romeo has cut their secretary down to one day.

Terri and Steve, thank you for serving your terms and your input. See you in the sanctuary as we gather to be the church, the body of Christ in the world. Terri Verlinde and her son were in for the Jazz service (new but, former faces and her mother Yvonne was contacted and invited, so that is how she came). Like I stated, personal invite.

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