

Pastor Katie Report

DMA's COM [Detroit Metro Association & Committee on Ministry] have exposed me to different people and a really different COM. It is all positive. General Synod, even as I accessed only on line, was good and hearing the discussions on the Resolutions was enlightening in that debate and discussion was from all ages and our young professionals at Synod are really up and informed individuals. Anyone can access the National UCC site to listen to any of the discussions. Individual workshops are not accessible. It is good to know about National as well as what our MI Conference is doing. You can go on and be informed via the Synod or some of the web and on-line things at any time.

Our MI Conference has First Wednesday's at Noon with the Conference Minister and that is available for any and available on line via the recorded session if you don't access live. July's first Wednesday was preparation for synod and August was about the Mitten Project and the five year grant the Conference has to learn all about integrating worship for all ages. Lawrence Richardson offered a first session about technology including how to improve websites. Pictures and visual illustrations are really eye-catchers. His workshop is also on line via MI Conference. He lifted up a Chicago UCC and the St. Clair sites as good models.

Visitations via phone and in person continue and the Communion visits are either the day before or day after our Communion Sunday. The Baptism on July 27 was joyful and full of smiles. Afterwards, I made a visit to Jim Weeks so he could see some of the pics of his great-grandson's Baptism. He was delighted.

Snail mail goes out to our shut-ins on Tuesday's. Snail includes a first draft of the Sunday sermon and the Grind.

For personal growth I continue with an accountability group of pastors, and a monastic group, and my spiritual director, each once a month.

Our MI Annual Meeting is October 3-4 in Southfield. I have already registered and as always we can have delegates and anyone can come and participate. The Newsletter from the Conference has all the information about how to register and cost.

I thank all of you for all you do on Church Council and remind you that IF you happen to see those who are on the rotation for lawn care, give them a big thumbs up and thanks. Our Memorial Garden is looking great thanks to Terry Hunger and generous sunlight.
Respectfully submitted, Pastor KatieD+