

December 2023 Pastor Report

The Eastern Association **COM** [Committee on Ministry] meets regularly but at present there are few **MID's** [Members in Discernment] so there is not much business on the agenda. Port Huron, Adair, New Baltimore, and St. Clair are doing pastor search at this time. The Meeting was on a Monday in November, actually the 27th, because of Thanksgiving. Local Churches are opting to have part-time pastors so fewer are interested in Ordination because to be full time means part-time in two or more local faith communities.

Eastern Association Pastors met on December 14. We are so few in number at present that it is more a social interaction until there are more 'sitting pastors'. Michelle Brown joins in even though she is not interested in pastoring, just doing pastor supply. Cheryl Burke from the MI Conference is usually in attendance, me, sometimes Doyle from Armada, and sometimes Dave from Imlay City. Dick, who in Port Huron, jumps in on the Association meeting still, even though he has moved on.

Those on our list for snail mail look forward to the weekly communication, Hank Schroeder and Jim Weeks stay in contact when possible. It is difficult for Henry/Hank as his hearing is so bad and Hope and Tim could use a break once in a while.

Lucia is still a social butterfly, but her age is showing. As she indicated, I just fall asleep often. Joyce Townsend just loves it in Romeo and looks forward to getting snail mail and mail from other's as well.

Jackie is doing good since her heart surgery but living in Fraser now will make it just about impossible to worship with us. Karen is in rehab at Royal Oak Beaumont: she's got a long road to recovery. I get over to Royal Oak to see her on Friday's.

If you noticed the God is Still Speaking on our facebook, Kevin Batchelder who will sing on Christmas Eve designed it. He's really good at design and has given days he is available to assist with worship. He is interested in making the church grow. He has done the Anthem at Ford Field and he does play guitar. What is really great is that he lives in Richmond. He is not interested in being music minister, just helping out. At least that is how he feels at present.

The four weeks of Advent Study with follow up power points has been made available. Because Isaiah has been the First Reading all month, it is on the Prophet Isaiah; the power point is the review after the teaching.

Personal notes have been sent to the families that have been in and back on occasion and to a few who sent in Christmas donations.

Respectfully submitted, Katie Dailey, in process