

Pastor Report October 2023

I have tried to limit Chaplaincy visits to the week of Communion Sunday only because pastoring isn't Chaplaincy only. I make myself available if there is a special call and need to address; otherwise the Communion Visits are within the week of Communion Sunday.

Because we are so small, and because things are available on line, there is no sense trying to re-invent the wheel. VERSES on Tuesday evenings offered by a church in VA is fun and stimulating and I am so happy that some from the community are engaging in this and finding out they know more Scripture than they thought. It is done along the lines of Jeopardy.

Also, because we are small, having speakers in is costly BUT that does not limit us to information, For example, a community in Bloomfield Hills had Rabbi Mark Miller speak about the conflict in Israel. It is very informative but long [an hour] and I did send to those who seem to want to entertain more interesting topics. This discussion can be sent to any other's who are interested OR one can look up Christ Church Cranbrook with Rabbi Mark Miller on October 15.

The ZOOM on Part-time is Enough was EXCELLENT

The Eastern Association's Fall Meeting with other Associations proved to have great break-out sessions. I had the pleasure to be with some of the folks from Covenant Association in my break-out sessions. If, after a year, the Eastern Association dissolves, it will good to be with Covenant and share in studies offered. Eastern Association did not have enough of the clergy or members present to vote on anything. Seven local churches of the Eastern Association were not represented.

Eastern Association pastors monthly meeting continues to have only Michelle Brown who is Pastor Supply only, Dave from Imlay City, once in a while Doyle zooms in from Armada and Kim Newport from home, Dick who was from Port Huron and is now with the Covenant Association attends, and Cheryl Burke from the Conference. and me.

St. Clair has an Interim, **Adair** just runs their own ship and there has been no installation of a pastor but a member is serving in pastor capacity, **Casco** and **Marine City** with Ken just don't participate in anything, **New Baltimore has an Interim. Port Huron has Pastor Supply.**

The UCC Conference Annual Meeting is on October 28 in Grand Rapids with Claire Bamberg, PhD presenting but it is an in-person gathering only. There will be an option to view on line but not vote on anything.

James Curtis Beck, age 31, will be Baptized here on October 22. It is wonderful to share the experience with one who has made this decision on his own. He is a Corrections Officer at a State Prison in New Hampshire but he asked for Baptism here because his Mom and five siblings all live in Michigan.

We will remember our 'saints' on November 5 and the scroll of names on power point will be posted all of November. Some names have already been sent to email so they can be put onto the powerpoint. A reminder is on facebook to encourage people to send in the names.

Henry Schroeder will be 94 on Halloween: maybe some cards could be sent. His enjoyment comes from watching the Lions and he is looking forward to a 5th generation child that is to arrive on his birthday.

To date nothing has been set for the three local churches: us, First United Methodist, and Trinity Lutheran for a Thanksgiving Service. It is usually First Methodist that offers the Thanksgiving Prayer. Remembering that Sunhwa has two churches to serve, If she can't provide a worship I will do one on YouTube and forward to everyone.

Have an awesome and flawless day!

Respectfully submitted, Katie Dailey 10/18/2023