2023 May Pastors Report

The Eastern Association along with two other Associations had 55 participants in total. You will recall that it was on Earth Day, May 22. Henry Brinker, I know was here at Richmond for a time so all were notified of his death on April 24. His Memorial will take place at the First Congregational Church in New Baltimore on June 24, at 11:00. Pastor B was unable to serve for the last two years, coming in only once in a while on a Sunday. There has been a retired Presbyterian Ordained minister available for the last two years.

After two years of not getting Covid: I got blessed with it on April 25 [not fun].

Rise Romeo offered with Macomb County an opportunity to **Educate 2 Eradicate** on April 26. I did not hear about it until after the fact.

However this coming Saturday New Hope Full Gospel Church in New Baltimore is offering the same kind of informative day and I was assured it would not be churchy, just informative about: domestic violence, sexual assault, addiction, trafficking, and child abuse. The location for this is 51820 County Line and it is free. The Welcome begins at 9:10 and it is set up that one can come for a particular session of interest OR make a day of it until 3:00 and it does include free lunch. There is no cost for the sessions.

I met with a Richmond Officer on April 27 to assess our building safety and how to alert the community if a problem comes about. I believe he will come to a council meeting soon.

The *Trauma Informed Church* presented by Dr. Mary Crnobori was EXCELLENT. It has been made available at the Conference and was posted in the Friday mailing that comes out from the MI Conference.

I finally got to visit a tad with Henry Schroeder but he cannot hear. It is difficult for Hope and Tim but Henry is happier at their place. His daughter Julie has now recovered from a fall.

It was a pleasure to participate with other pastors for the Day of Prayer in Richmond on the first Thursday of May. Pictures were posted on our facebook. The sun was out, it was a tad chilly, but many came to participate.

The first YouTube Lesson on Acts of the Apostles went out on May 5; on May 12 it was a audio so I re-did it also as a You Tube and posted that yesterday, May 16. Those are made available on Friday so that some could actually do a Bible Study during lunch or whenever you want. The suggestion went out to read a chapter from Acts every day in May and the Friday's are the on-line lesson. What i forgot to

mention in the You Tube presentations was that Acts of the Apostles is just after the Gospels. i always forget that everyone isn't a bible Geek like me.

Met with a member on May 10, to organize her funeral [nothing in the near future, just taking care of business]. Met with Mike and Jodi Nehring on May 12 to finalize his Dad's Memorial that will take place this coming Friday, May 19.

Had a phone visit with Justin and Avery Dunsmore regarding the Baptism of Brynn on June 11. Our in-person visit will be after worship on Memorial Day weekend.

Visited with our Richmond South folks on Monday, May 15. That would be all those at East Harbor in Chesterfield Twp. Lucia Marshall is happy as a lark there and once more she gets to be lay-reader every Sunday.

This morning Helen, our secretary, let me know that she will work two days a week. She was thinking of retiring completely but I am glad she will stay on and continue with the Newsletter, Tuesday snail mail, run off for Council Meetings, and occasionally a flyer for a Memorial or Funeral.

Respectfully submitted 5/17/2023, Pastor Katie Dailey