

9/20/2023 - Pastor's report

The Memorial on August 26 for **Rocky Richardson** is probably what helped financially in August as they made a \$800 contribution to the church. It is hoped that the Richardson family will find their way to our doors again. There was a large gathering but nobody sang. Price nor I accepted a stipend for this memorial

**Good Old Days Worship** was great outside at Trinity Lutheran. Thank You Pat for representing First UCC - - - so many were busy ALL DAY at the church getting ready for the parade. None of us can be two places at once.

This mornings zoom was with the Vitality group from 10:00-12:00. Thank you Price for getting the GRANT REQUEST in. We were granted \$2000.

Thank you to **Kim and Ron** for filling in on Labor Day weekend. You both did a great job. Thank You.

We now have a 100 year old member. **Lucille Trombley** celebrated well on the actual date, September 13, and then again at Beebe Park on Friday, the 15th, and then again on Saturday at the Lenox Township Park.

The Baptism on Sunday the 17th was beautiful and Raelynn Rose wore a gown that has been worn for all the family baptisms for 70 years. Beautiful couple, child, and gown.

I decided to do a '**Pet Blessing**' out in the parking lot at noon October 1, mainly to be a presence to the community as is the Ash and Dash on Ash Wednesday. If any send in pics of their pets I will make a slide of them for worship on October 1.

I engage monthly in **The Monastic Way**, our Eastern Association Pastor's meeting, and the New Baltimore Bay Area Pastors which is very supportive and informative. The peer support is very important.

Boundary Training all day yesterday was a really good session. All Day is a tad difficult but it is really important to touch base and meet folks via zoom.

There will be a Memorial for **Sally McNinch** but it is at her sons church in Shelby Twp.

**Jim Weeks** made a visit to East Harbor Monday: he said "I will probably be there with the other's from Richmond." They refer to it as Richmond South Sr. Living.

Living alone in that big house for another winter isn't appealing and all it takes is being ready for a change. I believe he is ready.

Offerings by the Conference are available on line and many are really worth looking at. We need to be more connected to the conference and National.

12:30-1:30 today was another zoom about Heart Centered Business with Mark Silver and Gareth Higgins. Gareth is the one I went to see last Fall at the Cranbrook Church.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Katie Dailey, Pastor First UCC Richmond