

## February 2023 - Pastor's Report

At one of the meetings of late I met a 'Youth for Christ' leader. Jason is very nice, full of energy, and he meets with Richmond Youth who are interested in Bible, and not specifically church, on a regular basis on Friday at 4:00 ish at Teds. That might be information to share. Speaking of youth: Logan Northam had work done on an ankle he injured at basketball.

Our Eastern Association pastors meet regularly and will continue to do so even though some local churches do not participate. Of the ones who meet, they have actual contracts to hand out whenever someone wants to use the building, minister, musician, church hall. Only weddings reserve months in advance. Memorials for most so far have been within a month of someone's death. The one we've been asked to do in May is at the anniversary time of when the Mom's Memorial was provided. The husband of Nevus Nehring, Russ, worshiped with us until he got sick three weeks before his death.

The National office of UCC had a conference for three days of late and the links can be shared. It really is important to know what other conferences and associations are doing and to be able to identify some of the people if by no other way than a zoom picture. The majority of UCC local churches are small/rural meaning that the community size is under 25,000. Richmond is just over 5,000 residents so we are in that group, maybe not so far away from things as other rural churches that drive an hour to shop but we are considered small and rural by UCC definition.

I have attached one of the keynotes in an email to Church council members already and when you have the opportunity you might want to listen and take in some of the information. Being aware of the wider church, our MI Conference and Association are important. OCWM is mentioned in John Dorhauer's message.

The Authorized Ministers update from the conference in December was very informative and soon our MI Conference will offer a workshop on *Part-time is Enough*. Most pastors in UCC are part time and very soon the full timers will be part time as most churches have not returned to their before COVID attendance.

Fat Tuesday will be the first month anniversary of Glen Porrett's passing. Glen can be felt all over this building, and believe it, he knew the ins and outs of everything from elevator to circuit breakers, song books, and vacuum. Joe Burkhart, another, and one who served wherever he could and participated in the Eastern Association, is also dearly missed for his gentle spirit and beautiful smile.

Our members in Sr. Residences are fine but Sally McNinch has been now moved to Assisted Living rather than her independent apartment within East Harbor. I don't

have her new number as yet but she is no longer in Room 500. I will get over there before our next Newsletter goes out.

A distribution of Ashes will take place on Ash Wednesday from 11:30-1:30 here and an evening with prayer and Ash distribution at the First United Methodist Church. Good Friday Noon will again be at the Beebe Park Pavilion with Trinity Lutheran and First United Methodist and us and we will have the usual collection for The Samaritan Fund.

Kudos to Veronica on the organization and order taking for do-nuts for the day before Ash Wednesday. I meet with Katie Butler (Trinity Lutheran) & Sunhwa (First United Methodist) on February 23 regarding Lent and Good Friday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Dailey