

Pastor Report for March 17, 2024

Ash Wednesday had eight participants.

Pastor Coaching is twice a month/Vermont Coach

Enrichment: I'm a big believer in life long learning so I do go on to what is available through the Conference regularly. CONVERGENCE is the go-to group for the MI Conference. Everything is posted on Conference site so anybody can access when they have the time.

Prison Ministry Coalition is very informative.

First Wednesday's at Noon is time with the Conference Minister. The Associate Conference Minister position is now divided between two: Cheryl Burke works with the Associations and Committees on Ministry.

Lawrence T. Richardson, new to MI Conference, has Vitality. Grants, and Scholarships. Apparently there are GRANTS available for things that go bad in old buildings i.e. our plumbing issue.

Vitality met on March 12, and were presented with some surprises. Decisions made without communication to the Vitality Group came from top down. Conference leadership decided on Patrick G. Duggan as speaker for the gathering on our Good Old Day's Weekend. I've forwarded some videos of Patrick Duggan for the Church Council to view. The other date presented was for the MI Conference gathering on November 1-2. Those can be put onto calendars.

Rev. Bre Ryan on February 25 gave opportunity to hear other than me.

Locally some seek a visit from the pastor - - - most need to be called and/or visited without the invite. Our Nursing home folks seem fine and I am so thankful that Joyce Townsend still saves jokes for me - - - of course, I must screen them as all aren't acceptable for a Sunday gathering.

Snail Mail goes out on Tuesday's - - -weekend attachments are posted on Friday - - - four audio lessons on SIN, not a favorite topic, have been posted and there is a power point follow up that is really a wrap up. I've only heard from non-church people on those and on the SHORTS that go out except for one Council Member. If appreciation was expressed then I forward regularly but otherwise I don't fill up anybody's email.

Eastern Association still gathers but so few participate: Dave from Imlay City, once in a while the Armada Church Doyle who by the way will host MCREST a week EARLIER this year, Michelle Brown who only subs now and me.

Palms are ordered, Maundy Thursday will be a Christian Seder potluck, Good Friday short prayer just enough to be observant at Noon but the building will be open until 3:00 for drop by prayer and meditation. A video and soft music will be playing after the short prayer until 3:00.

Because Trinity Lutheran was so helpful in our Christmas Day Dinner, I hope some have returned the favor and offered to assist with their community meal on the 3rd Sunday's of the month.

Respectfully Submitted 3/12/2024
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