

Elder Report
July 2022

We have resumed meeting in person. We have also resumed having an Elder On Call for each month (this was curtailed during the pandemic).

We continue to make contact by phone or letter with members who are unable to attend church, due to the vulnerabilities of our older members to disease. We primarily contact members who would have received a home visit for communion before the pandemic.

We had a retreat on Saturday, June 25, which was devoted to The Lord's Prayer, as well as getting to know each other better. Zane presented a biblical study of the Prayer, including alternate translations of some of the words. We discussed more modern interpretations of the Prayer as well as the fact that it was used as an example, not a form to follow word for word every time we pray. Hopefully this will lead to a deeper congregational study and understanding of The Lord's Prayer.

Normally the Elders do not meet in the summer, but we have decided to continue monthly meetings since the church has not yet returned to full strength since the pandemic. There is a lot of outreach to be done to reconnect members of the congregation who have not yet returned to services, and many other questions right now about how to unite the church family as we make decisions for the future. Our primary purpose is to support the Spiritual Life of our congregation.

We look forward to installing some new Elders in the Fall, particularly because we have lost some to illness and unavoidable life events.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Ivy, Chair