

Report of the Senior Pastor  
February 1 - 28, 2009

In addition to my regular duties, preaching, and teaching I had the particularly sad duty to officiate at the funeral of our brother Terry Bush. Terry's illness was quite unexpected and the family were left to make some very difficult medical decisions. It was a privilege, yet very sobering, to be invited by the family to meet with them and their doctors and to minister to them in one of life's most trying times.

I met with nine people for spiritual direction and was engaged in sixty-four significant pastoral conversations.

Trinity was host to the Lower Susquehanna Synod's Candidacy Retreat. The theme was "Dealing with Transitions in the Life of the Pastor and the Church." I was one of a number of pastors and professionals called upon to mentor groups and facilitate discussions.

As you know I serve on the Quality Assurance - Performance Improvement Committee for Hospice of Central Pennsylvania. The committee met this month and reviewed the care provided to the current patients and families being cared for.

But the highlight of the month had to be the Mardi Gras Celebration we held to raise funds for Christian Churches United, the social service agency we support. What a great evening. Kudos to all those involved who provided us with a truly spectacular evening. We danced our hearts out and, right at the end, Christine Crist almost swept me off my feet. A wonderful evening of faith, fun and fellowship was had by all.

Respectfully submitted.