

Report of the Senior Pastor  
September 11 - October 11, 2009

In addition to my regular duties: preaching; teaching; and attending meetings, I had significant conversations with 34 members of the congregation. I met with three people for spiritual direction, officiated at one baptism, two weddings, and two funerals.

On Sunday, September 13, I gave the keynote address at the 9/11 Memorial Service held at the Firemen's Memorial on Front Street, Harrisburg. The event, my presence, and the name of Trinity are reported in the current Pennsylvania Firefighters Magazine. The memorial service, the speeches, and the laying of the wreaths were very impressive. All present were invited back to the Harrisburg Fire Museum for refreshment and a guided tour of the facility. The museum is well worth a visit if you have not yet been there.

Barbara and I were guests at the Women of Trinity Dinner where Chuck and Bonnie Armstrong made a presentation, with digital photographs, reporting the tour of Israel and Petra. Their presentation was informative and excellently presented.

Kudos to Tim Koch for the Festival of Key boards. The pianists were outstanding and they played to an almost full house. Those in attendance were amazed at the players virtuosity.


I received a postcard from Dr. Ehrling and Rev. John Spangler, our guest preachers on Seminary Sunday. They were very appreciative of the hospitality extended to them by Trinity and the staff.

Similar thanks were expressed by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Schori, and the local Episcopal Bishop, Nathan Baxter. In accord with the ministerial agreement we have with the Episcopalian Church I was suitably attired and con-celebrated the Eucharist with the bishops and Bishop Charlie McNutt.

I presided over my last staff retreat where schedules were set to run through the end of February 2010. The next staff retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010, and will be presided over by the Interim Senior Pastor.

In the meantime, I have been busy with the initiation and completion of the official paperwork which comes along with retirement. It seems as though everything is now required months in advance of the actual event. I am also working through dismantling the contents of my office. It is my intent to have my office/study space cleared by December 11, 2009. This may seem early but with the real possibility of the Interim Senior Pastor starting the first week in January and given the timing of Christmas and New Year the December date is necessary to allow for refurbishing of the space.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason H. ...", is written below the text "Respectfully submitted,".