

**Report of  
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November seemed to have just arrived when all of a sudden it was over. So many things took place during this month.

Let me begin with saying I feel very fortunate to have been able to preach on both All Saints weekend and Christ the King. Both of those messages appear to be well received, if I am to believe all those who spoke positively to me about them. That is my main goal in preaching: to get people to think and talk about their faith.

Pastor Liz & I were able to attend the quarterly Preaching Perspective at the ULS Gettysburg campus. This session was lead by ULS new assistant professor of biblical studies, Dr. Crystal Hall. She was very engaging, and gave us all a lot to think about.

In other educational endeavors, I lead the Tuesday Bible Study in a look at Solomon, and met with the Affirmation of Baptism class to talk about the Gospels.

On a tech related front, we have officially moved our server to MS Server 2016. We installed the new server earlier this year. We choose to go with a larger machine that was then divided into virtual servers, thus eliminating the need for several different, actual machines. We wanted to be careful in our process, so decided to bring the new server online with the same OS that the many different machines were running. Once we determined all was working to our satisfaction, we went ahead with bring the new machine up to the latest server OS. The next step in the process will be to identify/verify the various cable routings and connections around the building and in the computer room. That is tentatively scheduled for the week after Christmas.

I was asked to do a House Blessing for George & Becky Enney. They recently moved to Chestnut street, and for the third time in my years at Trinity, I took part in a house blessing. It was a fun and joyful affair.

Dan Reed and I were joined by many turkey carvers this year for the annual Thanks and Giving dinner. Our small crew made short work of twelve turkeys (with only minor quality control checks throughout).

All three pastors took part in the Family Advent "Keepsake Christmas" event. Families got to make nativity scenes, all in attendance were encouraged to have a photo with Saint Nicholas. And there was some wonderful narration by Rick Sten, along with personal stories from Mary, Joseph, and The Angel.

There were a few other things I took part in, but I believe I have hit most of the high spots.

I hope you all have a joyous Advent Season!

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock