

## **Report of Pastor of Engagement**

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Obviously, things have changed dramatically at Trinity in the last month. I am working from home most days with a few trips into Trinity. This transition has been difficult for this extrovert, but I am thankful for the technology that keeps me connected to the other staff members. I love collaboration and working with other people so working from home has posed some issues, but ministry is still happening, even if it is at a distance. The staff is still holding weekly staff meetings and ministry meetings via Teams and Zoom. While it has been challenging, it has also been exciting to see how Trinity can adapt to the situation.

### **Missions and Community Outreach Ministries:**

From the outset of this situation, I emailed the Community Outreach Ministry and Missions teams. I wanted to know how we might continue serving in this new reality. I asked these teams to consider how Trinity might continue our service ministries. I received several emails from team members about the important work still happening at these partner organizations, especially those related to hunger. Additionally, our Missions team is hoping to continue to support the Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer, Cassandra Singh-Hueter, whose year of service has been cut short because of Covid-19, by sending her cards and emails. She and all short-term missionaries were brought home to the States in March.

### **Serving and Connecting During Covid-19:**

Through conversations with Trinity members, it became clear that people were hungry for connection and still wanted to feel like they were serving others. I brought together a group of volunteers who have been calling Trinity's at-home members. Several weeks ago, I talked with Chris Miller at Camp Hill Emergency Operations; they asked for volunteers to pick up groceries for members of our community who can't leave their homes. In collaboration with

Faith Formation, we are serving our at-home members through coloring and cards made by children of our congregation.

I've enjoyed doing my daily check-ins on Facebook Live. This media has given me the opportunity to talk about what's going on in my mind and a chance to preach a little gospel into this world. It has been a fun and powerful way to connect with members of our Trinity family. Our ministry online will continue and expand after Covid-19. I've been a part of conversations about how we can continue to utilize these tools.

**On a personal note:**

This time has also been stressful for me and my fiancé, Kyle. Our wedding was planned for May 2. Covid-19 has dramatically changed our wedding plans. In addition to shuffling things around in our work lives, we were forced to shuffle things around for our wedding. As the situation with Covid-19 quickly changed so did our wedding plans. We are still getting married May 2, just not how we had planned. It'll be a small ceremony with our families. Thank you to everyone who has reached out and offered their support. We really appreciate all of you!