

**Report of  
Pastor for Parish Life  
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Can we just let it go unsaid that these are weird times we are living through? I do indeed hope you all are doing well, staying as safe and healthy as can be.

Life at Trinity continues forward. Like the in-person weekend worship, we have begun in-person educational opportunities. The Pastors Thursday Bible Study, lead primarily by Pastor Horner, but ably assisted by Pastor Frey and myself, has started. So, too, has the Men Tuesday Bible Study. Unlike the Thursday Bible study, which meets at Trinity to be streamed later in the day, the Tuesday group is meeting once again at Brothers Family Dining in Mechanicsburg. Both groups are much smaller in number, however they receive a fair number of views (we had eight in attendance for the Tuesday study, when we normally get 12-16. Add, though, the nine views of the online video, and we got a slightly larger group than usual).

We have continued to have weddings, funerals, and baptisms. Each has been a bit different than what we might have had pre-covid. We learning to be if nothing else, flexible in meeting the faith needs of our congregation. Even our Affirmation of Baptism this year - for many years, we have celebrated with those youth on the first Saturday in June. We were still under lock-down at that point. Instead, we moved the event to the afternoon of Reformation Sunday. Most of the youth and families were willing to come out, and it was a joyous time of worship. I feel special thanks need to go out to Peter Fox and Adrienne Brady for the great job they did this past year in getting these young students through this faith-building year.

Looking forward, we have done worship theme planning all the way to Ash Wednesday. We have a plan on how to handle Christmas Eve worship. And, most importantly, we trust that God will continue to guide us in all we do, as individual, as a staff, and as a congregation.

God's peace,  
Pastor John Brock