

## **Report of the Lead Pastor for October 2020**

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

November 10, 2020

Baptisms: none

Funerals: Gerald Tome 10/9

Weddings: none

### **Pet Blessing**

We had a pet blessing on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Commemoration of St. Francis. 12 dogs and a cat socially distanced for prayers and blessing.

### **Spiritual Retreat**

I went to the Lutheran monastery, St. Augustine's House, in Oxford, Michigan from 10/19-10/23. Another wonderful retreat to think, pray and read. A special place.

### **In-person worship**

Our in-person worship continues to go well though we have not seen any significant increase in attendance. Online is up from last month.

Total average attendance this month was 769.

Saturday 5 p.m.	30
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Sunday Traditional 11 a.m.	62
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Sunday Contemporary 11 a.m.	58
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Online Worship	619
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### **Podcast development**

The pastors are still working with Danelle and Kelly to develop a regular podcast.

### **Webinar**

Many staff members participated in the Cary Nieuwhof webinar on Online Church engagement on 10/8. It was very helpful as we continue to navigate this new world. There were a number of takeaways. The model of trying to attract people into the building where ministry happens must shift to trying to engage people where they are, including through social media. Engaging churches will have a bigger impact than those that gather people in the future he predicts. Congregations need to be intentional in relationship building and connecting through whatever means is available to them. Don't be afraid to experiment. Online is the new normal.

### **Outings**

I participated in two golf outings. Camp Hill Lions Club 10/12 and Trinity's Chase for the Chalice 10/24. Great to be out with community and congregation members.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jack Horner