

**Report of
Pastor for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
September 2021**

September was spent primarily gearing up for all the fall events. As we bring the IKEA Church series to a close, we have hopefully brought some attention to the congregation as to getting folks involved beyond Sunday mornings. I know all three of the pastors have been stiving to get that point across in our messages.

We will soon be resuming Affirmation of Baptism, additional Adult Faith Formation classes, and Bible Studies (I have already restarted the Men's Tuesday Morning Study out at Brother's Restaurant in Mechanicsburg. We're looking at the Letter to the Ephesians). Of course, we have begun Season Two of our podcast, *Good Things Come in Threes*. I was able to complete, as well, the Every Member Prayer list for final quarter 2021.

I dealt with pastoral care issues, including talking with one of our members whose former-member child had died. I, along with Pastor Liz, was able to attend the service for that former member. I had good email discussion with one of our members about interpreting scripture. And I was able to do a hospital visit with some members. Pastor Liz and I were also able to attend the September meeting of the Cumberland Conference. Our West Shore Conference expanded, inviting in the approximately four full time pastors of the West Cumberland Conference. So our conference now, geographically, covers all of Cumberland County.

Of course, as the pastors all strive to catch up on our vacation time, we do our best to accommodate each other. That will become especially apparent in October, as we all, at one point or another, will be gone for a bit. I was able to get away myself for a few days, and enjoyed some relaxing times in the Finger Lake area. I also had the opportunity to attend a performance of "Scared Scriptless," with Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood (both from the TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?").

God's peace,

Pastor John Brock