

**Report of
Ministry Director for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
November, 2017**

From a worship perspective, I presided:

Traditional	4
Contemporary	4
Saturday	3

I preached and presided:

Saturday	1
Thursday	2
Funeral	1

Ray Seaman

I preached:

Traditional	2
Contemporary	2

Pastor Horner and finished up our Sup n Study course on the Reformation. The session this season seemed to go well. I had two opportunities to teach at Affirmation of Baptism classes: one on the New Testament, & one on Baptism. I also lead two of the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study sessions (two, because I am out of town in December when my regular rotation comes around).

I had a couple of counseling sessions that were also educational. We have a member who has a child that has recently identified as homosexual. Unfortunately, some other Trinity members attempted to tell this parent that their child was no longer loved by Gd. I emphasized to our member, as I emphasize to all of you, that such theology is patently not supported by scripture. Gd loves us, regardless of our gender, orientation, political affiliation, economic status, eye color, worship preference - there is nothing that can separate us from the Love of Gd.

Along those lines, I have recently begun to read more about Pelagius. He was an Irish monk in the fourth century, and a contemporary of Augustine. Unfortunately for Pelagius, he got on Augustine's bad side, and has since be labeled as a heretic. However, after reading my Celtic daily devotionals, he comes across as a rather progressive theologian. As in, Pelagius felt that women were not responsible for original sin. So I'm delving into what little is available of his theology, and I'll keep you all informed.

Nancy martin, Paul Hensel & I have been working on various computer issues and difficulties. We are looking at getting a new server, that will hopefully combine/eliminate some of our various other computers. We are also in the process of upgrading other parts of our network, all with the end result of having WiFi run faster, and our system work better.

And I was able to take part once again with the Thanks and Giving celebration. Dan Reed, Alan Holmes and I joined together in “carving” ten turkeys. We did have to do quality control throughout our time.

As always, I’ve visited with folks in hospital, here in at Trinity, and in their homes.

Since I’ll be enjoying a few days vacation during the December Council Meeting, I do hope the meeting goes quickly, is productive, and filled with grace.

God’s peace

Pastor John Brock