

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

Worship

Presided:

Traditional	2
Contemporary	5
Saturday	4

Preached and presided:

Saturday	1
Healing	1
Funeral	2
Joyce Leaman	
Chuck Roy	
Memorial	1
Pearl Weaver	

Preached:

Traditional	2
Contemporary	2

Special Christmas Eve

preside: 2P, 8:30P
assist with communion distribution: 4P

Christmas Day:

preach	1
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Baptism

Finn Gift	23 December
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This past December was, for me, simultaneously both a joyous and somber time.

I entered the Season of Advent with a memorial service for our long time member, Pearl Weaver. You may remember Pearl from her twenty years at the counter of Camp Hill Arby's. While she died this past August, her daughter Rosa Lee waited until this Pearl's birthday, December 3, to have a memorial service for her Camp Hill friends. It was a small service in the chapel, filled with love and grace.

Pearl's was not the only passing we had during December. I also presided for long time members Joyce Leaman and Chuck Roy. Joyce has been absent from worship much of this year due to her health. Chuck will be sorely missed at the Sound Fort on Sunday mornings in

Contemporary worship.

Pastor Horner, Bishop Edmiston and I met with about half of our Bethany Village members. We have slightly over thirty Trinity folks who live on the two campuses. It was good to visit with them, and that they were able to meet one another. We hope to do the same for our Messiah Village contingency as well.

December turned out to be a bit of a computer tech month as well. Without getting (hopefully) too technical in my explanation, we want to upgrade some of our switches for our phone/computers. In doing so, we were reminded that our system cabling is not labeled as well as we would like, and therefore developed some access/connectivity issues. We have been able to rectify or come up with a work around until we are able to have more extensive forensic wiring issues straightened out. That should be happening within the next couple of months, as we upgrade the server, and seek to consolidate systems. On the plus side, we were able to determine why the security camera system would randomly shut down. THAT was an easy fix.

A couple of “non-standard” meetings I attended this month were, first, one dealing with the visual announcements in Fellowship Hall. A small group met to try to standardize the formatting for those announcements, and come up with some general guidelines. I also was present for one of the evening Building Update gatherings. The one I attended, while small in numbers, was very positive in outlook.

Obviously, I was involved with our multiple Christmas Eve worship. We had very good attendance this year. And speaking purely from selfish point of view, I am Very Thankful we only had TWO times of worship the morning of December 24 in celebration of Advent 4. As it was, I arrived at Trinity at 8:30A, and left at 10:30P. I know there were folks who were here until midnight, but most of those people were able to go home at some point during the day. Still, it was good worship all around. And we had good worship on Christmas morning, as well.

Once again, Marianne & I were able to get away for a few days of vacation. We enjoyed Christmas decorations at Walt Disney World. This is something we have really come to enjoy doing at the beginning of December the past several years. Not only is it relaxing, and a chance for the two of us to spend time together, it serves as a bit of a “calm before the storm.”

And I was reminded that I need to be aware of where I am and who is around me whenever I venture beyond my home. On Sunday, New Year’s Eve, while mom Jessie & I waited for the rest of our family to arrive, we were greeted by members Ken & Wendy Allen as they entered Marzoni’s. Once we were seated, I heard a voice behind say something about hungry pastors. Turning around, there were John & Sue Artivitch, along with son John Jr.

As always, throughout the month, I visited with folks in hospital, here in at Trinity, and in their homes.

God’s peace

Pastor John Brock