

**Report of
Ministry Director for Parish Life
The Rev. John H. Brock
January, 2018**

Worship

Presided:

Thursday	1
Saturday	3
Traditional	3.5
Contemporary	2.5

Preached and presided:

Memorial	1
Jean Updegraff	

I was able to take a few days of vacation during January. Marianne celebrated a “zero” birthday, and decided she wanted to go to Disneyland (not Disney World!), so along with her parents and sister, we spent a few, wet days out in California. This happened *after* Epiphany weekend, when Sister Marianne preached here at Trinity (and from all accounts given to me, she did a great job).

You may remember that last year we switched over to some new membership software. The biggest advantage to this new program is that it is web based. This allows staff to utilize the app, so we will always have access to data that we might need on the fly. Another positive aspect is that we will be able to provide a secure link on the website for members to access their own information. That will be of great help in this age of changing phone numbers, new email addresses, and other data that shifts. We are still working on getting that part up and running. Unfortunately, we discovered that all of our data from our previous program did not transfer correctly, so we are going to have to go through each individual’s record and verify (or correct) information.

That, however, leads to this next item, and we are hoping to produce a new directory this spring. We are going to do this in-house, using our new membership software, and many volunteers. What we are contemplating is to have a couple of weekends where folks - families or individuals - can simply come to Trinity as they usually would, stand in front of the backdrop (we’re thinking using the Wittenberg doors), and get their photo. We would then immediately drop that photo into the program, verify their address/phone/email, and that individual or family is done. We’re thinking five to seven minutes. Any member who wants a digital copy may have one. If a member wants a hard copy, we’ll charge whatever our cost is, probably rounded up to nearest dollar.

I am looking forward to our Lenten Sup ‘n Study this year. Sister Marianne & I will be doing a couple of sessions on “Journeys.” Our first will cover our trip last year to Israel. Pastors Jack, Jennifer & Guy will also lead a session. The Brocks get to close the series out talking about

our favorite place to journey to: Walt Disney World.

I want to close with a quick mention of worship on the last Sunday of January. That particular weekend, Pastor Jennifer was at an event out of town, so we tried something different. Still having only one pastor preach (which, by the way, I personally think is working Very Well), we enlisted Debbie Wilson to be a more active Worship Leader in Contemporary. While I lead Traditional, Debbie began Contemporary. For early worship, Jack preached in the Nave, then went and preached in Fellowship Hall, then simply stayed and presided for communion. At late worship. Debbie began Contemporary again, I began worship in the nave. I left the nave after the Prayer of the Day (right before the lessons were read), and went over to Fellowship Hall. When Jack finished preaching, I stepped onto the platform and continued presiding for the rest of worship in Fellowship Hall. Meanwhile, he went to the nave, where he gave his sermon, and stayed to preside for communion. We think that worked well.

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

May you have a Blessed Lent!

God's peace

Pastor John Brock