

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

Worship

Funerals

Chris Erdman
Krista Fawber
Lois Costello

Holy Week Worship

Holy Wednesday	preached/presided
Maundy Thursday	presided
Good Friday noon	preached/presided
Good Friday Tenebra	assisted
Easter Vigil	preached/assisted

We began March with a Milestone Workshop on Communion. All the pastors were able to participate. It was well attended by both youth and adults. I also led one of the Discover Trinity sessions, and took part in New Member Luncheon. Unfortunately, my final Sup 'n Study Session was canceled due to lousy weather.

March also brought with it several funerals, three of which the families asked for me (as pastoral staff, we allow the families to ask for a specific pastor to preside if they so desire. If not, then it depends upon which of us is on call, or has the time/date available). One of those funerals was for Chris Erdman, whose husband Craig I meet with on a regular basis for lunch and pastoral review (he'll tell me when I 've messed up). Not only that, but Chris and I experienced chemotherapy around the same times, and often compared notes. That funeral was a bit difficult for me.

I have been working on rewriting the Parish Ministry Policy, and will run it past the committee as a whole. I would like to revitalize that group, to see if we can get more folks involved in helping fellow members.

We are continuing to learn our new membership program, and encountering both the joys of what this program is capable of, and the set backs of things that we were able to do with our previous program, that we are not able to do with this new one. Paul Hensel, Tom Notestine and I have signed for a training course in May that we hope will be of benefit.

Finally, Pastor Horner and I tried something different for Easter (I know that's really for next month's report, but this part happened in March). Since we were both preaching, we worked together on the preparation. We each preached our own sermon in our own style, and managed to say pretty much the exact same thing. I enjoyed working with him in such an

unusual situation, and I fell it was a very positive outcome.

God's peace

Pastor John Brock