

PASTORAL REPORT

September to October 2022

October 13, 2022, to November 15, 2022 (Since last report submitted October 12, 2022)

For church meetings, use Zoom as an option for meetings is still available.

Worship:

Led worship/preached on the following days:

- October 16, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship Buzz Jones band participating in worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music for Dialpad) New sound board in action, ISSUE-video did not come through OBS, reverted to iPhone process
- October 23, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; organ music better, piano music ok, little warbled)
- October 30, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music - flute, for Dialpad)
- November 6, 2022- Stewardship Sunday - virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music for Dialpad) ISSUE- power outage, knocked out system, rebooted, live stream lost video aspect of live stream (conscious choice to keep it running, versus attempting to restart live stream)
- November 13, 2022- virtual and face-to-face worship (live stream to church FB; and Dialpad/uber); also posted on YouTube, pastors Facebook pages and church website (new system used) (spoken word for Dialpad worked; warbling for some music for Dialpad) (ISSUE- OBS was not working, adjusted to use iPhone)

Funerals: 0

Weddings: 10/22 Michelle and David
10/29 Brittany and Dillon

Baptisms: 10/16 William Runkle
10/23 Madilyn Peacock
11/13 Tucker Makibbin

Administrative: Peace and blessings to everyone this fall season.

Meetings:

- October 16 – Consistory
- October 17 – Check in meeting with pastor of visitation
- October 17 & October 18 – Pastoral Concerns virtual

- October 21 – Stewardship meeting
- October 24 – Lunch meeting with clergy colleague
- October 25 – Strategic meeting with Administrator
- October 26 – Staff meeting
- October 26 – Strategic meeting with Pastor of Visitation
- November 3 – Pastoral evaluation meeting
- November 6 – Church and Ministry Council
- November 6 – Congregational Meeting
- November 6 – Christian Education
- November 6 – Mercersburg Association Fall Meeting
- November 7 – Church and Community Connections meeting
- November 9 – Meeting with Michael Coulson, Members 1st

Pastoral Care:

- Calls – 6
- Pastoral Care/Counselling – 14
- Texting for pastoral care, outreach

Outreach:

Actions:

- October 12 – Visit 4 new businesses (related to Trunk-or-Treat)
- October 13 – Delivered church donations to Project Share and Community Cares, 1 returning business
- October 14 – Supplies Walmart/Home Depot (mileage/expenses) & meeting with community member regarding mental health events and trafficking awareness
- October 19 – Encounter drop off blankets for Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project
- October 20 – Encounter and conversation with person in community
- October 23 – Colleague about starting up a theology pub
- October 24 – Encounter with person in community
- October 27 – Several calls regarding community Trunk-or-Treat (planning)
- October 29 – Another drop of blankets homeless remembrance blanket project
- October 31 – Trunk-or-Treat (lots of donated candy, money – thank you to all who donated for this event. 17 trunks represented at event, served approximately 145 people during the event. It was a big success IMHO)
- November 11 – Safe Harbor event (4 new contacts, 4 returning contacts)

Theology Pub:

- November: Market Cross 4 people (tried community wide advertising online)

Community Office Hours:

- October 13 – Did not hold community office hours, sanctuary soundboard work and education
- October 20 – Held community office hours (1 new contact, 1 returning contact)
- October 27 – Held community office hours (1 returning contact, 1 new contact)
- November 3 – Held community office hours (est. 1 returning, 2 new)
- November 10 – Held community office hours (1 returning contacts, 4 new)

Community Prayer Time:

- October 11 – From parking lot by Chick-Fil-A, offered community prayer
- October 18 – From parking lot of church, offered community prayer
- October 25 – From plaza of church; offered community prayer
- November 1 – From stairs of church on Pitt street, offered community prayer
- November 8 – Street by grace church, offered community prayer
- November 15 – South of Pomfret street, offered community prayer

Fellowship Events:

- October 16 – First Solely S'mores night Dessert 11 people in attendance
- November 13 – Second S'mores event 3 people in attendance
- Note: May try offering smores in December during daylight hours (afternoon)

- No sunset vespers or Messy Church for Fall (further evaluation)

Sabbatical:

- November 9 – Meeting with mentor, review 1st half, discuss/adjust 2nd half sabbatical focus
- Referred to community aspects in November 13 sermon, sermons in Advent may also be connected to community with correlations to Advent themes.