

**Rev. Jenny Smith Walz**  
**Administrative Board**  
**May 14, 2018**

*(This report covers the period since our April 9 Administrative Board meeting.)*

- ★ As we get closer to July 1, more of my time is spent on transition matters. I have had several meetings with people from Princeton and meetings at the Conference Mission and Resource Center about transition and because of my new appointment. This is the nature of things, and necessary. There are many, many things that can wait until after I'm at the new church, but some things must begin before I show up my first day.
- ★ On the Trinity end of things, I'm intentionally wrapping up the various parts of my ministry. I'm meeting with a number of people I've given particular care to over the years. I'm wrapping up small groups and providing for their leadership after my departure. We are planning celebrations and farewells. There are many well-wishes already given.
- ★ Wednesday Bible Study will finish up our six-week study of the Lord's Prayer this coming week. Following that we'll have two weeks of "Ask Pastor Jenny", inviting people to submit questions they've always wanted to ask about scripture or theology. It's fun, and it will keep me on my toes! And then on June 6, we'll have our year end pot-luck / covered dish / agape lunch / farewell celebration. We'll break for the summer, and then Pastor Deb will pick it up in the Fall.
- ★ Centering Prayer continues to have a steady group with some beautiful sharing and strong prayer experiences each week. Fran Blaskopf has offered to take over leadership of this small group when I leave.
- ★ I've been working with the Spiritual Practices station for KidVenture. Before I leave, Danielle and I will gather a group of people we are inviting to be on the KV Spiritual Practices team for next year. I will offer some training around children's spiritual formation and my approach to this curriculum for KV.
- ★ Rob Hom is continuing to keep us active and present on social media, and we continue to look at new ways of doing that. We will be meeting in the coming month to talk more about my transition in this area as well.
- ★ At Frank's invitation and as a result of much discussion at our clergy meetings, Don and I offered a different spin on the 9:15 Contemporary Service on April 15. This is just one of a thousand ways worship might feel different in the same space. There was much that we aimed for, which we realized. And there were things which would take some tweaking to help them be what we had hoped. On the whole, we've heard powerful, receptive, encouraging, positive responses. We have yet to fully debrief this experience in our clergy meetings.
- ★ I've preached at Chapel and 9:15. (I only preach two more weekends in my time here.)
- ★ I visit the hospital at least once a week, with extra visits at times, as needed.
- ★ Other pastoral care comes through phone calls and in-person visits, including many touches through phone, Facebook, text, and in person. Occasionally Elliot

accompanies me to visits on Friday or Monday (typically days off). Some types of visits lend themselves to his presence well, and when they do, I find it's great for him to learn to visit in these ways and the person we visit enjoys his presence too.

- ★ I typically meet with 2-5 people a week in one-on-one conversations which range between general pastoral care, coaching, and spiritual direction. Sometimes this involves new member recruitment.
- ★ I met with the clergywoman who I mentor this past month.
- ★ I met with my own Spiritual Director, and my Supervisor. I also graduated from my Spiritual Direction Formation Class, which I've been part of for the past three years. I am now commissioned as a Spiritual Director.
- ★ Outside of my work at Trinity, I serve on the leadership team for a Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation. We had a powerful session in April focusing on Orthodox Spirituality and Spirituality and Embodiment.
- ★ The May meeting will be my last Administrative Board meeting with you.