

Rev. Jenny Smith Walz
Administrative Board
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(This report covers the period since our May 14 Administrative Board meeting.)

- ★ The past month has largely been spent wrapping up ministry in various forms. I've briefed people on specifics of some of my particular projects or areas of ministry. I've visited with particular people I've been in closer touch with. I've wrapped up some parsonage and business matters with Charlie and the Trustees. I've said many, many farewells. It's a bittersweet time, and I've overwhelmed by all of the love and care I'm receiving.
- ★ I've wrapped up my time with Centering Prayer and Wednesday Bible Study. I've handed off pertinent information to Fran Blaskopf, who will lead Centering Prayer, and to Pastor Deb, who will lead WBS. We have a lovely closing pot-luck meal celebration to close out the year and my time with WBS.
- ★ I've left Danielle Witt with many of my thoughts about children's spiritual formation, which she and the team she is building can use as they develop the Spiritual Practices station for KidVenture moving forward.
- ★ I worked with Deb De Vos to lead a healing service the Worship Ministry Team asked us to provide. It was well attended, with 45 people. We held the service in Trinity House, gathering in a circle of chairs. The lights were dimmed and the communion table as well as our musician (Sarah Kuhns) were part of the circle. We heard God's word, celebrated communion, and people were given the opportunity to pray individually with 3 different prayer teams set up around the room. The teams anointed those who came for prayer as well. The Prayer Shawl group provided shawls for all who wanted them and we also gave out small olive wood hand crosses for attendees. I highly recommend doing this regularly – perhaps quarterly. The Longest Night Service we have been holding just before Christmas is in this vein as well, and could easily be considered one of the four services each year.
- ★ I've preached at SNW, Chapel and 9:15.
- ★ 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.
- ★ This is my final report to this body.