

Pastor's Monday
March 3, 2008

A third grader named Norman. A woman named Jo who thought Pastors don't have long hair. The challenge to serve.... to look not only at our own interests, but to the interests of others. An abused handicapped high school student become church custodian. A barking pig.

He has a really strange last name, but he left as a person. He came with many credentials but left as a fellow Christian struggling to be a faithful disciple. He left claiming he was blessed by being here, but left many blessings and gifts for us to use. And he left stories – each with a focused point.

It was quite a week. My anxiety was very high when last Monday we counted registrations and had 25 for the Saturday workshop. Many people worked hard during the week... and that resulted in 84 attending the Life as Mission workshop with Dean Nadasdy. What he brought was wonderful, challenging, riveting and finally, inspiring. Grounded in the Word, his presentations challenged us both individually and as a congregation.

And life as a congregation also continued. Jonathan James Matz, five days old, made his first appearance at church on Wednesday with Mom and Dad Dave and Jen Matz. Karl Braun and Kristy Chalender were married after Celebrate Recovery at 9:30 Friday evening – the latest wedding I've ever performed. Linda Mae Scolman heads to Honduras again for Spring break. Confirmation students were delighted with Pastor Nadasdy's sermon because of its simplicity (they are doing sermon reports).

And Lent continues.... We are in the fourth week.... Lenten service is at 7:30....

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are just weeks away.

Please join me in prayer that God will guide us...

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