

Senior Pastor End of Year Report

It won't be long now, and we'll be saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Time certainly is going fast. It is hard to believe that I have been with you for 6 ½ months now as your Senior Pastor.

Six months may not sound like a lot of time but when you look back and see what this church has accomplished and the lives that have been touched you can't help but recognize that we are ***Beyond Blessed!***

Many of the big projects that were getting underway when I first arrived have been completed, which include the installation of new exterior door as well as the repair of interior doors of the sanctuary. The roof has been completed along with the placement of the solar panels. While there is still some electrical infrastructure that needs to be completed, we are hoping to have the solar connected once that work is done.

In terms of outreach and community involvement KOP participated in Gulfport Pride, St. Pete Pride Parade as well as having a booth at the festival where we literally interacted with hundreds of individuals. We collected \$7,000 for campOUT that went to support LGBTQIA+ youth in our area. Additionally, we continued to support Pinellas County Art Teachers with supplies. As well as collected school supplies, and over \$7,100 in monetary support which went to purchase a washer and dryer along with other items for Pinellas Central Elementary School. Again, this is all evidence of how truly blessed this church is. Dennis and I were fortunate to be able to attend the Equality Gala In May and represent King of Peace as an active supporter of our community and the social justice work Equality Florida provides.

Ministry endeavors have seen KOP participate in ecumenical Pride services both at the Unitarian Universalist Church and St. Albans Episcopal Church. There was a great turnout to the MCC Florida Network Gathering in September that was held in Sarasota where all participants reported receiving both practical and spiritual enrichment. I was able to attend the Tampa Bay Interfaith group representing KOP with other faith groups, churches and other religious traditions of the local area. Finally, it was a pleasure to bring seven new people into membership, further demonstrating the radical love this congregation has displayed time and time again.

I look forward to a new year and new opportunities as we continue to be a church that demonstrates the love of God through all of the various ministry opportunities within the church as well as our benevolence out in the community.

May God continue to bless each of you individually and King of Peace as a collectively as a church family. Remember, we are **“Beyond Blessed!”**