

Rev. Ray Simms Pastor's Report

July 15, 2025

Worship:

Held In-person and Live Streamed Worship – June 22, July 6th (Rev. Lorraine), 13th, (No service June 29th)

Congregational Care: (Month of June)

- All Visits: 12
- Memorial Service:
- Calls: 70
- Cards: 15
- Emails: 92
- Text Messages: 75

Meetings and Events

June 18th – Webinar – Attending Church in a Post Pandemic World

June 18th – Juneteenth

June 23rd – Planning Meeting Fall Fair and Pet Blessing Fundraiser

June 24th – Staff Meeting

- Meeting with Rev. Kenny Callahan

June 28th - Pride Parade

June 29th - Pride Festival

- Spoke at UU Church Interfaith Pride Service

June 30th - Dinner Club

July 1st - Staff Meeting via Zoom

July 3rd - Travel to General Conference Scottsdale Az.

July 4th - General Conference

July 5th - General Conference

July 6th - General Conference

July 7th - Travel home from General Conference

July 8th - Staff Meeting

July 9th - Meeting Kevin Markham BOD Meeting preparation

July 10th - Breakfast Club

- Meeting with congregant
- Tech Team Meeting

MCC General Conference 2025 “Oasis in the Desert” – The conference was a great time of learning, fellowship and worship. Approximately 375 people attended with 9 from King of Peace. Some of the takeaways were:

- Lead with Love: Not Fear, Not Hate
- Do not dwell on the past. That was yesterday, and yesterday's gone.
- Optimism is not enough; we must have and rekindle hope. We do not protest to change the world; We protest so that the world will not change us.
- Sermons are only words until someone hears them and is uplifted.
- Different? So are we! You're not too bad to come in, you're not too good to stay out. Come in! Come in!

Cathy Campbell-Heroux was recognized for her work on the denominational finance team.

Rev. Renae received the Ed Paul Award for outstanding Interim Pastor (nominated by Rev. Ray Simms).

Lillian Lewis participated in reading at one of the General Conference worship sessions.

Next GC will be in 2028, but the location has not been announced.

KOP associate pastor position was posted in General Conference app for January of 2025 with primary responsibilities for congregational care and programing.

STAFF TIME OFF

Rev. Ray – July 27th – August 7th

Pulpit Coverage: July 27th – Rev. Lorraine

Aug 3^d – Rev. Kelly Durbin