

Rev. Ray Simms Pastor's Report

July 21, 2026

Worship:

Held In-person and Live Streamed Worship – June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19

Congregational Care: (Month of June)

All Visits: 12

Wedding: 1

Memorial: 0

Calls: 64

Cards: 9

Emails: 45

Text Messages: 40

Meetings and Events

June

17th – Meeting with congregant

18th – Juneteenth (offices closed)

20th – Toro/Jackson Wedding

22nd – In office meeting technical support

24th – Pinellas County Interfaith Pride Service

25th – Pet blessing conducted at the church

Zoom Meeting MCC Flourish/Marie Tasker

27th – St. Pete Pride Parade

28th – St. Pete Pride Festival

29th – Dinner Club

30th – In home congregant visitation

July

2nd – Tech/Worship Teams Meeting

6th – Independence Day Observed (offices closed)

9th – Breakfast club

13th – Meeting with congregant

15th – Hospital Visitation S. Tampa HCA

16th – In home visitation/house blessing

16th – Moderator/vice-moderator meeting

17th – 5th year ordination anniversary

18th – Deborah Uber Memorial Service

King of Peace Got Talent

21st – KOP BOD Meeting

June Overview

June began with direct pastoral care, including a one-on-one meeting with a congregant on the 17th, followed by the Juneteenth holiday on the 18th as our offices closed in observance. On June 20th, I had the honor of officiating the Toro/Jackson wedding, a joyful celebration of love and commitment.

Ministry continued with a Zoom technical support meeting on the 22nd, ensuring our systems remain reliable for worship and administrative needs. On June 24th, King of Peace hosted in the Pinellas County Interfaith Pride Service, with over 140 in attendance and more than 10 congregations represented. This event received much positive feedback from our own congregation as well as other church's congregants.

June 25th brought a special moment of connection as a Pet Blessing at the church was conducted for an individual who's dog has cancer and they had attended one

of our outdoor blessings in the past and asked if we would provide support. Later that day, I joined a Zoom meeting with MCC Flourish and Marie Tasker, continuing our engagement with denominational leadership and resources.

Pride weekend was a highlight of the month. On June 27th, King of Peace marched in the St. Pete Pride Parade, followed by our participation in the Pride Festival on the 28th. These events offered powerful opportunities for visibility, outreach, and celebration of our LGBTQ+ community. The month concluded with Dinner Club on the 29th and an in-home congregant visitation on the 30th, reinforcing our commitment to relational ministry and pastoral presence.

July Overview

July opened with collaboration and planning as the Tech and Worship Teams met on July 2nd to coordinate upcoming services and ensure excellence in our worship experience. The Independence Day holiday was observed on July 6th with offices closed.

On July 9th, Breakfast Club provided another opportunity for fellowship and connection. Mid-month, on July 15th, I conducted an in-home visitation and house blessing, offering spiritual grounding and pastoral care to a congregant household.

Leadership engagement continued on July 16th with a meeting BETWEEN the Moderator and Vice Moderator. The following day, July 17th, marked my fifth anniversary of ordination—a meaningful milestone in my ministry journey and service to King of Peace.

July 18th was a full day of ministry we celebrated the life of Deborah Uber t her a Memorial Service, supporting the family and community in their grief. That evening, King of Peace hosted *KOP's Got Talent*, a joyful celebration of creativity and congregational spirit.

The month concluded with the Board of Directors meeting on July 21st, where we continued our work of guiding the mission, stewardship, and future direction of the church.

Staff Working remotely August 3-7 (fumigation of property)

Staff Time Off

Rev. Ray: 8/3-8/6, 8/9-8/13

