

Rev. Ray Simms Pastor's Report

August 18, 2026

Worship:

Held In-person and Live Streamed Worship – Held In-person and Live Streamed Worship – June 26, August 2, (August 9 – Rev. Viglione), 16th

Congregational Care: (Month of July)

All Visits: 12

Wedding: 0

Memorial: 1

Calls: 67

Cards: 14

Emails: 49

Text Messages: 45

Meetings and Events

July

21st – Board of Directors Meeting

27th – Telephone visit congregant/In-office visit congregant/In-home visit church member.

August

2nd – Social Justice Meeting

3rd – 6th Office Closed for termite fumigation

11th – Out of Cycle BOD Meeting

16th – Annual Church Cookout on church grounds

17th – Telephone Conference with Marie Tasker Director of MCC Flourish Program and Kim Raybon-Noice MCC Staff to lay groundwork and logistics for visioning session in October.

18th – BOD Meeting

July Overview

On July 21st, the Board of Directors convened for its regular monthly meeting, continuing the important work of guiding the mission, stewardship, and strategic direction of the church. Later in the month, on July 27th, pastoral care was a central focus of the day. This included a telephone visit with a congregant, an in-office pastoral conversation, and an in-home visit with a church member. These varied forms of connection highlight the ongoing commitment to meeting congregants where they are—offering support, presence, and care across multiple settings.

August Overview

August began with engagement in justice-centered ministry as the Social Justice Meeting took place on August 2nd. This gathering continued our congregation's commitment to advocacy, equity, and community partnership.

From August 3rd through August 6th, the church offices were closed due to termite fumigation. While this temporary disruption required logistical adjustments, it ensured the long-term safety and integrity of our facilities.

On August 11th, an Out-of-Cycle Board of Directors Meeting was held to address matters requiring timely attention outside the regular monthly schedule related to the ceiling repair in the sanctuary. This additional meeting reflects the Board's dedication to responsive leadership and effective governance.

On August 16th, the Annual Church Cookout was held on the church grounds. This event provided an important opportunity for fellowship, hospitality, and strengthening community bonds across the congregation. The gathering offered meaningful connection and reinforced our commitment to cultivating a welcoming and joyful church environment.

On August 17th, I held a telephone conference with Marie Tasker, Director of the MCC Flourish Program, and Kim Raybon-Noice of MCC Staff. The conversation focused on laying the groundwork and logistics for the upcoming visioning session scheduled for October. This planning session helped clarify expectations, establish initial structure, and ensure alignment with denominational support as we prepare for this important congregational discernment process.

Staff Time Off

Jeremiah off: 8/30 and 9/6-9/10

Melanie off: 9/4