

HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Mission Trip is July 19th to the 25th. Help us pray over the students: Emma, Frankie, Joe, Karlie, Kelsie, Lilian, & Natalie, and the chaperones: Pastor Lily & Valerie G., as they share God's love with others.



Sunday, July 27th, at 9:00 am we will have **Outdoor Worship** as well as **Christmas in July**! We are looking for readers.

There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.



Did you know...there is a garden at FELC that has been taken care of by volunteers. All produce is donated to a local food pantry. If you want to get included reach out to Larry V. or Kristy S.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

We are now in "Ordinary Time" in our church year. We will have green paraments decorating the altar for some time. We will hear stories of Jesus calling his disciples into mission in the world and we will discern Jesus' clever remarks, reflecting on their first context, while we explore what they mean for us today.

The summer season holds a special place in my heart and my call to ministry. During the summer, I went to church camp for the first time in middle school, where I learned that church is beyond the four walls of a building. I learned that God meets everyone in different ways and it is good to keep it simple and get your hands dirty.

During the summer, I went on mission trips throughout my high school years. We went to a Native American Reservation in North Dakota, where I learned about varieties in culture and deep grounding to our creator. We went to inner city Philadelphia and served others through feeding them, cleaning their homes and learning about God, beyond the boxes we put God into. I went to South Africa to live for a year with a rural Zulu state in late summer to learn and grow in beloved community. My call story took place in the summers of seeing God in the faces of others, in relationship with Jesus, as if he was still walking alongside us on earth, and in the Holy Spirit pushing me to get out and experience all that this world has to offer.

Beautiful blossoming happens in the summer, I invite you to get out and live your life. God has called you to do so.

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