

## **The Pastor's Pen Summer 2025**

Welcome to Summer! At last! Today is the first day of Summer (June 21) and the weather finally decided it should be warm, promising some fun beach days and great activities ahead of us.

Earlier this month we had a special "Healing Service" in our sanctuary on Wednesday, June 18. Many people came forward and all who were gathered covered them in our prayers together as elders, leaders, and members of our prayer team laid hands on them. This was a meaningful service filled with the Spirit of God.

Take note of some of our upcoming Summer activities in the church. This Sunday, June 22, we will have a Fellowship Lunch at 12PM in Fellowship Hall. Our hope is many from all three services attend so we can connect and make new acquaintances with members from each service. Our Independence Day Service will be on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>. Wear Red, White, and Blue to church that day! We still have a few spots remaining for the bus trip to Sight and Sound for Saturday, September 6 for Noah. Get your spot reserved before the seats on the bus sell out. And, now is the time to register your elementary age child for "Wonder Junction" our 2025 Vacation Bible School that will take place August 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We are happy that Lexy Faith will be helping us in youth and Sunday School ministry for approximately two months this Summer. Lexy has been involved in our Young Adult Growth Group and worshipping with us on Sundays. She also just received a Bachelor's degree from Trinity University in ministry and plans to begin a Master of Divinity program in the fall.

If you have a ministry need, or would like to meet with me or have a visit I encourage you to call me directly on my cell phone at (732) 245-1910 and I would be happy to arrange a time to get together. Pastor Dave Wilenta is also available for visits and conversation. I will be out of the office Monday June 23 through Friday June 27 visiting my sister in Atlanta. If a need arises during this time you can contact Pastor Dave.

Part of the call for pastor includes two weeks of Continuing Education. In July I will be attending a week-long ministry training at a Presbyterian conference center at Lake Tahoe – Zephyr Point. This will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. If a pastoral need arises during this time Pastor Dave Wilenta will be here for you.

May God Bless us and this church in the ministry that Christ has entrusted us during the Summer of 2025.

Pastor Jim