



Pastor Sean's First of the Month Letter June 1, 2026

Summer Greetings!

Yes, I know that officially we still have about three weeks before summer starts. Today feels like summer, and yesterday's summer kickoff party was a wonderful start to the season.

I am so grateful to all of you that joined the festive atmosphere and made the celebration the success that it was.

I will say that it was also good to have just one English speaking service yesterday. I saw so many people who normally worship at one service being able to greet friends that attend the other.

Please mark your calendar and remember that the first Sunday in July we are going to do the same single service at 9am. There will not be food trucks to follow, just the one service on a Sunday when we think that many folks will be out of town and we can come together to worship as one body. Yesterday also included two other celebrations.

Rev Suzy Ward, the Priest in Charge at St Paul's Episcopal began her retirement with a beautiful sendoff party. We will miss her so much as a faithful colleague in ministry.

The Lahu congregation celebrated their 20th anniversary as a congregation here at CLC! It was a joyous and festive occasion. Check out some of the pictures on our Facebook page.

Finally, I am so grateful to all of you who have so generously contributed to the Capital Funds campaign over the last year and a half. On Sunday, President Shannon Rohman and Treasurer Mike Jones announced that the final payment for our solar panels was made and we are now debt free as a congregation. From what everyone tells me, we might be debt free for the first time since we organized as a congregation back in 1961. Take a moment to celebrate and for a quiet moment of thankful prayer. So many people have brought us to this point in our history. We have much to be grateful for.

As we look ahead, there is much that God is calling us into. I know that every summer regular giving dips and we encounter that dreaded summer slowdown. Maybe this year we can band together and keep our regular offerings up even in the midst of summer.

Summer is a wonderful time. I use it as a time to slow my pace, reflect, recharge, renew, and take time for expressing gratitude. May all of us have a fantastic summer! We sure kicked it off well yesterday!

Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy,

Pastor Sean