

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

My husband, Ed, and I are excited and looking forward to serving and sharing the glorious journey of our Lord Jesus Christ with you in Paradise. It was our joy to worship with you on Sunday, June 30, and witness your love and commitment to the Kingdom of God. I am even more convinced after our visit that God has great things planned for Paradise United Methodist Church.

The Holy Spirit first planted a seed in my heart for ministering with Larry Linville seven years ago. It was exactly this time of year when we spent a day together in Liberty Hospital caring for two members of the Turney United Methodist Church; his former and my new appointment. What could have been a dark day turned into a day of Light, Joy, and Love in the power of the Spirit. I know that same powerful Spirit, the One who never fails, will work in all of us in Paradise and “will do exceedingly abundantly more than we can ask or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20).”

Again, I am filled with excitement and anticipation, and I pray that you are as well. I also ask for your prayers as we begin our walk together. Ed and I both look forward to visiting with you soon and if we have not yet met you, please introduce yourself.

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.
Pastor Judy

MEN'S GROUP

Our Men's Group will meet on Monday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Larry will be working with the group as they continue the study of Genesis at Chapter 26. We will also make plans that evening for future actions.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Missions collected 143 cans of vegetables for the Food Pantry in June and the July collection for the pantry is paper towels. In July, we will be collecting items for the Smithville Warrior Closet. They need new socks and underwear for students from kindergarten to grade 12. If you are able, please provide kid-friendly styles of ankle socks and black socks, as well as boxer briefs for boys and bikini underwear for girls. There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary for these items.

Thank you again for your support of these mission projects. If you have questions or suggestions regarding missions and outreach, please contact Linda East or a member of the committee.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Church Council will meet on Thursday, July 18th, at 6:30p.m. All church leaders are urged to attend and all members are welcome to be present at the meeting.

JULY MESSAGES

As our pastors work to get their schedules set up, the following messages are planned for the month of July:

July 7 (Pastor Judy) - **“Christ, Our Passover”** from Exodus 12:21-25; Matthew 26: 17-20 & 26-30;

July 14 (Pastor Larry) – **“Who Is My Neighbor”** from Luke 10:25-37;

July 21 (Pastor Judy) - **“Christ in You”** from Psalms 51:6-13 and Colossians 1:21-27; and

July 28 (Pastor Larry) - **“Teach Us to Pray”** from Luke 11:1-13.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is at 10:00a.m on Sunday mornings. Here is the schedule for June:

July 7: Discussion of James Moore’s book “Daddy is That a Story True or Were You Just Preaching?”

July 14: Fellowship Sunday – please join us for breakfast and fun fellowship.

July 21: Study of James Moore’s book.

July 28: Study of James Moore’s book.

POTLUCK DINNER

We will not have a potluck dinner in July or August. However, we will resume the potluck dinners in September, so add it to

your calendar for Sunday, September 22, immediately following the worship service.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The ice cream social is rapidly approaching. Plan to join us and bring a friend or neighbor on Sunday, August 25, at 4:00p.m. Sign up sheets for ice cream and/or a dessert will be placed at the back of the church in early August. You’re not going to want to miss out on it!

WHEELCHAIR

The church is in need of a wheelchair to occasionally assist individuals who attend our services. If you or someone you know has a wheelchair they would be willing to donate to the church, please advise one of the pastors or Shay East.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Monthly Report as of June 30, 2013, is as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$8,825.12
Offering:	+ \$4,601.00
Expenses:	- \$2,283.04
Final Balance:	\$11,143.08