

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This month Nancy and I will end our ministry with you as your co-pastor family. The time has certainly passed quickly as it tends to do as we age. We will leave with many fond memories of our time together and all the wonderful folks we've met and learned to love.

When Joshua in the Old Testament was ready to leave his congregation, he did not have a newsletter from which to say his goodbye. Instead, he gathered the people together and reminded them that they will always face the temptation to follow the ways of this world instead of the God of their salvation. Then he said, **"... chose this day whom you will serve,.. But as for me an my household, we will serve the Lord."** Nancy and I have that scripture verse in our home's entryway for all to see when they come to visit.

During our time with you, Nancy and I have tried to encourage resisting the temptations of our society to stray from the teachings of the Bible and to choose each day to follow the example set by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is our continued prayer for each of you and the members of your family.

May God continue to bless the Paradise congregations and your co-pastors as

they strive to help you mature in the Christian faith and to share it with others.

Pastor Arlin and Nancy

MEN'S GROUP

Our Men's Group will next meet on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. to continue our study of the book of Genesis. Last month we examined the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the birth of Abraham's son, Isaac. This month we will study chapters 23-25 about the death of Sarah, Isaac's marriage to Rebekah, and Abraham's death.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

Missions collected 321 rolls of toilet paper for the Food Pantry in May and the June collection for the pantry is canned vegetables. The monetary collection in June continues to be for the Roach family mission.

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.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Just a quick reminder that we will pick up trash on Sunday, June 9. As with previous occasions, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center to prepare, and we should complete the task in time to participate in Fellowship Sunday. Please join us in this very worthy endeavor.

JUNE MESSAGES

We will continue in the season of **Pentecost** with these messages:

June 2 - **“Extraordinary Faith”** from Acts 7:1-11;

June 9 – **“Salvation Check List”** from Matthew 7:13-14;

June 16 (Father’s Day) - **“Evil Plans Fail”** from 1 Kings 21:1-21a;

June 23 - **“Does Jesus Know You?”** from Matthew 7:21-23, 25:21-23; and

June 30 – Laity Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

June 2: Discussion of James Moore’s book “Daddy is That a Story True or Were You Just Preaching?”

June 9: Fellowship Sunday – please join us for breakfast and fun fellowship.

June 16: Study of James Moore’s book.

June 23: Study of James Moore’s book.

June 30: Study of James Moore’s book.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year’s annual conference for our Missouri churches will be June 7th through the 10th in Springfield. Please pray for the

pastors and lay delegates in attendance that God’s Spirit will guide their discussions and decisions so United Methodism will meet the spiritual needs of our members and all who desire to better know God and His Son Jesus.

POTLUCK DINNER

Our June potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, June 23, immediately following the worship service. That will also be Arlin and Nancy’s last planned meal with the congregation, so please join us after church.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars as this year’s ice cream social will be held on Sunday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m. You won’t 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 May 31, 2013, is as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$10,518.41
Offering:	+ \$3,965.00
Expenses:	- \$5,658.29
Final Balance:	\$8,825.12

