

**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN .....**

Greetings Dear Friends in Christ,

November is a special month for me; it is the month of my spiritual birthday. It is the month Ed and I were married. It is also the month with a special day set aside to give thanks. We are blessed to live in a country that has a national holiday for this purpose. On this holiday, it is a tradition at our house to go around the dining room table and have each person name at least one thing they are thankful for in their life. You can imagine with four children and three grandchildren, some of the memorable "giving of thanks" we have heard over the past 40 years.

However, I can say it all pleased God and was God's will because the Apostle Paul says: **"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"** (1 Thess. 5:18 KJV). And again in Ephesians 5:19, "be filled with the spirit, ... speaking and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ** (NSV). How can we not give thanks? Trusting God and knowing **"that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose** (Romans 8:28).

This Thanksgiving, I will speak of following three new things that I am very grateful for in my life: the birth of our granddaughter Ellen J. Frost; the birth of our grandson, Avery Herndon; and the people of Paradise United Methodist Church. Shalom to all,

Pastor Judy

**MEN OF PARADISE**

Paradise Men's Group will meet on Monday, November 4, at 6:30p.m. at the church. We will continue our study of Genesis with Chapter 32. Please read a chapter or two and come prepared to have a good discussion. All men are invited to participate.

**OUTREACH/MISSIONS**

In October, we collected 65 facial tissues and 50 cans of soup for the Food Pantry. We also collected \$218 for Blanket Sunday. The November collection for the Food Pantry is soup and the monetary collection for November is for NO MORE MALARIA.

Thank you for your continued support of these mission projects. If you have questions or suggestions regarding any of the collections or mission projects, please contact Linda East or a member of the Outreach and Missions Committee.

**VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED**

At the beginning of the year, the church will be in need of a volunteer, or volunteers, to clean the church. If you are interested in helping out with this need or have questions about it, please see Randy Heilman.

**NOVEMBER MESSAGES**

November 3 (Larry) - **"Wee Little Man"** from Luke 19:1-10;

November 10 (Judy) - **"Everlasting Life"** from Luke 20:27-38;

November 17 (Larry) - **"Sing For Joy"** from Isaiah 12; and

November 24 (Judy) - **"Joyfully Giving Thanks to God"** from Colossians 1:11-20.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Fellowship Sunday is on November 10 at 10:00a.m. Come join us for breakfast and an opportunity to catch up on the news, as well as get to know fellow church members.

The Sunday School class is preparing to start a new study in November. Please plan to join the group for discussions on **Confronting the Controversies-Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues** by Adam Hamilton. There are books available and everyone is invited to participate.

## **ADVENT DECORATING & POTLUCK DINNER**

We need your help! The Advent Season is quickly approaching and we need to prepare the church for the season. There will be a potluck meal and decorating on Sunday, November 24, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to bring a dish and participate in the festivities.

## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

Early Notice!! The next Adopt-A-Highway will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 9:00a.m.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate Christmas Eve in Paradise. Please join us for the service and invite all of your family members and friends to also attend. Everyone is welcome!

## **PRAYER PARTNER CONGREGATIONS**

At Charge Conference, the churches present were paired up as prayer partners for 2014. We will be praying for Weston United Methodist Church and the church in Plattsburg will be praying for us. We are to send two individuals to Weston to worship with them and pray for them. Plattsburg will do the same for us. So, please plan to add the Weston church and its members to your prayers in 2014.

## **MONTHLY REPORT**

The Monthly Report as of October 31, 2013, is as follows:

Beginning Balance:	\$12,224.90
Offering:	+\$4,691.49
Expenses:	-\$3,858.47
Final Balance:	\$13,057.92

During the month, a \$20 adjustment was made to the ending balance reported for September.