

From the Pastor's Heart

# SUMMER 2010



“Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.”

*Romans 13:7 and 8*

Another life-giving program year has been ours to share at God's Open House on the corner of Wildwood and Broadway. My heart is filled with gratitude for everyone who has faithfully tended our worship and our programs. Our wonderful staff, our cherished preschool team, our church family and friends—each has shared their time and talent for the benefit of all and the glory of the Lord. Everyone has earned a summer's respite.

As you prepare to travel or simply settle down for a 'staycation' at home, please remember that our worship and work continues at the church throughout the summer. Please make the necessary arrangements to continue your generous financial support. Through your faithful gifts we have been able to manage a balanced budget for the last three years. Thanks be to God, at the moment, we are carrying no debt! If you review our current financial statement you will see that we have spent, year-to-date 31.82% of our resources and received 34.5% of our planned income. Our budget is well-managed, but our margin for error is slim. Missed giving opportunities or forgotten pledges can make it difficult to sustain our ministries through the summer.

If you are planning to be away, first of all enjoy your time and may God grant you safety in travel, blessed rest and return. Before you leave would you consider pre-paying your pledge or planned-giving? If you bank electronically you can set-up automatic check writing to the church just as you would pay any other bill or donation. We would be most grateful.

10 am Worship, The Youth Mission Trip to Calais, Maine, our presence in the Fourth of July Parade, The Youth Triennium at Purdue University and RENEW Vacation Bible School will all take place in June, July and August. With your help we can come together in the fall with the same balanced budget we have now. Thank you for thinking and planning ahead to sustain our call to do God's work throughout the summer.

With love and prayers for every blessing,

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