

## *PJ's Ponderings...*

**October 2015**

***" O Creator, the giver of all good things, we thank you for all children,  
for they are the music of the universe.***

***We ask for strength, that we may be a pillar for them to lean on.***

***We ask for wisdom, that we might be wise enough to listen to them.***

***We ask for love, so we can teach them tenderness.***

***We ask for laughter, so that we may show them the way to inward joy.***

***Thank you, Creator, the giver of all good things."***

*~ from the Year of Pray for Children resource, by Rev. Harriet Walton*

The above prayer helps remind us of the gifts, we as a church have to offer God's children in the Jasper community. We are to be a strong faith community, a pillar upon which children and youth can lean. They need to know that the strength of this faith community belongs to them. When weary from life's problems, we are the place which can offer them a healing strength for their souls.

In the Bible we read that Solomon asked God for the wisdom of understanding. Imagine a community that attempts to understand the world of our children and youth instead of judging that world! What a gift to be a part of a faith community filled with such wisdom.

We, as the church, have hearts bursting with compassionate love. We spend a good deal of time praying for one another. It is a gift to know that the Faith Family is praying for those known and unknown. Thanks be to God for this prayerful love!

Listen... do you hear laughter in the hallways, in the Parish Hall or in the sanctuary? If so, then we are blessed by an inward joy which can fill any sad soul. No greater gift can we offer our children and youth, than the peace of a joyous heart!

These, my friends, are the gifts which the children and youth of our church, community and world long to claim as their own. It is my hope and prayer, that during the days of October, we might find ways to share the gifts of Strength, Wisdom, Love and Laughter with each other. By the grace of God, so it shall be.  
*Shalom (Peace), Pastor Jane*