## June 2016

## PJ's Ponderings...

## **Besides Still Waters**

Cares may parch our souls and troubles drain, til' cracked and dry, our skin is pain. God sends a salve of morning dew, smooth on the wash of grace; be new. And, when we're empty, all used up, God soaks our souls and fills our cup. Streams of water, flowing strong, will answer thirst and sound love's song.

And as a child in mother's arms will doze, Our Shepherd holds us, cuddled close.
Forgetting frights, safe from alarms, we take our rest in Jesus' arms.
He will not push; he leads the way; in his steps, we will not stray.
Day and night, our Shepherd Guide leads us, loved us, by his side.

Be filled, drink deep from grace, He urges, please, enjoy your place. His voice and care are path enough. Little lambs, be led by God to live and love. ~ Jennie Douglas Duncan

As we gather to celebrate Memorial Day, graduations, and the beginning of summer, let us pause to ask God's blessing upon our lives.

In the midst of war, past and present, God's spirit of courage continues to hover surrounding those who seek to preserve freedom of life.

In the midst of celebrations of past achievements and new beginnings, God's vision for our sons and daughters is turned into rainbows of dreams fulfilled.

In the midst of our travels this summer, God's presence is around us and within us. Let us seek to be renewed by the joy of summertime activities and quiet time with our Lord. We ask God to guard us and guide us as we live a life of love. *Care and Peace, Pastor Jane*