

## Jan's Journal



This Sunday is the sixth Sunday of the season of Pentecost.

For those of you who enjoy reading the scriptures in advance, the scripture passages included in the Lectionary this week are:

Genesis 24: 34-38; 42-49; 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7: 15-25a

Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-30

Although we are beginning the second week of July, I really haven't noticed a "summer lull" at East Plains yet! The Boiler Fund campaign remains in full swing. The Stewardship Committee had requested donations by the end of June. Thank you to everyone who has contributed! Although I am amazed at how generous you have all been, we are still a little shy of the goal. The total amount raised to date is \$87,250.00!!!

The congregation needs to raise another \$17, 501 dollars. The task of replacing the current boiler and upgrading the heating system needs to commence as soon as possible in order for the work to be completed and the system functional before temperatures drop next fall. Please prayerfully consider how you might help East Plains to reach the goal.

I will be meeting with clergy from St. Matthew's Anglican Church, West Plains United Church, and Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church next week regarding re-starting the Out4Lunch Program in the fall. There is certainly a need for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know what you would be interested in doing and how often you could be available. If you have already confirmed your involvement, thank you very much!

In September, we will resume the Fresh Start Program, begin the work required before the congregation votes about the Remit concerning the Indigenous United Church, prepare to vote on becoming an Affirming Congregation, and implement the new Governance Model,--- Whew!! Preparatory work continues for all of those important initiatives.

As always, I am interested in hearing your thoughts!

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Blessings,

Pastor Jan