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Memorial Day has come and gone and summer has officially started, even though the calendar says it's still spring. The Easter Season was "officially" over on the Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2015. The Day of Pentecost is the fiftieth and last day of the Easter Season, when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We then enter those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer and what is called in the church "Ordinary Time" May 31, 2015. There are 25 Sundays during this "Ordinary Time" taking us to Christ the King Sunday on November 22. Ordinary Time doesn't need to be "ordinary" and isn't meant to mean that somehow we get a break or that the Pastor shortens his message on Sunday morning. Our church urges us "to empha-

size Jesus' teachings concerning the Kingdom of God" during this time. This time is symbolized by the color green, a period of growth for each of us. (You will see the color green on the Altar too). Howarth and Paint Creek United Methodist Churches are far from being "ordinary". And, we can't help but be "Extraordinary" for Christ when we recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Whenever and wherever you're vacationing this summer and you drive around looking for a church in which to worship on Sunday morning, you will come upon a familiar sight: a Cross and Flame insignia on a sign, pointing you to the nearest United Methodist Church. The Cross and Flame is a powerful reminder of who and whose we are as United Methodist's. In closing Lois & I would like to thank you for your prayers, generosity, and your kindness shown to us and our granddaughter Chloe during her difficult time leading up to

her Colectomy to remove the large intestine. You have made a difference in our lives and God through Jesus Christ has made a difference in all of our lives. Happy summer!

Grace, Peace and love,
Pastor Tom

FROM YOUR TREASURERS: Remember while you are on vacation, the bills continue to arrive at the churches. Consider making your weekly donations before you leave town. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE:

Aug 16th, 2015

CROP WALK:

Thanks to all the walkers and donors. Will have total donation amounts in future bulletin.

10 'Breath Prayers'

When you can't stop in a church or kneel, these short, simple prayers can be spoken in a single breath.

by Bob Hostetler

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10 "Breath Prayer's" cont.

1) "Lord, have mercy."

The Desert Fathers, monastic Christians in Egypt in the third and fourth centuries, often prayed the prayer many know as the "Kyrie Eleison" (Greek for "Lord, have mercy"). Also called the "Jesus Prayer" when pronounced as "Lord Jesus

10 'Breath Prayers' cont.

Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner," it is rooted in Psalm 123:3, Luke 18:13, and Luke 18:38.

2) "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

Based on the words of the boy Samuel (1 Samuel 3:9), I occasionally pray these words to quiet my soul and express my desire to hear from God.

3) "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."

I often pray this prayer of affirmation and dependence, from Psalm 121:2, in times of need and desperation. It reminds me that my help does not come from my own strength or the support of others, but from God.

4) "Here I am."

This is a prayer of presence, and availability, based on the cry of the prophet in Isaiah 6:8.

5) "Show your power."

I often pray this short prayer (based on Psalm 68:28, among others) to intercede for others, particularly when the need is great and the situation dire.

6) "When I am afraid, I will trust you."

My children memorized this verse (Psalm 56:3) when they were four and five, I think. It has since helped not only them but also me to remain calm and trustful when tempted by worry and fear.

7) "Not my will, but yours."

This prayer, of course, echoes Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42). Like the previous prayer, it helps to

pray this "breath prayer" when you are anxious or impatient. It places the praying heart in a position of surrender, where great answers are likely to come.

8) "Bring your kingdom."

Based on the prayer Jesus taught his earliest followers (Luke 11:2), I often breathe this prayer when I am overwhelmed by the sadness and horrors of the latest news or a devastating diagnosis. In just a few words, it expresses a heartfelt desire for the day when "the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God" (Revelation 12:10) will be fully realized and the Evil One will be defeated.

9) "Say the word."

When a Roman centurion sent word to Jesus asking him to heal a sick servant, he told Jesus that he didn't even feel worthy for the Lord to come into his house. He simply requested, "Say the word, and my servant will be healed" (Luke 7:7). Jesus commended the centurion's faith, for his request showed that he knew Jesus could heal with a word. So I will often pray for someone's healing—from sickness, addiction, emotional pain, depression, etc.—with this breath prayer.

10) "Come, Lord Jesus."

I breathe this prayer—the last prayer recorded in the Bible (Revelation 22:20)—not only as a prayer for Christ's return but also as a prayer for him to come repeatedly, constantly, into my situation and struggles.

PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Photo taking days:

July 7th and July 8th

Appointments scheduled

between 2 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Directions to schedule on line

will be included in next bulletin. Also, each Sunday,

beginning June 7th, you will be able to schedule your

appointment prior to or after church with the help of Sharon or Jan V.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Friends and neighbors are welcomed to come and have their portrait taken. (They don't need to be added to the directory).

Everyone who has their photo taken, will receive a free 8x10 photograph. More information will be posted.

Any questions, contact Sharon at Howarth or Jan Van Dyke at Paint Creek.

PAINT CREEK NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

June

Patty Powell	June 1
Kathy Ferriby	June 3
Colleen King	June 4
Margaret Metcalf	June 10
Vera Rhine	June 10
Lizzie Chisholm	June 12
John Barkham	June 14
Reva LaFountain	June 14
June Resvold	June 19
Isabelle (Izzy) Bonten	June 23
Jan Van Dyke	June 27

Anniversaries

Mike & Colleen King	June 17
Bernard & Curtis Gudobba	June 20

July

Shaila Herbert	July 1
Bill Szuch	July 10
Judy Mars	July 12
Heidi Paterson	July 13
Dave Bonten	July 16
Andrew Taylor	July 18
Amanda (Devitt) McNerney	July 26
Gretchen Drader	July 27

PC birthdays cont.

Anniversaries

Tom & Ruth Barkham July 12
David & Clarke Bonten July 21
Mike & Susan Wood July 27
Peter & Mary Taylor July 31

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August

Treva Redman Aug 3
Fred Resvold Aug 7
Rob Mair Aug 11
Nancy Powell Aug 12
Alex Gorski Aug 13
Joyce Wiegand Aug 15
Stanley Summers Aug 23
Elizabeth Mulso Aug 25
Tim Tapner Aug 25
Becky Weger Aug 26
Tom Barkham Aug 29

Anniversaries

Shawn & Cindy Jacklin Aug 14
Mike & Nancy Nawrocki Aug 27

PERSON OF FAITH:

NANCY POWELL was born in Newport, Arkansas, a small southern community consisting of 5,000 people. The towns claim to fame is Sam Walton was also born there. Sam began the Walmart store chain.

Nancy's dad was an Arkansas State Trooper while her mother was a stay-at-home mom. Nancy grew up with 1 sibling who is now deceased. Graduating from Newport High School, Nancy went on to attend Arkansas State University for 2 years majoring in business.

She met her husband Max at the age of sixteen. Max also attended ASU. They married in 1958 after Nancy's sophomore year and Max's graduation. They moved to South

Carolina where Max served in the military. Once he was discharged from the service, they moved to Michigan. Max worked at National Twist Drill in Rochester as a sales representative. Later he started his own business which he owned for thirty years.

Nancy has 3 children. Darran and Patty live in Michigan and Susan in Minnesota. She has 3 grandchildren. Spencer, on occasion, attends Paint Creek with his grandmother. Nancy's dear husband Max passed away September, 2014.

While being a stay-at-home mom, Nancy volunteered in the schools her children attended. She preferred this role over working a full-time job.

The Powell's traveled Michigan. Then every year for 25 years they vacationed at a fishing lodge at Hubert Lake in Canada. This was where all the family gatherings were held.

Nancy's interests revolve around her family, cooking, Gardening, reading historical novels and mystery/suspense stories.

Nancy attended a southern Baptist church while living in Arkansas. She then attended a Congregational church. She got out of the habit of attending church for several years then Stan Summers invited Max and her to visit Paint Creek.

During Max's 3 month stay in the hospital, Pastor Tom and Lois would visit often. When Max passed away Pastor Tom was asked to officiate at the funeral. The funeral was on a Friday and Nancy attended Paint Creek that following Sunday. She has been attending since that time. Nancy joined Paint Creek this past spring as a professing member.

When asked what Nancy likes about Paint Creek she replied, "Pastor Tom and Lois, Stan's humorous exchanges with Pastor, the friendly congregation, being a small church and the warm atmosphere." She just feels comfortable in church saying "you don't have to be anything but what you are."

Nancy shares her interest in cooking with the congregation each Sunday. Always providing a delicious dish or two.

Thanks to Stan for helping Nancy find her way to Paint Creek, and we are very happy to have her on board!

Missions Report for 2015 - To Date

During the summer months, there will be 2 collections for missions pledged for 2015.

They are St. Andrews Society (salvaging produce from the fields to be given to the poor in this country) and Imagine No Malaria (providing nets for sleeping in Africa).

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We are committed to paying \$950.00 for these 2 missions.

Our apportionment money is paying for 5 missions. We are at the half way point on these missions. We pledged \$1050.00 and have paid

\$525.00 to date. Out of the mission fund, we have recently paid \$1,305 for other missions. Please give generously for the remaining missions.

Money given for birthdays and anniversaries goes to the mission fund. This money is helpful in paying for our pledged missions. Grocery products given to the Food Pantry also count as credit for missions. Money donated to the Crop Walk program also count as a mission. Last year Paint Creek paid or gave product which amounted to \$10,000.00. Let's see if we can do as well this year.

Thank you to all who gave so generously in 2014.

HOWARTH NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

June

Casie Rowden	June 8
Trent Davis(Getz)	June 12
Adam Sandstrom	June 13
Cheryl Everhart	June 19
Rose Ann Spencer	June 19
Randy Lamas	June 23
Pat Staley	June 25
Marie Dillenbeck	June 26

Marilyn Foster June 28

Anniversaries

Rick & Sharon Rowden June 10
Paul & Kaye Hamman June 12

July

Melissa Spencer July 4
Amy Young July 10
Scott Spencer July 16
Clara Howden July 26
Jon Barth July 26
Ernie Young July 28

Anniversaries

Bob & Marie Dillenbeck July 4
Katie & Justin Nelson July 4
Dick & Barb Hill July 31

August

Erica Vangeisen Aug 9
Ruth Ferrell Aug 9
Megan Key Aug 12
Scott Howden Aug 14
Joe LaCourse Aug 20
Isabella LaCourse Aug 29
Leroy Thatcher Aug 29

Anniversaries (none)

Thank you to...

Dennis and Jarod Waite for cutting and trimming around the parsonage.

Continued thanks to everyone at Howarth and Paint Creek for all the cards, prayers, visits and calls. Randy still has a lot to get through, but your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Jennifer Howden for the time she put in to get Paint Creek and Howarth's deeds in order for the conference.

Note received from Love, Inc.

Dear Howarth Church,

Thank you so much for the spaghetti dinner and donation benefiting Love, Inc. We appreciate everything so very much.

God Bless, Love In the Name of Christ. (Our total donation was \$1,300)

HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

Dinners have begun! Our first one was held on May 27th. Ham dinner. Attendance was light, but

we had torrential rains a couple hours before. Still had a great profit of \$900!

Next dinner will be June 24th, Swiss Steak.

We appreciate all our helpers from Howarth and Paint Creek. Couldn't do these dinners without all of you!

Marilyn Foster,
President UMW

REMINDER:

Howarth still collecting, used postage stamps, Campbell's labels and eyeglasses/and cases. Also, don't forget to bring in your quarters for the Love, INC. Laundry Mission.

Money in the "gas can" collected at coffee hour goes to Love, INC. to purchase gas cards.

There is a box in the narthex for items being donated to Love, Inc. Items needed, household items, bedding, dishes, pans, towels, just about anything you use in your own household. Clothing needed also (summer clothes only please)!

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Upcoming Fall Event Information

The installation of Rev. Elizabeth Hill will be held at Mayville United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 13, 2015. It will begin at 3 P.M. Join Bishop Deborah Kiese along with the Detroit Conference and West Michigan Conference Cabinets in welcoming Rev. Hill to the Blue Water District as our District Superintendent.

The Training Day and District Conference date has been changed to Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Howarth UMC
2015 Dinner Schedule

All dinners have the same start/finish time and prices.

4:30 – 7 pm

\$12 for adults, \$5.00 children 5 – 12, under 5 free

Dinners will be served buffet style.

June 24th – Swiss Steak Dinner

Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, salad, green beans, bread and pie.

Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea

July 22nd – Pot Roast Dinner

(4th Wednesday)

Roast Beef, potatoes, gravy, salad, vegetable, bread and pie.

Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea

August 26th –

Swiss Steak Dinner

Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, salad, green beans, bread and pie.

Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea

September 23rd – Pot Roast Dinner (4th Wednesday)

Roast Beef, potatoes, gravy, salad, vegetable, bread and pie.

Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea

October 28th – Pork Dinner

Pork, potatoes, gravy, salad, squash, bread and pie.

Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea

Sat. Nov 14th –

Kathy

Sandstrom Mission Dinner

Turkey, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, salad, squash, green beans, bread & pie. Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea

As always, a portion of the proceeds from our dinners are donated to missions.

Thank you for your continued support!

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