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pastor's column



From the Desk of the Pastor

Do Not Worry

Matthew 26: 25-30. *Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?*

In the course of daily living there are so many things that can weigh down upon our lives and all we can see is the darkness closing in upon us. Throughout our lives, friends have probably reassured us, over and over again that things aren't as bad as they seem; but in the course of a lonely night the presence of our many problems and burdens can make such assurances seem empty.

I think back on a time in my life when I was feeling overwhelmed about the things of life. In the summer of 2005 I was preparing for seminary at Methodists Theological Seminary in Delaware, Ohio and I was also a single father raising 2 preteen age daughters on my own. In the mix of all that, I was asked by my senior pastor to take our church's youth group to West Virginia on a two-week mission trip. There in the back hills and hollers of West Virginia, I experienced poverty beyond belief and saw people who literally had no shoes to wear or food to eat. I thought, "How can this be in the United States?" Sadly, most adults raising the children were

unemployed and drank alcohol heavily. Many of those same families, pooled some of their money together to purchase a 20-year-old school bus which they then backed up to their mountain side property, anchored it down so it would not roll down the mountain. After doing so, that old bus became a home for 7 to 10 people. Even the seats of the bus were utilized and became their beds and indoor furniture and outdoor furniture.

After 5 days of helping, it seemed our efforts only put a small dent into their living conditions. I became overwhelmed. A youth leader from another church from Ohio, who I had gotten to know, recognized the shroud of gloom that was enveloping me. At the end of a work day he invited me out for coffee and asked me what was on my mind.

That was all the invitation I needed and I began to lay out my litany of woes, which included all the things in my life mixed in with my feelings of dealing with the West Virginia trip.

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Quickly my new friend stopped me and said, "Whoa! You got lots of stuff here! I need to know the magnitude of each of these problems. Consider this method; if the problem is the equivalent of needing to put gas in your car... score it a one; but if the problem is compared to dealing with your imminent death then I would rate a ten."

So, I started over, each item on my list when compared to what the poor West Virginian's I was working with, quickly became rated perhaps a two or a three. Looking back, I realize most things I shared with him, I would probably have rated many of those items a one or even less. That day my friend helped me see that in our lives we can indeed make mountains out of mole hills. The onslaught of daily life can indeed distort our perspective and as a result of our distorted vision we can make poor choices for our lives.

In a recent reading in a devotion book one morning, one of the authors noted that each day we come into can present to us, many forks in the road where we have got to make a choice (to do this or to do that) and each of those choices adjusts the direction of our lives. This got me thinking... all it would take is to make a couple of severe right hand turns to get one going in the opposite direction of where we intended to be going with our lives. I have found that reality to be true for me on more than one occasion.

Beyond the choices we make in life also come the moments of adversity: illness, accidents, the consequences of economic downturns or social unrest and the course of life is irrevocably changed. The darkness of such moments, layered in with everything else can indeed become crushing to one's life. Here then are some very powerful words which Jesus said to his disciples; in fact, in the gospel of Matthew these are final words we read: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

In all that confronts us in life the good news is simply this; "We are not alone." This is the truth that bears us up in all that confronts us in life. It doesn't matter whether the issues seem big or small; we are not alone. This gospel truth found in Matthew 6: 26, says this," Look *at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"* Yes, consider the birds and remember that God gives us the faith so that in the darkest moment of the night we can begin to sing for the dawn found in and through Jesus Christ is coming and darkness will indeed give way to light. As the children of God, we can indeed testify to the light even when the dark is all around us... for we know it will not last, for the light of Christ is fast upon us. Remember, God through Christ, is with us until the end of time. Until that time, Christ will provide for us and through faith give to us

everything we need.

God Loves You and So Do I.
Pastor Marv.

*Pastor Marv will be on vacation
August 13– Aug 20th*

**NEWSLETTER
ARTICLE DEADLINE:
October 16th**

***Charge Conference Oct
23rd at Howarth***



PAINT CREEK NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

August

Treva Redman	Aug 3
Rob Mair	Aug 11
Stanley Summers	Aug 23
Tim Tapner	Aug 25
Becky Weger	Aug 26

August Anniversaries

Anthony & Laura Moggio	Aug 16
Mike & Nancy Nawrocki	Aug 27

September

Benjamin Barkham	Sept 22
Michael Nawrocki	Sept 23

Sept. Anniversaries

Andy & Sandy Knaack Sept 3
 Steve & Gail Stoner Sept 18

October

Pastor Marv Oct 2
 Barb Smith Oct 5
 Jan McCall Oct 13
 Donald Paterson Oct 17
 Gail Stoner Oct 22

Anniversaries

Rob & Judy Mair Oct 3



Dick Bourez for his twenty years of providing wonderful music for our church worship service.

Cal Devitt for providing the Upper Room devotional booklets for the past ten years.

Laura Moggio and Cal Devitt for arranging and paying for the floor in the annex to be washed and waxed. It looks great.

Gail Stoner and Jeff Meirow for organizing fellowship each week. Both of you do an outstanding job preparing food and getting food on the serving tables hot each week. Everyone enjoys their church meal as they are delicious.

All who prepare special dishes for fellowship each week.

Gretty, Sandy, Colleen and Andy for all the time spent in re-doing the kitchen. It looks fantastic.

All the members who help with the church worship service by doing announcements, reading scripture, helping with communion and ushering.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I want to thank the Sunday School Teachers for a truly successful year growing the children in Christ. Colleen Barkham, Sandy Knaack, Emily Barkham, Laura Moggio, and Gretchen Drader have given their time, energy, and love generously.

The children and youth explored the world (including stamped passports) and learned about Samuel's relationship with God thanks to the Deep Blue Curriculum. The teachers will be meeting soon to determine the Fall's curriculum so we will keep you posted!

Dear Paint Creek Members,

I have begun my journey to becoming a local pastor. By the time you read this, I will have completed the first two and possibly the third of five sessions. There is a lot of paperwork and interviews to complete. I would appreciate any prayers supporting my walk on the path that God has set my feet on. I would like to thank the many members that have inquired about my progress, and to Pastor Marv, who is giving me many opportunities and guidance along the way. I am loving every minute of my journey, learning a lot about myself and the many responsibilities of the position. I truly feel joy and contentment, knowing God has called me, his humble servant, into his service. Blessings,
 Steffani Glygoroff

**Goodison Good Tymes
 Bake Sale**

The date has been set for our Goodison Good Tymes Bake Sale at Bear Creek. Save the date of Saturday, September 15th. We will need many bake goods donated to make this a success. We skipped last fall, but don't want to miss this fun family event. Closer to the date Sandy will have a sign up sheet to ask you for your time and your baking

talents. She will also have a list of the most popular/healthy and best-selling suggestions for you to choose from. We will not be making multiple apple pies this year, but you may make individual pies if you like.

Our Rummage Sale date will be from October 14th through Saturday the 20th. Jan McCall will be helping out on the phone to line up volunteers in all categories. Closer to the date Sandy will put out volunteer sheets so that you can sign up for the shift(s) that works for you. It's not too early to begin sorting and deciding what you would like to donate for us to sell. We ask that there be no TV's or large furniture. More information coming soon.
 Thank you,
 Sandy Knaack

**MISSION PROJECTS
 FOR 2018**

Our congregation donated \$300.00 to the St. Andrews Society so the organization can glean produce from the fields to feed the poor in U.S.A.

Our August mission is IMAGINE NO MALARIA. This mission is to provide nets to keep malaria carrying mosquitoes out while sleeping. Let's try to match our \$300.00 donation this month. We only have 2 special Sunday collections left for this year. One will be in October the other at the end of November. This will finish our mission pledges for 2018 and make us a Spotlight church again.



PAINT CREEK PERSONS OF FAITH

OUR CHILDREN OF FAITH

William and Violet Moggio

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Children of faith cont.

Anthony and Laura Moggio are the proud parents of William and Violet. The family resides in Rochester. William who is 8 years old will be entering the third grade this fall. His favorite classes at school are reading and gym. For fun, William loves swimming and playing video games with his dad. Special vacations he has enjoyed have been heading north to his Papa Moggio's condo and Disney World. Papa Devitt, who lives nearby, is visited almost daily by the grandchildren and Laura. There are 3 activities William enjoys at Papa Devitt's home. They are: playing with Frieda, grandpa's dog, planting pumpkin seeds in the garden and watching the pumpkins grow and playing on the backyard trampoline.

William enjoys church and being with the other kids especially after fellowship when the children play in the back creek. Children's time with the pastor is a favorite time as William likes it when the children say together the pray after children's time and also serving as an usher during offertory time.

Sweet Violet is 7 years old and will be in the second grade in September. Her favorite classes in school are art and math while her fun activities are coloring and gymnastics.

Violet's memorable vacations have been Disney World and visiting her cousins in Muskegon, Michigan. At grandpa's house, Violet enjoys playing with Frieda, trampolining and story time with papa.

Like her brother Violet enjoys playing in the creek. She has no

trouble keeping up with all the boys when out running around. Sunday school is fun as she likes doing crafts and other projects. During time with pastor she loves to hear the stories of the Bible. Violet helps at church by ringing the bell to announce the start and end of worship, taking up the collection and saying the prayer together at the end of children's time.

These 2 delightful children of God's are our children of faith at Paint Creek UMC

New at PC

We are delighted to see and use our new kitchen at Paint Creek! Finally a dishwasher with all our beautiful new appliances! Our fellowship time after church is again on course and everyone is enjoying the sharing of food and stories!

A huge thank-you to Andy Knaack for being our general contractor of the kitchen and bathroom remodel! Andy spent many hours overseeing the work and running for materials. He also did a lot of the final detail, including installing all of the cabinet hardware! Please remember to thank him for his time and oversight of these lengthy projects.

We thank Gretchen Drader for her expertise in designing the kitchen. We also thank Sandy Knaack and Colleen Barkham who met with Gretchen for numerous visits to Home Depot to reach a final plan.

And a special thank-you to our carpenters, Charlie Stoner and Gary Poplawski who gave these projects extra attention to their

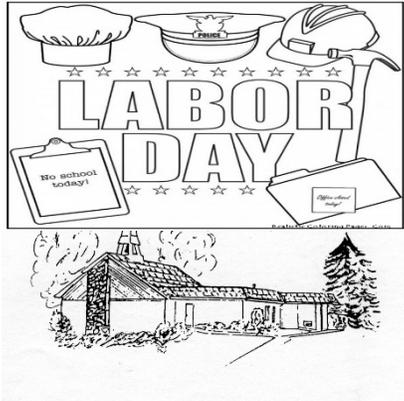
completions. Wish Chuck and Walt could've been there to see their sons at work on these long anticipated remodels! They would've been proud!

We have done one bathroom remodel and you will notice that both bathrooms are now labeled unisex which means anyone may use them. The former ladies bathroom is now ADA accessible and very roomy for a wheelchair or walker.

Mark your calendar for August 19th. That is the day we will dedicate the kitchen to Ray Rist, Jerolyn Szuch's father, who left us a donation which got this kitchen remodel off the ground! Join us after the service to dedicate Ray's Kitchen.

Attention Choir Members!! (and those of you who love to sing in the shower (you know who you are)). The Paint Creek UMC choir will be singing again beginning on Sept. 9, 2018 at the 11 am service. If you would love to be a part of this wonderful and talented group, please show up at our first rehearsal at 10 am on Sept. 9. If you have any questions, please contact Steffani Glygoroff at 248-805-3597. Remember, when you sing, you are praying twice!

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September 3rd



HOWARTH NEWS:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

August

Connie Taylor Aug 2
 Tena Hostler Aug 8
 Erica Pohl Aug 9
 Ruth Ferrell Aug 9
 Megan Key Aug 12
 Scott Howden Aug 14

Anniversaries (none)

September

Paul Sandstrom Sept 30

Anniversaries

Dennis & Pamala Waite Sept 8
 Dean Holbrook Sept 17
 Ernie & Amy Young Sept 23

October

Pastor Marv Oct 2
 Rita Sauls Oct 12
 Sharon Rowden Oct 17
 Lilah Kaye Young Oct 26
 Scott McKay Oct 28

Anniversaries (none)



Ferrell's and Staley's for planting the tree out front. And for the continual upkeep to keep our plants weeded and watered.

Dennis Waite for ordering the Peace Pole and to Paul Sandstrom and Ray Sauls for installing it.

Trustees for overseeing the purchase of the new, beautiful, piano!

To all our trustees who worked diligently to get the parsonage sold. Took many years, but it's finally done. Then they (especially Steve) worked to get a garage built on the church property. Construction will begin soon.

Thank you from Paul for all the help he received with Alexa over the past 6 years. She has moved to her forever home with Aunt Erica (mom) in Alabama.

Rev. Bruce Billing is recuperating from his recent surgery. He would like to thank those who prayed, sent cards, visited or phoned. God Bless to you.

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA KITS

Howarth UMC will be selling pizza kits again beginning October 8th. Orders due at the church by October 28th. Please contact Sharon if interested in getting an order form to take orders or if you would like to purchase any kits. Pick up orders at Howarth on November 1 between noon and 6 pm.

New Members:

Howarth welcomed two new members on July 29th. Bob and Tena Hostler. So happy to have you in our "flock".

NEEDED:

Coffee Hour Hostesses
 Sunday school teachers

Liturgist for Sunday service
 Please consider volunteering for one or more of these needs.

HELP NEEDED:

New carpeting will be installed Aug 13 - 15 in the fellowship hall and the offices, etc. To save a LOT of money, Paul told the carpet people we would move all the furniture...HELP. Sunday, Aug 12th after church we will begin moving furniture. If you have any young people in your family that may be willing to help, we could use them.

THIS IS HEAVEN

The couple were both 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said

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This is Heaven cont.

“Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now.” The old man asked St. Peter how much all this was going to cost. “Why nothing” replied St. Peter, “remember, this is your reward in Heaven.” The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any on Earth. “What are the greens fees?” grumbled the old man. “This is Heaven,” St. Peter replied. “You can play for free, every day.” Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish

buffet lunch with every imaginable food laid out before them. The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. “Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?” he asked. “That’s the best part,” St. Peter replied. “You can eat and drink as much as you like and you will never get fat or sick... This is Heaven!” “Don’t even ask,” St. Peter said to the man. “This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy”

The old still wasn’t convinced. “No gym to work out at?” “not unless you want to.” Was the answer. “No testing my sugar or blood pressure or...” “Nope, never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself.” The old man glared at his wife, and said, “You and your stupid bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!”



October 31st

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