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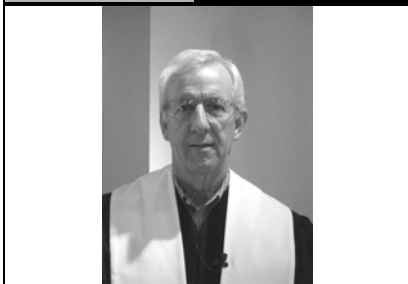
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## pastor's column



Well here we are having made it through another blessed Christmas Season of our Christian Church which ended on Epiphany Sunday (Three Kings Sunday) January 3, 2016.

And now we are in the Season after the Epiphany in what the church calls Ordinary Time. The First Sunday focuses on the Baptism of Christ (January 10) and the Last Sunday on the Transfiguration (February 7).

This season includes four to nine Sundays depending on the date of Easter. We will be celebrating four this year, ending on February 7, Transfiguration Sunday. And then we start the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 10.

Remember what we said about Ordinary Time? After each cycle, (the Christian year contains two cycles; The Christmas Cycle and the Easter Cycle), there is an “ordinary time” of growth symbolized by the color green.

During the Epiphany season, the manifestation of Christ increasingly unfolds. The Magi follow the star to the Christ Child; Jesus is baptized and receives affirmation of his Messiahship from his Father; He proclaims the gospel, and finally His Transfiguration is completed.

Our travels take us now into the Lenten Season. A season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and ends on Holy Saturday, March 26.

Okay then, now you have your itinerary all set for the next three months. We will be making some stops along the way, (Ash Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday March

20<sup>th</sup> & Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>) and I am looking forward to having you along for the journey.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom



(H) Sincere sympathy goes out to Tareena Northrup and her family on the death of her father, Bob Mulholland. Bob went to be home with his Lord on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

(H) Sympathy also to the family of Carl Paulson. Carl passed away on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. He was buried at the Holly Veterans cemetery.

(PC) Our prayers and thoughts go out to Sandy Knaack and family on the death of Sandy's mom, Myrtle (Micky) Linguist. Micky went to be with her Lord on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Her memorial service was held on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL**

Again this year, Howarth and Paint Creek served a delicious meal at the Baldwin Center in Pontiac on Christmas Day. 88 people, including children, were served. We thank everyone who helped out; it is a generous thing to share your Christmas celebration with the less fortunate. A special thanks to Paul Sandstrom for organizing and doing the cooking for this terrific mission. (We are already scheduled to do this again this year!)

**HOPE HOSPITALITY CENTER**

Mark your calendars now! We will be serving meals on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Thank you to Paint Creek and Howarth for approving the lease of a different copier. The one we had was 11 years old and parts are difficult to come by. I truly appreciate the upgraded machine-Sharon

**NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLE DEADLINE:  
March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**PAINT CREEK NEWS:**



**Birthdays & Anniversaries:  
January**

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Nancy Nawrocki    | Jan 1  |
| Stacey Taylor     | Jan 5  |
| Jerolyn Szuch     | Jan 7  |
| Virginia Ferguson | Jan 14 |
| Jean Lutz         | Jan 18 |
| John Taylor       | Jan 21 |

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| William Moggio           | Jan 21 |
| Elizabeth Reitz          | Jan 22 |
| Jeff Meiwor              | Jan 30 |
| <b>Anniversaries</b>     |        |
| Robert & Reva LaFountain | Jan 4  |

**February**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Lalit Herbert        | Feb 3  |
| Linda Pasternak      | Feb 7  |
| Colleen Barkham      | Feb 15 |
| Edward Barkham       | Feb 15 |
| Judy Mair            | Feb 19 |
| John Mars            | Feb 24 |
| <b>Anniversaries</b> | (none) |

**March**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Dick Bourez          | Mar 9  |
| Anthony Moggio       | Mar 15 |
| Clarke Bonten        | Mar 20 |
| Bonnie Murphy        | Mar 23 |
| Clara Linton         | Mar 29 |
| Pastor Tom           | Mar 29 |
| <b>Anniversaries</b> |        |
| John & Judy Mars     | Mar 30 |

**Paint Creek UMC Holiday  
Cookie Sale**

Another great success with our cookie sale in 2015! We have so many returning fans that we easily sell out the first day of the sale. This year some of Howarth's great bakers joined us. We had many comments about this year's cookies being the best box ever!

We sold 124 boxes of cookies. Our profit after expenses will be used for Paint Creek's missions. Howarth also will use their share to support their missions.

Thank-you to our Paint Creek bakers: Suzy Kelly, Becky Weger, Gretchen Drader, Colleen Barkham, Emily Barkham, Lois Sayers, Jan Van Dyke, Jean Lutz, Pia Tucker, Nancy Powell, Judy Mair, Sandy Knaack, Reva LaFountain, Stacey Taylor, and Laura Moggio.

Thank-you to Howarth bakers: Sharon Rowden, Marilyn Foster, Pat Pollitt, Lois Sayers, and Cheryl Everhart.

Special thanks to Heidi Paterson for her amazing toffee which was a special treat for every box!

Thank-you for donations to our baking needs from Fred Rosvold, Dick Bourez, Gretchen Drader and her friends, Alice Holt and Karen Chase.

**Thank you to Colleen and Becky for Co-Chairing this wonderful event.**



Andy Knaack for all the improvements you have done around the church.

Tim Tapner for building the storage shed. Looks great.

Everyone for helping with the pie sale. It was a huge success.

Sharon for all the extra hours put in to get the Conference Books ready.  
(From Jan McCall)

Paint Creek friends and family for the generous Christmas gift. I truly appreciate your kindness.  
**Sharon**

Suzy Kelly for all the time you spend organizing and preparing food for fellowship.

To all who bring food and help clean up after fellowship.

Jerolyn Szuch and Dick Bourez for all the extra time spent pre-

paring the choir for the Christmas season.

Jerolyn Szuch for all the extra hours you spend selecting and preparing our choir folders.

Pastor Tom, Dick and Jerolyn for the beautiful Christmas Eve service.

Jan Van Dyke for filling in for Pastor Tom while he was on vacation.

Fred Rosvold for delivering food to RANH.

Betty Wilber and Rob Mair for taking the food to the pantry at RANH.

To the Bonten family for the beautiful music on Christmas Eve. You were great.

### **Rummage Sale at PCUMC**

Friday March 18th: 9-5

Early Bird \$4: 8-9

Saturday March 19th: 9-12

Bag Day \$5 per paper grocery bag stuffed large items 1/2 off

Drop off items

Sunday March 13th: 2-4

Monday-Wednesday March 14, 15, 16: 10-4

(No early drop offs please as we need room to set up the tables Sunday after church.)

Church members can come in Thursday 4-5 for presales. We need volunteers for sorting, pricing, selling, set up, and especially clean up Saturday from 12-1, packing up for the pick up at 1:00. Sign-up sheets will be out in March.

Thanks, Becky

## **PERSONS OF FAITH**

John Taylor and  
Stacey Priest Taylor

**John** Taylor was born in Pontiac and has lived there most of his life. His father worked in a warehouse in Tennessee and also as a part-time pastor until he retired. Upon retirement from the warehouse, he became a full-time pastor until his death. His mom raised John while working at Farmer Jacks and then at General Motors where she worked for 36 years until her retirement. John is the youngest of 6 children. He has 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

John graduated from Pontiac Northern in 1990. He then trained in massage therapy, working in this field for 1 year. He has taken a variety of classes, recently doing on-line studies with Ashworth in the computer area. He hopes to obtain a position working in the computer field. John also worked at the Oakland YMCA where he met his future wife, Stacey Priest. Presently he works at DNN in Romeo bending metal and doing framework for Telsar Motors.

John is interested in art. He took art classes from 3rd grade through 12th grade. He has enjoyed doing drawings and cartooning. John goes to the gym on a frequent basis and loves to play softball as well. Other interests include, reading Bible scripture, biographies and listening to music.

Common interests he shares with Stacey are watching decorating and cooking shows. Recently they purchased a condo in Rochester and have been using decorating ideas based on these TV shows. John says "they like to think outside the box."

Traveling the U.S.A. has provided John an opportunity to visit many states which he has enjoyed. His other visit to Cancun, Mexico allowed him to relax and enjoy the sunshine and area attractions.

How did John and Stacey find Paint Creek? Stacey drove by the church many times while visiting a friend in the area. When searching for a church to get married in they decided to visit Paint Creek. Both were looking for a small church that was neutral since one of them was Catholic and the other Baptist. On July 18, 2015 they were married at Paint Creek.

What do they like about Paint Creek? They enjoy "the friendly atmosphere, that the church is small and homey and that it is a down to earth church."

What is the big news John shared during Joys and Concerns? John and Stacey are expecting a baby July 10th. The membership is thrilled and happy for both of them. As a couple they are a wonderful addition as members of our church.

**Stacey** Priest Taylor was born in Detroit, lived one year in Grosse Pointe. Her parents then moved to Rochester where Stacey has resided, except for a period of 4 years when she lived in Florida. Her father owned a carpenter business while her mom was a stay-at-home mom until Stacey started school. Her mom starting working part-time then went on to full time work selling mortgages. Stacey has 2 older brothers.

Stacey graduated from Rochester High School. She later went on to Baker College

graduating in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in marketing.

Employment history includes being the aquatic director at the Oakland YMCA and is now employed at Costco, Bloomfield Hills in the marketing department.

Stacey's many interests include, cooking, baking, entertaining, reading, studying American history, music, attending concerts, sporting events, and swimming. She is a big M.S.U. fan, watching college football on TV. She and John are on a bowling team. They both enjoy watching reality TV and HGTV, and fixing up their new condo, plus preparing the nursery for the baby coming in July!

Travel for Stacey has been extensive around the states and also to Mexico, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and Nicaragua. She hopes to visit Hawaii someday.

When Stacey dreamed about her wedding she envisioned it being held at Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village. She wanted a unique and quaint church. When the Chapel in Greenfield Village was not available to them, it was time to find another church. John and Stacey visited other churches, eventually selecting Paint Creek for their wedding. They felt it met their requirements.

What they enjoy now about our church is the membership being so friendly. The same can be said about John and Stacey as they are very friendly and a joy to visit with during fellowship. The church membership is delighted you have selected Paint Creek as your church.  
**WELCOME!**

### Missions

We participated in the RANH giving tree again this year. Choosing items to donated to the less fortunate.

Paint Creek had 3 families that we provided holiday meals for.

### FINAL MISSION REPORT FOR 2015

The congregation is to be congratulated for donating \$13,387.71 to mission projects for 2015. This is an increase of \$4,660.71 over missions total for 2014. The total amount for 2015 does not include the amount of groceries members brought in for the food pantry at Rochester Area Neighborhood House.

Your generosity this past year has been overwhelming and guarantees Paint Creek will again be a SPOTLIGHT church.

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pledged Missions   | \$3,770.00         |
| Nepal Disaster     | \$ 352.00          |
| Six Sundays        | \$2,207.00         |
| Miscellaneous      | \$7,058.71         |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$13,387.71</b> |

### REMINDER

The first Sunday of each month is a pot luck meal for fellowship time. Bring in those tasty dishes that your families enjoy.



### HOWARTH NEWS: Birthdays & Anniversaries: January

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Tami Wayne (Spencer) | Jan 1  |
| Dennis Waite         | Jan 12 |
| Eric Everhart        | Jan 12 |
| Bette Wattles        | Jan 12 |

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Steve Ferrell      | Jan 16 |
| Elizabeth Reitz    | Jan 22 |
| Katherine Thatcher | Jan 23 |
| Matthew Spencer    | Jan 23 |
| Jim Staley         | Jan 31 |

### Anniversaries (none)

### February

#### Anniversaries

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Steve & Ruth Ferrell | Feb 14 |
|----------------------|--------|

### March

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Pat Pollitt          | Mar 14        |
| Betty Paulson        | Mar 17        |
| Kevin LaCourse       | Mar 19        |
| Erin Spencer         | Mar 21        |
| Jennifer Howden      | Mar 25        |
| Pastor Tom           | Mar 29        |
| <b>Anniversaries</b> | <b>(none)</b> |



Ray Sauls for painting the Cross and Flame on the front of the church. It looks great!

For the Christmas gift. It was very kind of the UMW. I appreciate your generosity and kindness. *Sharon*

Paul Sandstrom for sharing his message while Pastor Tom was away from the pulpit.

Pastor Tom and Lois for their continued leadership and love for the congregations.

### MISSIONS:

All our mission pledges have been paid. We will be a Spotlight Church again for 2015. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of missions.

### HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

Thank you to our friends at Paint Creek for helping with the serving and clean-up at the dinners. Also for making pies (I think Rick tasted each of them!). you are a wonderful asset to our team!

The first dinner in May is going to be a turkey dinner (yeah!) A planning meeting will be on March 6<sup>th</sup> to set the menus for the remainder of our 2016 dinners.

Our bills were all paid for 2015 and bonuses were given to our staff.

**REMINDER:**

Upper Rooms, a daily devotional magazine, are available for free in the hallway by the nursery. Help yourself to one today. Howarth is still collecting, used postage stamps, Campbell's Labels, fronts of greeting cards 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 (winter clothes only please)!

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