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pastor's column



From the Pastor's Desk

In the Gospel accounts of the resurrection the women came to the tomb before dawn to prepare Jesus' body. They came weeping for the loss of their beloved savior. In their sorrow they didn't remember his words that he must suffer, be crucified, die and return after three days. On that third day they approach the tomb only to find the massive stone rolled away. Jesus' body is missing. They are frightened by the presence of strange men dressed in white who inform them that Jesus is not there among the dead. They are there by instructed by these angels to go and tell the other disciples that the Savior has indeed risen.

In Jesus' day women were considered to be among the marginalized in a male dominated society. They were often poor, without a voice and with no power

to speak of. They were considered the property and the responsibility of their fathers, husbands or brothers. If they had neither, life became cruel and unbearable. But the most important message told to all mankind was first voiced through a woman, Mary Magdalene. And all mankind had to listen.

The sorrow and fear the women at the tomb initially experience quickly changes to awe and then joy as they realize that the savior has conquered death, that his promise of eternal life for all who believe is real. What joy to be able to spread that word. What joy to be able to see the change in people like themselves who hear this word and believe. To see the effects of the resurrection message must have inspired tremendous awe to all who heard and shared it.

The Easter season allows us the opportunity to share that same message. We are called to be the voices that give hope to those who feel they have none. We are called to share through our actions the love of Christ that feeds the body as well as the spirit. We who know the joy of the resurrection message must invite all to hear it and live it to the glory of God the Creator.

On the day that I write these words thousands of women are staging a march on the nation's capital.

They are raising their voices against the injustices that they have suffered for too long in our culture. They are bringing to light the secrets of the powerful that have imprisoned them through fear and shame. They are claiming their equal place in God's creation. They speak not only for themselves but for all who have been denied the freedom and equality that is the right of all for whom Christ died.

The message of the resurrection is clear. Christ died for all of us while we were yet sinners. He died to bring us back into a right relationship with God the Creator. God loves all of his creation. And he made the ultimate sacrifice by coming to earth through his son Jesus so that his holy family might be restored.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Carolyn

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE DEADLINE:

March 18th

Congratulations to Steffani Glygoroff who has heard the calling and will soon begin the journey to become a Pastor in the United Methodist Church! All of us at Paint Creek and Howarth will pray for you and help you on your journey.



Thank you to....

Steffani Glygoroff for all the work and dedication she puts into being the Worship Chairperson and Music Minister at Paint Creek.

Jan McCall for all her work with the missions, the newsletter, the directory, scheduling liturgist and announcers for the Sunday service. You are a blessing to Paint Creek.

On behalf of the PC Church Council, I want to thank everyone for their faithfulness and generosity during 2017. Many of you increased your tithing due to the lower attendance, and that is much appreciated.

2017's General Fund receipts:

Total Tithes: \$41,258
 Plate Offering \$ 1,693
 Food Offering \$ 954
 Grand Total Receipts: \$43905
 2017 Budget \$55,680-Receipts \$43,905=\$11,775 shortfall

Cal Devitt
 Financial Secretary, PCUMC

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Paint Creek would like to thank and honor Paul Sandstrom for all his work organizing and preparing the food to feed the homeless at the warming center in Pontiac. All your time and effort touches the lives of so many homeless persons in the Pontiac area. They are a most appreciative group of people. Thank you Paul.

PAINT CREEK NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February

Lalit Herbert	Feb 3
Colleen Barkham	Feb 15
Edward Barkham	Feb 15
Judy Mair	Feb 19

Anniversaries (none)

March

Dick Bourez	Mar 9
Diana Ostrand	Mar 17
Clarke Bonten	Mar 20
Clara Linton	Mar 29

Anniversaries

April

Anna Jacklin	Apr 2
Violet Moggio	Apr 7
Trevor Barkham	Apr 10
Andy Knaack	Apr 11
Robert LaFountain	Apr 20
Cal Devitt	Apr 25
Anniversaries	(none)

BIBLE STUDY

6 week Bible Study will begin on Thursday, Feb. 15th and run through March 22nd. "Five Means of Grace". Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way.

For more information or to obtain a study book, contact Pastor Carolyn or Sharon.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Movies will resume March 4th. Movie title TBD.

Free popcorn. Beverages for sale. Monies raised from these afternoons will be used for Sunday School programs, trips and for summer camps.

EVERYONE INVITED

DEVOTIONAL GROUP

STUDY Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. Meeting at Nicks Country Oven at the corners of Silverbell and Adams

Come gather with other spiritual family members to share a longer devotional time (about one hour). Did you know that *The Upper Room* was originally developed as a small group study? Share the daily Wednesday devotional together with prayer, scripture, probing questions, and reflection.

EASTER SERVICE

SCHEDULE:

Ash Wed., Feb. 14, service at Howarth - 7pm

Good Friday, March 30th, service will be held at Paint Creek, noon.

PAINT CREEK PERSON OF FAITH

CAL DEVITT

Longtime member of Paint Creek, Cal Devitt was born at home in Peck, a farming community in Sanilac Co. He was the 4th of 5 children, with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. His father was a farmer, his mother was a rural school teacher for 5 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom and doer of farming chores.

After Cal graduated from Sandusky high school, he headed off to Central Michigan University to earn his Bachelor of Science degree to teach. He earned his Master's degree at The University of Michigan. He has more 30 credits he earned at various universities. He used this education to teach for 31 years before retiring in 1988.

After Cal graduated from Central he was unable to obtain a job due to Uncle Sam wanting him for Army duty. As he waited for his draft notice, Cal and a roommate headed west to California for the summer. They "bummed around," worked and traveled the state. When his roommate got his draft notice while in California, Cal headed back to Michigan sightseeing along his route.

September, 1955 Cal's draft notice arrived. His was assigned to working in the Counter Intelligence Corp. His job was to obtain information through interviews about military personnel. This information allowed persons to obtain security clearance for "positions of trust." After 2 years, he was discharged from the army.

Cal obtained a teaching position in Vassar for 1 year and then Saginaw schools for his second year where he met his wife,

Lenna Vay. After Saginaw, he began working for the Department of Defense schools. Japan was his first teaching assignment. While in Japan, he traveled to Hong Kong and other Asian countries. During that year, Cal and Lenna Vay exchanged letters. Returning home in the summer of 1962, Lenna Vay became Mrs. Devitt.

Both headed that fall to Turkey to teach at an American school for 1 year. While there, they traveled extensively. Next they were assigned to Germany for 2 years which allowed time to travel to many European countries. Cal visited Germany again with his daughters in 2016.

Returning to the states found the Devitt's living in Rochester. Lenna Vay worked for the Rochester schools while Cal got an elementary teaching position with the Bloomfield Hills district working there twenty-three years. They enjoyed having 3 children, Amy, Steve and our own Laura Moggio. Cal's retirement job since 1989 has been delivering flowers part-time for Holland Florist.

Over the years, Cal has spent hours researching his family tree. His other interests have been: a vegetable garden and now a pumpkin patch he works on with grandchildren, William and Violet. He also grows flowers on his property. Cal has enjoyed reading, music and hiking. He walks his dog, Freida, daily. For many years he has been a member of the Masons.

How did Cal find Paint Creek UMC? In 1972, he was slowly driving past the church with family when Betty Poplawski and another church member invited them in for Sunday worship. They began attending Paint Creek after that.

As a member, Cal has been involved as a trustee, choir member, singing duets, recording secretary for church council, doing yard work, member of UMM, treasurer for 25 years and now financial secretary.

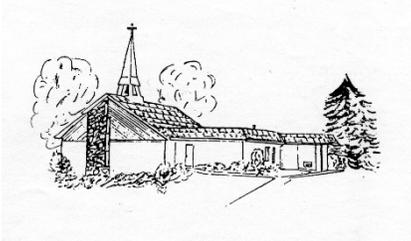
Cal enjoys Paint Creek because it reminds him of the country church he attended in his early years. The size of the church, the members are "down to earth and take their religion seriously". He is fond of all the friends made over the years and enjoys fellowship time. Paint Creek is truly blessed having such a kind and gentle person like Cal as a member. Thank you Cal for finding our church as you are one of our joys.

FINAL MISSION REPORT FOR PAINT CREEK - 2017

Paint Creek had a successful year fulfilling all missions and outreach projects. The church will again be a SPOTLIGHT church for 2017. Our donations last year totaled \$10,605.39 plus groceries for the Food Pantry. Mission giving was \$5,857.00, Six Sundays \$1,248.00 and Outreach \$3,500.39 plus groceries. A copy of the final report for 2017 is posted on the annex bulletin board.

Reminder: Church Council meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month, 1 pm.

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HOWARTH NEWS:

Persons of Faith

Steve and Ruth Ferrell

Ruth Price Ferrell was born in Waverly, Alabama. Steve Ferrell was born in Johnson City, Tennessee. They met in the spring of 1958 while Ruth was working for Southern Bell Telephone Company in Montgomery, Alabama, and Steve was a Dental Technician in the Air Force stationed at Maxwell Field also in Montgomery, Alabama. Steve had just arrived in Montgomery after a two year assignment in Fairbanks, Alaska.

They were married February 14, 1959. In September, Steve was sent to Formosa, which is now Taiwan. Shortly before Steve left for his assignment, they found out they were expecting a baby. Because Steve was assigned to a remote area, Ruth was not allowed to join him and remained in Tennessee. March 4, 1960, they were blessed with a beautiful baby girl who was named Lisa. Father and daughter did not meet until Lisa was 8 months old.

When Steve returned home, he was assigned to Shilling Air Force Base in Salina, Kansas. This was home for the next 5 years.

In 1965, Steve's enlistment was up for renewal and his assignment was Greenland. At that time, his brother owned a plumbing and heating company in Pontiac Township and asked Steve to consider moving to Michigan to help run the business. After much prayer and consideration, the decision was made to move to Michigan. Starting in 1965, Steve began his new career as a plumber. He worked and studied hard becoming a master plumber. After Steve's brother died, he bought the

business and continued to run it until his retirement in 2002. All this time, he continued his military career. He had 10 years active duty with the Air Force and 10 years in the reserves when he retired from the military.

Steve loves all sports, especially golf. He golfs on 2 leagues and stays active doing small plumbing jobs and yard work. He is also a 2 time cancer survivor and continues to go for 6 month checkups. So far he remains cancer free which is a blessing. After moving to Michigan, Ruth went back to work for Michigan Bell and retired with over 30 years' service. She currently works part-time at a Hallmark store. Ruth loves to travel and has been to interesting places, such as China and most European countries. Next on her bucket list is a cruise to the New England states and Newfoundland. She is an avid reader enjoying Christian novels, Amish stories and mysteries. Ruth also enjoys spending time with her daughter, son-in-law and grandson who live nearby in Lake Orion.

How did Steve and Ruth find Howarth United Methodist Church? They live in the subdivision by the church and had attended the church dinners. For years they attended other churches. Four years ago after a change of ministers in their former church, they decided to visit Howarth. The pastor and congregation made them feel welcome, so they decided to make Howarth their church. Both have become very active in the church working the dinners, doing repair and plumbing jobs, tending to the gardens and feeding the homeless at the shelter in Pontiac. Both feel blessed that they found Howarth as they love Pastor Carolyn and all the congregation. The Howarth family is glad that Steve and Ruth found their church, too.



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February

Anniversaries

Steve & Ruth Ferrell Feb 14

March

Barb Henson Mar 7

Pat Pollitt Mar 14

Jennifer Howden Mar 25

Anniversaries (none)

April

Brianna Howden Apr 3

John Pollitt Apr 4

Robert (RJ) Key Apr 6

MacKenna Greene Apr 10

Ashley Howden Apr 13

Stephanie Lamas Apr 18

Hunter Lamas Apr 28

Anniversaries

Ray & Rita Sauls Apr 15

Scott & Jennifer Howden Apr 24

NEW CHURCH SERVICE ADDED!

Howarth will be implementing a new church service, once a month, beginning **April 15th at 5pm**, a potluck meal will be enjoyed prior to the service at 4 pm. More information in future bulletins.



Steve Ferrell, Jim Staley and Skip Taylor for installing all the new LED bulbs in the ceiling lights. Great job. The new lights will definitely help lower the electric bill. (We have several working fluorescent bulbs and ballast to get rid of if anyone is interested in any).

Everyone who provides refreshments after the church service.

Thank you to the Howarth congregation for thinking of me and their Christmas card and gift!

Laura Moggio

HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

Marilyn Foster

Rochester Tuesday Musicale Dinner is scheduled for May 1st. Volunteers needed to help serve. Let Marilyn know if interested.

2018 Dinner Schedule

- May 23rd – Turkey
- June 27th – Roast Beef
- July 25th – Swiss Steak
- Aug 22nd – Roast Beef
- Sept 26th – Swiss Steak
- Oct. 24th – Pork
- Nov 10th - Turkey

HOWARTH SS

Looking for Sunday school teachers. We have two classes 1st – 4th grade and 5th – 12th. Lessons will be provided.

We are going to have the children be involved in the Sunday services. There will be a schedule made for acolytes, ushers and scripture readers. I need parents to let me know if there are certain dates you know your children will not be available to help out. *Sharon* Simple foods that most of us take for granted.

Howarth needs folks to volunteer to be liturgists and fellowship hostesses. Please consider helping out.

Ashley’s Recovery Kitchen

In association with Bryan’s Hope, this meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, at Howarth. The purpose of this night is to teach recovering addicts how to cook good food for themselves.

Bryan’s Hope was honored at Howarth on Dec. 21st by the DEA with an award and a check for \$1,000. Jeannie Richards, the organization founder, was given the DEA 2017 Community Drug Prevention Award. Only two awards are given each year in the country. Congratulations!

First Responders meal to be held at Howarth Feb. 25th. Volunteers will be needed to help serve, cook, etc. Lake Orion and Orion Township responders will be invited to a free meal.

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