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pastor's column



*From the Desk of the
Pastor*

There is a twinkle in the eyes of most children this time of year. The holidays will soon be here and the anticipation of Thanksgiving and Christmas is on its way. It's a wonderful time to gather together at home and at church. The chill in the air reminds us too that Christmas is around the corner and the Christmas music will be playing at all the retail stores and on the radio stations. Christmas trees will be going up, lights will be strung; gift cards and gifts to be bought. And every child old enough to do so is already dreaming of what he or she will get from Santa when that magical day arrives. Waiting is always the hardest

part about the holidays. The anticipation and the holiday rush can get the better of us. No matter how old we get we still feel a bit of it and as we mature our expectations begin to change too. For some of us, we will no longer host the Thanksgiving dinner or have the traditional Christmas at our homes. Many of our children and grandchildren have moved away. I suspect most of us are less worried about what is in those gifts under the tree than we are about asking God to truly bring, "Peace on Earth." Somehow, in our turbulent world, that has more of a pull on us than new trinkets or toys. But, all the same, we are expectant.

That was the way it was on that first Christmas as well. For centuries, people had been waiting, hoping, praying for the Messiah to come. They'd been dreaming of that day when God really would bring peace on earth, when God would reconcile with humanity and give us salvation from our sins.

Prophets had foreseen it, holy men and women had prayed ardently for it, yet all to no avail. Still, it tarried. Year after

year, nothing seemed to happen. And people began to wonder: Will our God ever move closer to us? Would His salvation ever come? Would Christmas ever really get here? On that blessed morning in Bethlehem we as Christians know the Christ did indeed come to bring hope and salvation to all.

So, as you begin to plan for the holidays let us all put our hope in Christ. As you enter the Christmas season, focus on the real reason for it, Jesus. As you begin a new year, make it your one resolution to love and trust Christ first. And if you do, no matter what happens in your life, you will find hope. God is doing amazing things in our churches too. You do not want to miss a Sunday and the activities planned throughout the upcoming Advent season at both Howarth and Paint Creek churches.

God bless you and may this season bless you abundantly,

Pastor Marv, Deb, Meredith
and Rachel

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE DEADLINE:

January 20th

NOV. 11th SERVICE:

There is going to be a combined church service at Howarth at 10 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The service will include a tribute to Veterans, some praise music and traditional hymns. Our pianist Mackenna has invited some of her fellow students from Oakland University to bring in their praise band to join in on this service. Let's all come out and support Mackenna and her friends.



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Time to order your poinsettias for the season. Orders forms available at the church. Orders are due into the office by Nov. 18th. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on Dec. 16th, And 23rd & 24th. You are asked to take yours home after the Christmas Eve Service.



Candlelight services will be held at both churches on Christmas Eve.
Howarth: 6:30 pm
Paint Creek 8 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

A meal (turkey and all the fixings) will be served at the Baldwin center for the less

fortunate. Volunteers needed to help cook and serve. Contact Paul Sandstrom or Sharon if you are available to help.



PAINT CREEK NEWS:

Welcome to... Stacy White Cleaveland Paint Creek's new talented piano accompanist.



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

November

- Betty Poplawski Nov 6
- John Taylor Nov 9
- Maria Jacklin Nov 10
- Alice Bonten Nov 11
- Shawn Jacklin Nov 20

Anniversaries

Don & Heidi Paterson Nov 20

December

- Cindy Jacklin Dec 4
- Laura (Devitt) Moggio Dec 8

- Pat Wise Dec 14
- Sandy Knaack Dec 17
- Mike King Dec 21
- JESUS Dec 25

Anniversaries

- Trevor & Emily Barkham Dec. 18
- Shaila & Lalit Herbert Dec 21

January

- Nancy Nawrocki Jan 1
- Stacey Taylor Jan 5
- Virginia Ferguson Jan 14
- John Taylor Jan 21
- William Smith Moggio Jan 21
- Elizabeth Reitz Jan 22
- Jeff Meiorw Jan 30

Anniversaries

Robert & Reva LaFountain Jan 4



Scot and Wyatt Cleaveland for joining the choir along with pastor's wife, Deb.

Mackenna Green and Paige Broadworth for filling in the summer months on the piano during Sunday service.

Those who contribute faithfully to mission projects.

Paint Creek UMC held their annual Goodison Good Thyme bake sale fundraiser on September 15th. The weather was great and there were many families attending the bear creek park event. We had a terrific turn-out of baked goods from our volunteer bakers. Thank you everyone for your help!

October's event was our annual rummage sale in the church fellowship hall on the 19th & the 20th. Many donors

contributed to this event as well as volunteers to set up, stock shelves, price, cashiers and box up leftovers that were picked up on Saturday by Purple Heart. Thank you volunteers!

PAINT CREEK PERSONS OF FAITH
OUR CHILDREN OF FAITH
 The BARKHAM BOYS

Trevor and Emily Barkham are the proud parents of Edward, Benjamin and Frederick our children of faith featured in this newsletter.

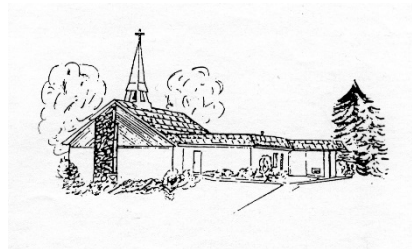
EDWARD, who is eleven years old, is in the 6th grade at Hart Middle School. He enjoys science, math and language arts classes. For fun Edward wrestles, plays baseball and video games. Honors he has won are: trophies and medals for tractor pull and baseball along with ribbons at Oakland County Fair. His favorite vacation experiences are at Wawee and Papa's cabin, New York City vacation and a trip to his cousin's cottage. What Edward enjoys most about church is helping during the service and playing in the creek. He helps at church by ringing the bell, assisting with communion and offering along with lighting the candles.

BENJAMIN who is ten and in the 4th grade is at Baldwin school. He enjoys gym, art, math and reading classes. Activities he does after school are swinging and playing outside. Benjamin's trophy and medals are for tractor pulling and ribbons won at Oakland County Fair. His favorite vacations spots have been to Custer State Park, Wawee and Papa's cabin and visiting great-grandmother Sterner.

Church activities he enjoys are playing with William and Violet, fun things with pastor and playing in the creek. Benjamin helps with Sunday school, ringing the bell and assisting at offering time.

Our last BARKHAM is FREDERICK who is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade at Baldwin. He enjoys gym, library time and recess. His favorite activity is to horseback ride. He has won a trophy for baseball and also medals in tractor pulling. His most memorable vacations have been to New York City and Wawee and Papa's cabin. Frederick enjoys Sunday school and fellowship. Frequently Frederick has helped with offering time.

The BARKHAM boys are truly God's special children.



HOWARTH NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

November

Jason Everhart	Nov 1
Kaye Hamman	Nov 3
Kayla Vangeisen	Nov 4
Alexa Brabant	Nov 28
Shelly Martin	Nov 30

Anniversaries NONE

December

Shirley Reeves	Dec 12
Tim Getz	Dec 15
JESUS	Dec 25

Anniversaries (none)

January

Dennis Waite	Jan 12
Eric Everhart	Jan 12
Bette Wattles	Jan 12
Steve Ferrell	Jan 16
Bob Hostler	Jan 18
Linda Holbrook	Jan 22
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22
Kim McGill	Jan 29
Jim Staley	Jan 31

Anniversaries NONE

NOTICE: Paint Creek Council Meetings are now the third Tuesday of each month, 10am.



Trustees for overseeing the construction of our garage. Makes for a great place to store lawn equipment, etc. Did you notice the parsonage property is up for sale again? Happy we do not need to be involved with that anymore.

Sincere thank you to everyone who helped with the dinners in 2018. They are always a lot of work! Your dedication to helping is part of what makes our church great. The dinners enable us to reach out to the community while at the same time help to financially support the church. The profits for these 6 dinners added up to nearly \$10,000! There is a special appreciation dinner being planned for all the helpers. More information on that in the future.

THANKS AGAIN!

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA KITS

95 kits were sold with a profit of \$670. The money will be used to purchase a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. Thanks to everyone who ordered and those who got the orders and delivered the kits.

ANGELFISH GIFTS

Again this year Howarth and the UMW will be purchasing gifts for 6 less fortunate children in our area. If you would like to do the shopping for one of these children, let Sharon know. We will have the wish lists sometime before Thanksgiving.

NEEDED:

Coffee Hour Hostesses
Sunday school teachers
Liturgist for Sunday service
Please consider volunteering for one or more of these needs.

COLLECTING:

We are still collecting:
Used postage stamps
Used Greeting cards, fronts sections only.
Eyeglasses, in case when possible
Campbell soup labels
Metal pop, can tabs
Collection boxes are in fellowship hall.

ALSO COLLECTING:

For the Oakland County Animal Shelter:
Used towels, blankets, comforters, pillows, couch cushions, no holes in them please.
Dog collars, brushes, leashes, soap.
Grain free treats. Cat and dog toys, stuffed animals.
There is a box in the narthex to place items in.

I found this very interesting, I hope you do too.

Sharon



BY A 15-year-old SCHOOL KID who got an A+ for this entry:
The Lord's Prayer Is not allowed in most US Public schools any more.

A kid in Minnesota, wrote the following

NEW School Prayer:
Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene..
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all..
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the State..

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks...
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.

It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong..

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles...
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!
Amen

Nov. 10th. Kathy Sandstrom memorial Turkey Dinner at Howarth. 4:30 – 7pm. Proceeds got to help feed the less fortunate at Hope Center and Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

*Sending warm wishes to all of you and your families during this Christmas Season. May your homes be blessed with love and happiness. Thank you for your kindness to me and my family throughout the year. Merry Christmas!
Love, Sharon*



PERSONS OF FAITH

John & Pat Pollitt

John and Pat Pollitt have been affiliated with Howarth church since 1974. In between that time they lived eleven years in Hale, Michigan, they attended the Methodist church in Hale.

They started at Howarth after they met Rev. Kelsey at an open house at the parsonage. Their children began attending Sunday school. They continued to attend church.

Over the thirty-three years they have been in attendance at Howarth, both have been very active participants at the church.

Our first person of faith, John Pollitt was born in Detroit and lived in Highland Park while growing up. He has 1 sister. His father and mother met at their jobs as type setters. When they moved from the east coast to Detroit, his mother worked at Sanders during the war while John's father continued to work as a type setter.

John attended the Detroit schools until drafted into the army prior to graduation. He finished his education in the army earning his G.E.D.

His jobs have included working ten years at the Chrysler Hamtramck Plant and then becoming a postal worker for thirty years before retirement. John has been married to Pat for 48 years. They have 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren, both are teenagers.

John's hobbies and interests include: woodworking, gardening, in the past traveling the USA with their pop-up camper trailer. He is also an avid reader of the history of wars.

The Pollitt's have traveled most of the fifty states with John's favorite trips being the New England region and around Michigan.

Over the years at Howarth, John has served as a trustee, committee member on the PPRC, helped in overseeing the building of the new church and getting rid of the old church structure. He has ushered and also taught Sunday School. Presently he works in the kitchen for the dinners.

John enjoys the fellowship and people at Howarth. He states: "Everyone is like family."

Pat was born in Pontiac and grew up in Auburn Heights, now Auburn Hills. She has a half-brother. Her father was a truck driver and her mother a bartender until she met and married her husband. She then became a stay-at-home mom. Pat attended the Avondale schools until graduation.

Her jobs have included: working as a waitress, sales person at Sears, postal worker where she met longtime bachelor John and captured his heart. She worked for eighteen years as a bus driver and high school custodian in Lake Orion and as

a cook at a Lutheran camp. Pat has sold Tupperware and babysat for 7 girls in her home. One could say Pat is a jack of many trades.

Pat's hobbies and interests include: traveling, enjoys working, watching television, bowling, attending movies and playing cards. Her favorite travel spots are places where there is water nearby.

Her activities at Howarth have included: choir, bell choir, being a trustee and Sunday school teacher. Currently she changes letters on the outside sign, she's treasurer of UMW, works at the dinners, serves on PPRC, and is the Communion Steward.

What Pat enjoys about Howarth is fellowship time, coffee hour and "joking around." She states: "Howarth is a friendly place to attend church."

John and Pat are wonderful members of Howarth. They spend many hours serving the church. They are truly blessings for Howarth.

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**Candlelight Services
Christmas Eve
Howarth UMC 6:30 pm
Paint Creek 8 pm**

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