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pastor's column



From the Pastor's Desk

My family recently welcomed my son's first child, a beautiful baby boy! His arrival was a special gift to his dad since their birth dates are four days apart. Needless to say, my son and daughter-in-law are ecstatic. So is the entire family. New babies bring a promise of hope and goodness into the world. Despite the troubles that face us, we are all obligated to provide love, safety, encouragement and, as much as possible, peace to our children.

Mary and Joseph must have had concerns for the future of their son Jesus. According to the story in Matthew, his birth had been foretold by the prophet Isaiah. His genealogy stretches

back to Abraham and through the line of the great king David. It was predicted that he would bring salvation to the world, but that the world would abuse and reject him. His life was threatened in his infancy by the king Herod who feared this baby would succeed him. Many innocent baby boys were slaughtered to try to get rid of him. As a result, Jesus and his parents became fugitives, living in exile in Egypt until Herod's death. Only then did they return to their homeland. Their efforts to love and protect their child saved his life. Consequently, he grew and became the man who ultimately sacrificed his earthly life to restore God's love to all mankind.

Every child has the potential to make a difference in the world. Every child needs the love and guidance of caring adults who understand that potential, and are willing to nurture it throughout their lives. The retelling of the Christmas story demands that we not only celebrate Christ's holy birth, but that we give glory to the man that he became. It demands that we thank God for the parents who were obedient to God despite the fact that

society condemned Mary's pregnancy. It demands that we recognize Joseph's faithfulness to God, to Mary and to the unborn child. It demands that we give thanks for the Magi who chose to disobey the king in order to protect the holy child. It asks us to see the face of God in all children, and that we love them as He loved his son, Jesus. It calls upon us to do our part in the village to ensure justice for all children.

Like the Magi, who sought out the newborn king, what gifts can we bring to honor Him? What resources can we commit to nurturing children, to sharing our love of God and Jesus with them and to showing them that a relationship with Christ is the true key to a bright future? How can we encourage young parents struggling to raise good children in these difficult times? Perhaps it is as simple as a commitment of quality time spent with the little ones. Christ himself reminds us how important the children are. I can think of no better gift at this time of year than sharing the story of Christ's birth with a child. It is a gift worth more than fine gold. I can't wait to

hold my new grandson and share the story with him.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Carolyn

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE DEADLINE:

January 14th.

Congratulations to

Rev. Carolyn on the birth of her grandson Jackson Xavier Jones Born 9-13-2017. 7 lbs., 11 oz., 20"! Proud parents are Jennae and Jonathon

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Movies will resume (hopefully) after the first of the year. Watch bulletins for dates. Free will offering.

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

EVERYONE INVITED

BIBLE STUDY

We will be finishing up on our study of the book entitled: "Pray Like Jesus" on November 12th. There's still time to join in. Howarth at 1 pm.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A concert, with combined talent from Howarth and Paint Creek will be held at Howarth on Dec. 10, time TBD. Watch bulletin for more information.

**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.



PAINT CREEK NEWS:

**PERSON OF FAITH
EMILY BARKHAM**

Emily Barkham was born in Akron, Ohio moving to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1978. She is the middle child of three girls in her family. Her father worked as a postal inspector for the federal government while her mom was a first grade teacher.

Her schooling was in the Grosse Pointe system graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School. Emily went on to attend Michigan State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture and landscape design.

While attending M.S.U., she met her future husband, Trevor, who was studying to earn a Ph.D. degree in chemistry and biochemistry. Trevor is a descendant of his ancestor who paid \$1.00 for our present church and had it moved to Goodison in 1877.

Emily and Trevor were married at St. Paul's On the Lake, Grosse Pointe Farms almost thirteen years ago. They enjoy their 3 children - Edward (10), Benjamin (9) and Frederick (7).

Emily's work experience includes: employment at Bordine's in sales and management. Consumer Energy in customer service. Babysitting during the winter months, working in school cafeteria and now at Rochester Cider Mill (a family business) where she is a jack of all trades. For 5 years she was a stay-at-home mom caring for their children.

Travel includes trips to her family's cottage in northern Wisconsin, to North Dakota for an educational tour of key spots with her parents and boys. Earlier journeys have included visiting 4 European countries and the Arctic Circle where she enjoyed dog sledding. On her honeymoon to the Cayman Islands and Jamaica, Emily was able to scuba dive, having earned her certification by taking classes in Michigan.

Emily enjoys many interests. Her children are top priority, reading, gardening with the boys, cooking and baking, volunteering at Baldwin elementary school and working on the Parks Commission for Oakland Township. She has done cross stitch and painted stained glass window hangings prior to raising her family.

What does Emily like about Paint Creek church? She finds the church friendly and welcoming plus enjoys the small church atmosphere where you get to know everybody. Emily feels very comfortable at Paint Creek. Her involvement has been serving as communion steward, baking short bread for the Christmas cookie

sale and assisting with the rummage sale.

Paint Creek welcomes Emily and family to our church family. Her smile and laughter each Sunday is a true joy.



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

November

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| 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

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| Cindy Jacklin | Dec 4 |
| Laura 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

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| 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 Meirow | Jan 30 |

Anniversaries

Robert & Reva LaFountain Jan 4



Thank you to....

Gail Stoner for sorting and packing the UMCOR bucket supplies. Rick and Sharon Rowden for delivering all the donated items to Marlette.

Gail Stoner and her assistant Jeff Meirow for organizing the fellowship dinners on Sunday.

All the members who supply delicious food dishes for these Sunday meals.

Rob Mair for all the hours he has spent working on the garden project back of the church. Nice job, Rob.

**Mission Report
Hurricane Relief Report**

To assist Texas and Florida residents, Paint Creek donated \$1,565.00 for hurricane relief. Members are to be congratulated for their generosity both in money donations and the purchase of cleaning supplies for the people affected in these states.

Sixth Sunday Collection

Envelopes will be provided for the last special Sunday collection November 26th. This collection is to fund scholarships for students attending Methodist colleges/universities. The 2 Methodist schools in Michigan are Adrian and Albion. Scholarships can also

be used at national Methodist universities.



HOWARTH NEWS:

Persons of Faith
Tim & Tareen Northrup

Tim Northrup was born in Detroit. The family later moved to West Bloomfield. Then again when he was a teenager, the family moved to Novi. There were 4 children in the family - a sister and 2 brothers with Tim being the youngest. His father was a business owner and sales person for stamped auto components. Working with his father resulted in Tim pursuing his lifetime profession. Tim's mother was a stay-at-home mom who did volunteer work at an area hospital.

Tim's educational background was earning an Associate Degree in Mechanics. He has worked as a tool and die journeyman at General Motors for over 30 years. Prior to working at G.M. he worked as an apprentice at job shops.

His family consist of 2 sons from a previous marriage plus a twelve year old grandson and 6 month old granddaughter.

Tim enjoys water skiing, downhill skiing, snowmobiling, scuba diving and gardening. His favorite travels

have been to the Caribbean Islands. Tareena was born in Abilene, Texas. She lived there 6 months then her family returned to their home town of Greenville, Maine. She has an older brother.

After graduating from the Naval Academy and serving his country, her father was a New Testament professor and ordained minister. He served as Vice President and Chief Academic Dean at Asbury Theological Seminary. His degree was Doctorate of Theology from Harvard University. Her mom was an English teacher prior to Tareena's birth. She then served as a caretaker for 3 generations of family members.

Tareena went on to obtain 3 degrees - a Bachelor of Arts in French, a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan.

In 2013 Tareena and Tim married. They met while working at General Motors Pontiac Stamping Plant. For their honeymoon they traveled to Bora, Bora.

Tareena has worked thirteen years at General Motors. Prior to that she was employed by General Electric.

Travel has played an important role in her life. At sixteen Tareena lived in France. She traveled extensively with her father around the World to

Europe, Asia and Australia. Her current job has taken her on trips to China and Korea.

Tareena enjoys outdoor activities winter or summer. She loves to swim and scuba dive along with cooking. Reading is also another favorite pastime.

Tim & Tareena enjoy many outdoor activities together. They often take weekend motorcycle trips.

Tim and Tareena found Howarth Church while driving past on their way to work at the Orion Assembly plant, Tareena noticed the small church. At that time they were attending a large Methodist church. Both prefer a small church based on previous church experiences. They decided to visit Howarth. When joys and concerns were exchanged and the simplistic Bible sermons were delivered by the pastor, they knew this was the perfect church for them. They also felt and liked the "direct genuine nature of the people in attendance." It has been 3 years since discovering Howarth and both have enjoyed their discovery of this church.

Because of their busy work schedules, Tim and Tareena have been unable to assist at the church as they would like. They help when they can. Since Tareena likes to bake pies, she provides pies for the dinners. She also has shared her wonderful musical talents with the congregation, playing

the cello with Mackenna accompanying her on the piano. The membership at Howarth is blessed and grateful the Northrups discovered their church.



Birthdays & Anniversaries: November

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| Jason Everhart | Nov 1 |
| Kaye Hamman | Nov 3 |
| Kayla Vangeisen | Nov 4 |
| Alexa Brabant | Nov 28 |

Anniversaries

December

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| Shirley Reeves | Dec 12 |
| Tim Getz | Dec 15 |
| JESUS | Dec 25 |

Anniversaries (none)

January

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|-----------------|--------|
| Dennis Waite | Jan 12 |
| Eric Everhart | Jan 12 |
| Bette Wattles | Jan 12 |
| Steve Ferrell | Jan 16 |
| Elizabeth Reitz | Jan 22 |
| Jim Staley | Jan 31 |

Anniversaries



Steve Ferrell (and assistant Rick) for installing the new hot water heater in the church. Very big job!

Steve and Scott for taking down the cross near the parking lot so Skip could refinish it. He also painted the mailbox post!

Everyone who donated to the hurricane and disaster relief. Every bit helps.

Steve and Jim for planting the tree at the corner of the church.

Dennis for planting the rose of Sharon trees (I like that name) in the front of the church.

HOWARTH UMW NEWS:

Marilyn Foster

Our dinners are almost over (finally!) for 2017. We had a great year, we served over 1,500 people. No wonder we have tired bodies and aching muscles at the end of the dinner season....I think we all deserve a rest. Don't you?

I want to thank all who helped at the dinners. Without you these could not be possible. Now we turn ourselves toward the coming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday.

I wish all a blessed holiday season. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Eve day:

There will be services at both churches at the regular times.

Christmas Eve Services:

Howarth UMC

6:30 p.m.

Paint Creek UMC

8 p.m.

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. Simple foods that most of us take for granted.



MARY'S DREAM

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree, also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for

people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus – not to be wanted at his own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

Copyright Bethany Farms

Let's keep the spirit of Christmas alive!

To both of my church families,

May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, surround you all the days of your life.
Merry Christmas to all of you!

Love, Sharon

"What did I get for Christmas?"

"A Savior!"

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Happy Thanksgiving



May your Christmas
be wrapped in the
blessings of His love

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Historic
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Rd., Goodison

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3 1/2 miles
north of
Rochester, off
of Orion Road
(Collins Rd. is
across from
the Paint
Creek Cider
Mill)

Fri.
Nov.
3rd 9
am -
5 pm

(Early birds
may enter at

8 am for
\$4.00)

Sat.
Nov. 4th 9
am – 11
am
11 am–
noon fill our
bag for
\$5.00

Household,
furniture,
lamps,
artwork,
bedding,
books
electronics,
mirrors,
clothing
and much
more!

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