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From the Pastor's Desk

In Matthew 6: 9-13 Jesus gives us the prayer that is known around the world. Even the smallest of children can recite the Lord's Prayer. His reason for giving it to the disciples was to instruct them in how to communicate with God the creator. It is a prayer of humility and gratefulness that was in stark contrast to the prayers they were hearing from the Pharisees. Those religious leaders were often heard in the temple raising their voices loud enough for all to hear and using many words to say very little. Their objective was not to communicate sincerely with God, but to make themselves look important. Their prayers offered no hope of salvation or comfort to those who needed it most.

The words of The Lord's Prayer puts everyone who prays it on an equal level. In fact, Jesus assures

us that God knows exactly what we need before we ask him. So Jesus underscores the importance of acknowledging God's holiness, recognizing and pledging obedience to his mission and will for the world, relying on him to supply our daily needs, accepting his forgiveness of our sins, vowing to forgive others in kind, and working to steer clear of life's temptations that lead us into further sin.

By praying this prayer we accept that God loves us all equally. Praying it daily brings new perspective to the lives we live. When we pray sincerely "thy kingdom come, they will be done" we lay aside our plans and look to the plans God has always had for his creation. God's desire is for an earthly kingdom modeled after the one in which He dwells. There are no wars in God's kingdom. Therefore, our daily effort should be to create the peace that we seek with our friends, family and neighbors. No one is hungry or homeless in God's kingdom. Therefore, our daily effort should be to share with our neighbors so that all are fed and sheltered. There is no sickness in God's kingdom. Therefore, as much as we are able our daily effort should be to live and model a healthy lifestyle. We honor God with our bodies by keeping our "temple" free from harmful substances and activities. In God's kingdom all of

His creation thrives. Therefore, our daily effort should be to nurture and protect this planet, the only "home" we know. Pollution of any kind hurts us all.

The next time you pray this brief prayer consider the answers that God has already given to it.

Peace and Blessings!

Rev. Carolyn Jones

NEWSLETTER

ARTICLE DEADLINE:

July 15th

**Bryan's Hope/ Ark Meeting
May 24th, 7 pm.**

Howarth UMC

**Welcoming Oakland County
Sheriff Michael Bouchard.**

**A community discussion,
"What's Happening in
Oakland County"**

Everyone invited to attend.

PASTOR LEAVING

As most of you know, during worship service on Sunday, April 8th, it was announced that Bishop David Alan Bard, leader of the Michigan Area UMC, in conjunction with District Superintendent Reverend Hill, has reassigned Pastor Carolyn Jones to Stephens United Methodist Church in Dearborn Heights, Michigan effective July 1, 2018.

We all are saddened to see Pastor Carolyn leave us. She has been an inspiration and joy to many. Her leadership and faith has helped our congregations to move forward and begin new ventures.

As she begins the next chapter of her ministry, we pray she will continue to serve God's children as she has done for us. God Bless you Pastor Carolyn!

On **July 1st, 2018** our congregations will be welcoming Pastor Marvin Herman.

Here is a bio written by Pastor Marv (as he likes to be referred to):

Marv has served as the pastor of Bristol United Methodist Church in Flint, Michigan since 2007. During that time, he also served as the president of the Crossroads Board of Missions (6 years), currently serving as the vice president of Local Pastors of the Michigan Area United Methodist Church, and is a speaker for the Michigan Are UMC exploratory candidacy program. He is very active in the Walk to Emmaus

and the youth Chrysalis Communities.

Prior to Marv's serving as pastor of the Bristol UMC, he had a rewarding 33 year career as a public school teacher. While teaching in the Hartland School District, Marv and his family were members of the Fenton UMC (1995 – 2006). There, he taught confirmation classes and taught 5th grade Sunday school. In 2006, Marv was approached by the late Rev. Dr. David Truran to strongly consider serving the church as clergy. Before retiring from teaching, Marv completed the discernment process and went on to License to Preach school. He completed Course of study and graduated from the Methodist Theological School of Ohio, Delaware, Ohio in 2014.

Marv grew up in the southwestern corner of Michigan and comes from a long line of Methodists. Throughout his teen years, Marv was active in many youth activities and mission trips sponsored by the Methodist church. Marv graduated from Western Michigan University with Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education (1977) and a Masters Degree in Education from Oakland University (1985).

Marv has 3 children: Paul and his wife Krystal live in Carson City, Meredith will enter medical school at Michigan State University in June, and Rachel, is a junior at Oakland University. Marv recently married, Dr. Deborah VanderLinde who is an Associate Professor and the Chair of the Music Department

for both graduate and under graduate studies at Oakland University.

Let's be sure to give Pastor Marv and Deborah a wonderful welcome on July 1st!

**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.

"I'M ALWAYS NEAR"

I know not what my savior wants
each minute of every day,
or exactly what he'd have me do,
what words He'd have me say.

I know not what the day may bring
as I awaken each morn,
if I'll be blessed with happiness
or be shamed by words of scorn.

I know not the length of my days
be they short or many-numbered,
if they'll be pleasant days of sun
or if I'll be encumbered

No, I know not always the way to
go
though I may seek His voice;
His silence oft times says to me,
"My child, leave Me the choice."

Sweet Savior, Thou art always
nigh
in times of doubt and fear!
You whisper gently in the night,
"Dear child, I'm always near."

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PAINT CREEK NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May

Betty Wilber	May 2
JoAnn Bourez	May 4
Emily Barkham	May 5
Floris Stoner	May 9
Ethan Gomez	May 12
Dottie Spitsbergen	May 13
Frederick Barkham	May 18
Charlie Bonten	May 21

Anniversaries

Dick & Jo Ann Bourez	May 25
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June

Beth Hunter	June 3
Colleen King	June 4
Vera Rhine	June 10
Reva LaFountain	June 14
Richard Smith	June 19
Izzy Bonten	June 23

Anniversaries

Mike & Colleen King	June 17
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July

Shaila Herbert	July 1
Parker Taylor	July 1
Steffani Glygoroff	July 8
Heidi Paterson	July 13
Gretchen Drader	July 27

Anniversaries

John & Stacey Taylor	July 18
David & Clarke Bonten	July 21



Thank you to....

Everyone who helped with tearing out the old kitchen. Many hands made light work. Now to look forward to the new and much improved kitchen!

PAINT CREEK PERSON OF FAITH

**PERSON OF FAITH
JEFF MEIROW**

JEFF MEIROW was born and raised in the Rochester area. After graduation from high school he moved to the Carolina's.

There were 7 children in his family - 6 boys and 1 girl with Jeff being the middle child. His father was a manager doing iron work. His mother was a stay-at-home mom until Jeff's sister, the youngest sibling, entered high school. At that time, Jeff's mom returned to school obtaining degree's that enabled her to work at St. Joseph hospital transcribing medical data.

Jeff attended the Rochester schools graduating from Adams High School. After graduation he worked doing kitchen remodeling and installing cabinets and owned a photo lab. For the past 25 years he has been a framing manager at area store.

Jeff and his partner John have been together for 38 years. They have 2 Yorkies that provide companionship yet at the same time challenges. John has visited Paint Creek church occasionally.

When not working, Jeff likes to vacation in the southern states

where temperatures are warmer than those in Michigan. One of his brothers has moved to Arizona, so Jeff will be visiting with him while enjoying area sites.

Jeff's hobbies and interests are many. He enjoys gardening, cooking, photography projects and reading. He describes himself as an avid reader of biographies, autobiographies and historical novels. Jeff also collects small English model cars and restores them. He sells them to customers worldwide.

Jeff has a long time connection with Paint Creek church having attended Sunday school and youth groups during his childhood and teen years. One Sunday His father and the 7 children lined up at the front of the church to be baptized. This was probably the largest family baptism in our church history. Mom had already been baptized in her youth.

As an adult, Jeff returned to Paint Creek church when his mother could no longer drive and needed transportation. After her death, Jeff continued attending on Sunday's because he enjoys the worship service and wanted to honor his mother.

What does Jeff like about Paint Creek church? He enjoys fellowship time, saying the church is small and very personal. He states: "You get to know church members better." Since returning to Paint Creek church, he has helped in developing the new garden in the back, has contributed trees to the area and has assisted our fellowship time by helping Gail organize meals and providing delicious food dishes for those Sunday meals. *Cont. page 4*

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It is Paint Creek's joy that Jeff returned to his church roots as an adult. Our membership has been truly blessed by his attendance.

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HOWARTH NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May

Dawn (Pollitt) Key May 1
 PJ Sandstrom May 15
 Rick Rowden May 30
 Ray Sauls May 30

Anniversaries

John & Pat Pollitt May 9
 Jim & Pat Staley May 14
 Frank & Beth Hunter May 14

June

Beth Hunter June 3
 Casie Rowden June 8
 Trent Davis (Getz) June 12
 Adam Sandstrom June 13
 Cheryl Everhart June 19

Pat Staley June 25
 Marilyn Foster June 28

Anniversaries

Rick & Sharon Rowden June 10
 Dean & Linda Holbrook June 27

July

Amy Young July 10
 Clara Howden July 26
 Jon Barth July 26
 Ernie Young July 28

Forrest Taylor July 31

Anniversaries

Forrest & Connie Taylor July 20

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Our first afternoon service was a glorious experience! The next service is scheduled for **June 10th**. Potluck starting at 4 pm, service at 5 pm. Please join us for music and worship.



Mackenna and the Praise Band that provided music for our afternoon service. To all who brought a dish for the potluck that same day.

All the hard working men and women who spent one or two days to clean the church! Kitchen looks awesome, everything shines. Be careful of those pews, you might slide off!

Special thanks to Ruth who was determined to get the kitchen floor looking good. Great job Ruth, floor shines like new!

Steve and Ray who put up the chain and signs at one driveway and wood rails at the other two entrances. Should be easy to see the driveways at night now.

Dennis Waite for donating snowball bushes for the front of the church, and to Steve and Ruth for planting them.

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA KITS

Howarth UMC is selling pizza kits to raise money for new 4 furnaces and 4 air conditioners. Please contact Sharon if interested in getting an order form to take orders or if you would like to purchase any kits.

Orders due May 17, pick up orders at Howarth on May 22 between noon and 6 pm.

If anyone has ideas for other fundraisers we can do, please contact Pat Pollitt or Rita Sauls.

HOWARTH UMW

Come one, come all to the 2018 dinners.

We need all hands on deck to help serve, make pies, cut pies, kitchen & dining room clean up. Plus the table set up the Sunday before the dinners.

Let's make the dinners as enjoyable as last year for everyone. A pie sign-up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall. Also, don't forget to sign-up for coffee hour. Coffee & juice is provide by the church. Just need folks to bring in cookies (don't need to be homemade) and maybe fruit.

Thank you,
 Marilyn Foster,
 UMW Chairperson

“One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up, instead of what they have to gain.”

Liz Josefsberg

NEEDED:

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

May 13



May 30th



June 17th

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

July 4th



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