

THE

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Pastor's Column



It is trite to say, but as we get older, the years do tend to go by far too quickly. I realized for a few of us the year 2019 was filled with its share of ups and downs and some of us experienced this last year with great joy. I hope and pray that 2019 still brought joy and the peace of Christ into your life.

Now with the new decade standing before us, what can we expect from God? I predict we can expect His hand of protection and love to be upon us. We can expect that He will continue to work in this world for His glory. We can still maintain our faith that God will continue to watch over our family and finances. It is my prayer that God is going to continue to do great things in this upcoming year for both the Paint Creek and Howarth churches.

What about you, what are your

expectations for the year 2020? What changes are you planning for this year in your life? Maybe some of you are planning just to make a few minor adjustments? Some maybe hoping to lose weight and exercise more. Some of you may have in your minds to save more money or planning to just a little more time aside to spend more time with your families. All of these are good, but what kind of decisions or resolutions have you made in regards to your walk with Jesus? Have you decided to be less angry with others? Have you decided to be more generous and forgiving with those who make you impatient? Are you going to be more of an encourager for your spouse and children? Are you going to commit yourself to spending more time with your Lord and Savior? In the year 2020, where is your prayer life, doing devotions, reading the Holy Bible, coming to church and staying in fellowship going to fit in?

Hebrews 12:1-2 says *“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the*

shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

I quote this passage because, when it comes to making new goals, what we need to do is look back on our lives and determine what sins or problems we are continuing to carry into 2020. We must be honest with ourselves and recognize every encumbrance that brings us down. We must take our focus off such concerns and place it upon our Savior Jesus Christ. We must fix our eyes on Jesus, the author of our salvation and perfecter of our faith.

So, what earthly concerns have caused you to continually stumble this past year? What things do you do that constantly bring you down? Do those problems and concerns constantly seem to put a wall up between you our Heavenly Father? It is time to recognize those problems and give them over to the Lord. Throw those sins off your back and place them at the feet of Christ and seek His strength for overcoming them. It isn't until you lean on Christ and receive His strength that you will know how to fulfill the resolutions of this new year. We are to draw strength from Him, for in our weaknesses will we find the strength of Christ to give us the strength for victory.

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With this new year, comes a new start: the start to live for Christ more fully in your life, the start to walk more righteously before God the Father in the strength of Christ. A new start sounds good, doesn't it? What better time to make a commitment to grow closer to your Savior than with a New Year's Resolution? With this New Year upon us, may God's grace go with you. May His joy fill your souls. May you know His presence in your life more fully. May your walk with our Savior Jesus Christ be more fulfilling too. It is my fervent prayer that all of you stay faithful and prosper in all that you do in 2020.

Christ peace,
Pastor Marv Herman.

PAINT CREEK NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

February

- Lalit Herbert Feb 3
- Deborah Vanderlinde Feb 4
- Colleen Barkham Feb 15
- Edward Barkham Feb 15
- Judy Mair Feb 19

Anniversaries (none)

March

- Dick Bourez Mar 9
- Scot Cleaveland Mar 14
- Diana Ostrand Mar 17
- Clarke Bonten Mar 20
- Clara Linton Mar 29

Anniversaries None

April

- Violet Moggio Apr 7
- Trevor Barkham Apr 10
- Andy Knaack Apr 11
- Robert LaFountain Apr 20
- Cal Devitt Apr 25

Anniversaries (none)

Paint Creek UMC Report on 2019 Giving

We are happy to report that we finished the year 2019 ahead of Budget!

2019 Receipts: \$55,913.44
 2019 Budget: \$55,440.00

As you see, our Receipts were \$473.44 ahead of Budget..

(Subject to Audit.)

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity all year!

God Bless.

(You can find the current year Budget figure on the back of the Sunday Bulletin.)

Judy Mair, Treasurer
Cal Devitt, Financial Sec'y

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Gail Stoner has led the planning of our Sunday fellowship after church for a number of years. Gail could use a partner to help out when she is absent and on those busy potluck Sundays when everyone brings in a dish. If you would consider partnering with Gail, please give her a call, email or chat at church. She can explain the details!!

FINAL MISSION REPORT FOR PAINT CREEK - 2019

Donations totaled \$1385.00 for the 6 Special Sunday collections and \$2430.00 was sent to individual organizations. Final total members gave was \$3815.00.

OUTREACH REPORT FOR PAINT CREEK - 2019

Our membership supplied gas cards, school supplies, Christmas gifts for area children and food for 2 families at Christmas time totaling \$1335.00. The Crop Walk gathered \$1400.00 while 420 lbs. of groceries and staples was donated to the Neighborhood House Food Pantry.



Thank you to all at PC and Howarth who bought stamps. Special thanks to Sharon, Gail, Andy, Colleen and her friend Carroll Cook. It is helping friend Julius pay his rent at Bellbrook, plus PCUMC and Howarth get a cut.

There are stamps left, so we will schedule another "Stamp Day" in a few weeks.

Cal

PIZZA SALE THANK YOU

We would like to thank those who purchased pizzas and a special thank you to Gail Stoner for overseeing this fund raiser. Our profit was \$280.00. These funds helped support our mission program. The congregation did an outstanding job supporting missions and the Outreach program for 2019.

PERSON OF FAITH

Anthony Moggio

One of our newest members at Paint Creek is Anthony Moggio. He was born on a Key West Island in Florida. He moved to Michigan as a small child with his younger sister. His father works as an engineer, soon to retire while his mother enjoyed a long career as a barber and hair dresser. She is now a realtor. Anthony attended the Rochester schools. He spent 2 years at Rochester High School and then his final 2 years at Stony Creek High School as a member of the first graduation class there. After high school, he obtained an Associate Business degree from Oakland Community College and

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a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Oakland University.

In 2008, Anthony married Laura Devitt at Paint Creek. They have 2 children, William and Violet.

Anthony has been as a volunteer fire fighter moving on to fire inspector and now part-time paid employee. He's working as an EMS and fire fighting for the city of Rochester. Along with this job, he has served since 2009 as cashier for the city of Rochester, various other jobs in city hall and is now Financial Director and Treasurer for Rochester.

His hobbies and interests have included: playing the banjo, play activities with his 2 children and dog, reading about physics, a science buff and cooking.

Anthony has traveled many states east of the Mississippi except for Idaho where other family members reside. He has traveled Michigan extensively touring small towns, cities and area sites. His goal is to travel the western states, Ireland and Japan.

How did Anthony happen to join Paint Creek church? Since his wife is a member, he often attended services with his family. Laura asked him if he would like to join Paint Creek church becoming a full professing member. He answered positively. He enjoys the friendly people, the small church and the membership is a close-knit group caring for one another. Paint Creek family welcomes and is blessed that Anthony has chosen to join our members in worship on Sundays. Welcome aboard Anthony!

Essay Three: The First Miracle

By Gerald Schultz

This story occurred before I was even old enough to have memories. Sometime before I was four years old. My mother never grew weary of telling the story to whomever would listen.

In her words:

“When he was very young, he would wake up in the middle of the night screaming about the pains in his legs. I took him to a doctor and the doctor said, “Don't worry they're just growing pains they'll go away. But I heard God tell me go get a second opinion. So, I did.”

The second doctor said to my mother, “He has polio.”

They put me in hospital and gave me mega doses of penicillin. I am still allergic to penicillin to this day. But I am not in a wheelchair. To my mother, that was a God given miracle.

Another thing my mother used to say to me throughout my life, “God has His mark on you. He has work for you to do.”

I've been the prodigal child more than once in this life. Often times, angry and rebellious but yet He always found a way to bring me back to be sheltered in his arms.

That is only the first miracle, there is more to be told. But that's another story for another time.

I have this push and drive inside me to do as Jesus said, “To be about my father's business.”

I know He is far from being done with me.

There have been times in my life when people have looked at me

and said, “There is something about you, something you have to which I feel attracted, I think I want it.”

My reply is, “It is not me you see, it is God's Holy Spirit.”

John the Baptist said, “I must decrease so He can increase.”

It is not good for me to be so full of myself, that there is no room for God's Spirit to abide in me.

I feel I have a mission in this life to be transparent, and to share my story; That in so doing others may feel that for them there is hope, and at the very least they're not alone.

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Dear Ann Landers

I am flat broke from over-spending at Christmas. But I need to go shopping again soon because I am completely out of self-respect. I've said a few things I wish I could take back, and I am not feeling very good about myself.

I also want to exchange a carton of self-righteousness for an equal amount of humility. I hear it is less expensive and it wears better. And while I'm at it, I'm going to check on tolerance and see if there is any available in my size.

I must remember to try to match my patience with the little I have left. My neighbor is loaded with it, and it looks awfully good on her. I was told the same department has a repair shop for mending integrity. Mine has become frayed around the edges from too many shortcuts and too much compromising. If I don't get it refurbished soon, there won't be any left.

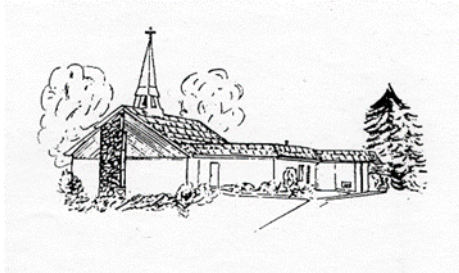
I almost forgot the most important thing of all, compassion. If I see some, no matter what the color,

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size or shape, I'm going to stock up heavily, regardless of the price. I have run out of it so many times, and I always feel ashamed when it happens.

I don't know why it has taken me so long to get around to shopping for these items. They don't cost nearly as much as some of the frivolous things I've bought on impulse, and I'm sure to get a lot more satisfaction from them. Yes, I am going shopping today, and I can leave my credit cards at home. The things I am looking for have no price tags.

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HOWARTH NEWS:
Birthdays & Anniversaries:



February

Deborah Vanderlinde Feb 4
Cheryl McKay Feb 19
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
David Guth Apr 7
MacKenna Greene Apr 10

Ashley Traynor Apr 13
Stephanie Lamas Apr 18
Hunter Lamas Apr 28

April Anniversaries

Bob & Tena Hostler April 4
Ray & Rita Sauls April 15
Scott & Jennifer Howden April 24

Howarth United Methodist Women

There will be a UMW meeting soon to determine the schedule for the 2020 dinners. Watch your bulletin for date.

Thank you notes were received from Pastor Marv, Sharon, Rita Laura and Marilyn for the generous Christmas gifts. Gifts were given from the UMW and the church.

We need to schedule a kitchen clean up soon. Let me know when you would be available.



To Steve Ferrell and Tim Northrup for removing the broken drinking fountain and replacing the wall behind it.

Everyone that helped put up and take down the Christmas decorations. Sanctuary and outside of the church was beautiful once again.

To Pastor Marv for a beautiful and inspiring Christmas Eve service. (and of course, every Sunday too!)

To the liturgists who help with Sunday services. Your messages are inspiring.

Thank you to Mackenna for the beautiful music you perform every week. You truly are a special addition to the services.

To Pat Pollitt for decorating the entry way and providing the treats there.

To those of you who did the shopping to purchase the Christmas gifts for the Angel Fish families. They very much appreciated everything.

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PERSONS OF FAITH

Ray and Rita Sauls

The Sauls have attended Howarth UMC for several years. They are currently involved in many church functions.

Ray was born in Harrisburg, Illinois, the middle child of 8 children. His father worked in the coal mines there. His mother was a stay-at-home mom managing the large family.

As the family moved a lot, Ray attended 3 different school districts. Doris schools in Illinois, Keego Harbor in Michigan and graduating from West Bloomfield High School.

His jobs have included cleaning floors for various companies

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and working 40 years at General Motors Bus Division from 1964 until retirement in 2004.

Ray and Rita met while they were ordering food at a concession stand at a drive-in movie theatre.

When asked what attracted Ray to Rita, he states: "She was a pretty gal and still is today." Without a doubt, Ray is a family man who enjoys spending time with his daughter and grandchildren in Florida and with his daughter and 2 granddaughters in Michigan. He enjoys time spent at area beaches and those in Florida and taking dance lessons with Rita.

Travel has been a part of his life. Ray has enjoyed cruises and house boat trips on Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. Ray has enjoyed deer hunting and archery in the past. His new interest is cooking.

Ray started at Howarth while dating Rita in high school. This is when Howarth was housed in the historic white framed church. Ray has been involved in many activities over the years with his most recent being: chair of the trustees, formerly PPRC committee and chair and works at the dinners each year.

What does Ray enjoy about attending Howarth? He finds Howarth to be "a nice place to go to church, he enjoys the people and that it is a community church."

Rita was born in Pontiac, Michigan. She had 1 sister. Her father was a local chiropractor while mom worked as a secretary at Michigan Bell. Both parents were well known in the area and at Howarth UMC.

After graduating from Lake Orion High School, Rita went to Oakland Community College taking business courses. She also took X-ray technical classes over time.

Her employment experiences have included: working in her father's office and at Michigan Bell for 2 years. She left Michigan Bell to marry Ray and raise their 2 daughters. Once the girls were in school full-time Rita went to work in her uncle's chiropractic office doing accounting and serving as an x-ray technician. She states: "wearing many hats at my uncle's business." For twenty years, she worked at an engraving -silk screening company as office manager.

Rita and her girlfriend went to the drive-in theatre to watch Elvis movies. While at the concession stand the girls met Ray and his friend. This meeting led to the girls marrying their handsome young men. Ray and Rita have been married for 52 years.

Rita's family moved to Lake Orion in November 1963 living near Howarth. The family joined the church at Christmas time in 1964.

Travel is an activity Rita enjoys especially spending winters in Florida. Owning a time share has allowed them to visit various states.

Favorite trip Rita has taken in recent years has been to Japan twice staying with host families. This experience was through the Greater Pontiac Sister City Club.

Her hobbies have included: playing the organ, (she has taken 22 years of Evola Music Organ classes). Loves all kinds of music, gardening until 2 years ago and reading.

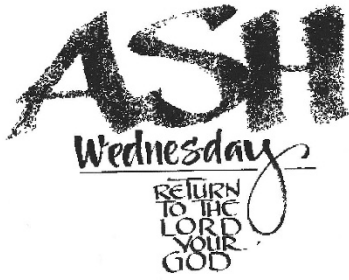
She is also treasurer for the Greater Pontiac Sister City Club.

As a teenager Rita became involved in church functions at Howarth. Her activities have included: treasurer, Ad Council chairperson, working in the pie room at dinners, singing in the choir. Also teaching Sunday school, working with the youth choir when her children were involved and various other church committees.

What Rita enjoys about Howarth is the "friendships, friendly people and that it is a smaller church." She has been in attendance over 50 years. Howarth is blessed to have Ray and Rita as loyal long-time church members.

A LITTLE HUMOR

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen" the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he answered so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy" he said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer"



*February 19th
Service at Howarth 7 pm*



April 5th



*April 10th Service at
Paint Creek 12 noon*



*Easter Sunday
April 12th*

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