

THE

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Pastor's Column



From the Desk of Pastor Marv Herman

We are well into summer and many of us are enjoying the summer with friends and family. In spite of dips in attendance due to travel and other summer activities, it is essential that we as a church community hold on to the beacon of hope that guides us as faithful Christians.

Hope through prayer is not a fleeting emotion or mere wishful thinking. Rather, it is a firm belief rooted in our trust in God's providence and His unwavering love for His people. When we

encounter difficulties, it is precisely in these moments that our faith is tested and our reliance on God's grace is strengthened. So, let us embrace this season of trials as an opportunity for growth and renewal.

First and foremost, let us remember that the Church is not defined by the number of individuals present but by the depth of our relationships and our commitment to living out the Gospel message. Our small gatherings are still sacred spaces where God's presence is felt and where we can nurture our fellowship and encourage

one another in faith. Each person who attends brings a unique perspective, and together we form a beautiful tapestry of God's diverse creation.

Furthermore, let us not be disheartened by financial constraints. In times of scarcity, we are called to be good stewards of what we have been entrusted. By pooling our resources and talents, we can creatively find ways to make a meaningful impact in our community and the lives of those in need. Our acts of generosity, even if seemingly small, can create a ripple effect of hope and inspire others to join us in our mission.

Remember that throughout history, the Howarth and Paint Creek Churches have faced countless challenges, yet we have always stood the test of

time. We are the living proof of that as heirs of the heritage of these churches. The body of Christ is resilient, and it is through the trials that we discover our true strength. Let us draw inspiration from the early Christian communities who persevered despite persecution, trusting that God's plan is greater than our present circumstances.

As we face these times remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Let not your hearts be troubled," and through these words, let us remain united in prayer, lifting our concerns, fears, and hopes to God. Prayer not only sustains us individually but also strengthens the collective spirit of our community. Let us
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earnestly seek God's guidance, asking for wisdom, discernment, and the courage to navigate these trying times.

Yes, while our attendance fluctuates and our finances become tighter, our hope in God remains steadfast. Let us view these challenges as opportunities for spiritual growth, deepening our faith and reliance on the One who sustains us. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and emerge stronger and more resilient as a community.

So, enjoy the warmer weather, your summer vacations and time with friends and family, and may the light of hope shine brightly within us, illuminating

our path and guiding us now and forever. God bless and remember—God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Marv

GARRISON KEILLOR ON "METHODISTS"

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for making any excuse to have a potluck dinner.

I have heard it said, nobody sings like a Methodist. If you were to ask any Methodist to sing, "Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore," they will sing that boat ashore and up on the beach, down the road and out to sea again! The same goes for them singing "Kum Ba Yah, my Lord." To a Methodist that is the true song that never ends, and it can last for over an hour.

I do believe this: these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

*If you're dying, they will comfort you.

*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

*Methodists believe in prayer, but practically die if asked to pray out loud.

*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas. Heaven forbid, if a Methodist preacher asks their congregation to sing all the verses of any hymn found in their Methodist Hymnal.

*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify the pastor that they are there.

*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy. The Sunday service must include, the "Gloria Patri," and the "Doxology." It is their way of suffering for their sins.

*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal or contribute only a dollar to the coffee hour fund.

*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

You know you are a Methodist when:

*It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have hot coffee and a social hour after the service.

*You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

*When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "**and also with you.**"

*And lastly, they may complain if the service runs over an hour, but after worship service, it takes them an additional thirty plus minutes just to say good-bye after spending an hour at coffee hour!

Church Picnic

August 19th, 1:00 pm church picnic at Rowden's lake house: 4882 Bluewater Dr Otter Lake 48464

Everyone is invited. We'll supply the meat. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert that would be great! Please RSVP to Sharon 248-884-8244.

Thank You From Sharon

Thank you all for planning such a wonderful retirement party. I was overwhelmed with all the kindness and generosity you showed me.

All of you have been an incredible support during the good times and the challenging times in my life and the lives of both congregations.

I hope you will realize what a positive impact you have made on me and who I am today.

I may be retired, but I'll still be around. Thanks again for everything.

Love,
Sharon

Staff Member Introduction Becky Matthews

First of all, I would like thank everyone for such a warm welcome to the Howarth and Paint Creek family, and for the beautiful and generous gift basket!

I recently joined the staff as secretary for both Howarth and Paint Creek United Methodist churches. I grew up as a "Military Brat", and after years of moving around, my family finally settled in Texas, where my family still resides. I have been in Michigan for 38 years, so I claim both Texas and Michigan as home.

I am happy to be a part of the Howarth and Paint Creek family and I look forward to getting to know everyone.

Becky

Thank You From Marilyn

Thank you to all who sent get well cards and birthday wishes. My treatments are finished. Please keep your prayers going, I know that they work. God is Great and prayers are always answered! God Bless.

Love,

Marilyn

August is "Tell a Joke Month." Studies have shown laughing in moderation is healthy and releases endorphins into the brain. This results in feeling good and having a better attitude. We hope these jokes will bring a smile to your face.

GRANDPA & GRANDMA "GRAND GRINS"

What kind of a haircut does a bee have?

- o A buzzzzzz cut

Where do hamburgers go to dance?

- o The Meat Ball

Why did the girl eat her homework?

- o Her teacher said it was a piece of cake.

What did pirates call Noah's boat?

- o The Arrrrrrrk

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NOTABLE QUOTES:

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly comes close.

Mark Twain

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me...they're cramming for their final exam.

George Carlin

I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.

Ronald Reagan

When you feel like you are drowning in life, do not worry - your Lifeguard walks on water!

Unknown

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PAINT CREEK NEWS:



CROP WALK

A BIG thank you to all who participated in and/or raised money for the 2023 CROP Walk. Thanks to all your efforts, we raised a record \$2,185.00!!!

**Paint Creek Missions
2023**

LEARN: We will be scheduling a speaker from the Baldwin Center in Pontiac who will tell us about their many programs for the area families and youth.

GIVE: Our giving this year will include:

1- 100% payment to Ministry Shares and General Church Apportionments

2- LOCAL:

Baldwin Center
God's Country Cooperative Parish
Methodist Children's Home

3- NATIONAL: Native American Ministries- Special Sunday

4- INTERNATIONAL:

Crop Walk Haiti-Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic

5- MISSIONARY:

Randy Hildebrant at God's Country Cooperative. We will be making a donation to Randy's Coop. We are also collecting winter clothing, boots, hats and mittens to take north.

6- INTERNATIONAL

RELIEF:
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ACT:

We will be preparing lunches at Baldwin Center on the 2nd Friday of each month. Look for the schedule on our bulletin

board and sign up! Baldwin Center also has a clothes closet and we will visit there on Saturdays. Watch for email.



August Birthdays

Treva Redman	August 3
Rob Mair	August 11
Stanley Summers	August 23
Tim Tapner	August 25
Becky Weger	August 26

Anniversaries

Gerald & Anne Schultz	August 9
Anthony & Laura Moggio	August 16

September Birthdays

Linda Ward	Sept 6
Stacy Cleaveland	Sept 17
Benjamin Barkham	Sept 22
Michael Nawrocki	Sept 23

Anniversaries

Andy & Sandy Knaack	Sept 3
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October Birthdays

Pastor Marv	Oct 2
Barb Smith	Oct 5
Jan McCall	Oct 13
Donald Paterson	Oct 17
Gail Stoner	Oct 22

Anniversaries

Rob & Judy Mair	Oct 3
D.J. & Diana Ostrand	Oct 14

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Dick S
Treva R



Bruce J
 Penny C
 Linda
 Jan M
 Marlene
 Barb & George
 Karen & Paul

Connie Taylor Aug 2
 Ruth Ferrell Aug 9
 Scott Howden Aug 14
 Tena Hostler Aug 16
 Pat Dalton Aug 18

Liturgist needed!

Please be sure to sign up for **coffee hour**. Signup sheet is on bulletin board by kitchen.

Anniversaries
 (none)

Howarth Dinners

The future of the Howarth Dinners is unsure right now. We will of course, send information in advance of any scheduled dinners. Stay tuned.

HOWARTH NEWS:

September Birthdays

Nora Powell Sept 6
 John Wells Sept 13
 Lee Boughner Sept 16

Anniversaries

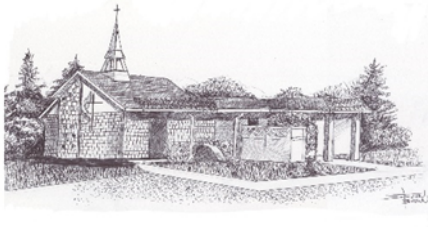
Dennis & Pamala Waite Sept 8
 David & Jill Guth Sept 23

October Birthdays

Pastor Marv Oct 2
 Rita Sauls Oct 12
 Sharon Rowden Oct 17
 Scott McKay Oct 28

Anniversaries
 (none)

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Health Department Inspection

We passed the Health Department's inspection with flying colors! A big thank you to all our volunteers who not only prepare and serve fabulous meals using our kitchen, but who are also diligent in their clean up! It is due to their commitment to cleanliness that we are able to pass each and every inspection. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful volunteers!

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Dennis Kathy
 April Jeff
 Marilyn Connie
 Tim A. David W.
 Eleanor Cal T.
 Jim S. Terry S.
 Pat P. Kyle
 Cheryl B.





August Birthdays

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Dan R Dan
 Moriah Jeremy
 Adam S



Goodbye July... 
 ALOHA August!



First Day of Fall - September 23



And people should eat and
drink and enjoy the fruits of
their labor, for these are gifts
from God. Ecclesiastes 3:13

Happy Labor Day
September 4



October 31

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