

THE TRUMPET

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Pastor's Column



From the Desk of Pastor Marv
Herman

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain

from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

As we journey through the changing seasons of life, we find wisdom and comfort in the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, which reminds us that there is a time and a season for everything under heaven. Let us reflect on these verses as we embrace the upcoming months and find joy in the various seasons of our lives and of the Christian church.

1. Embracing the Colors of Autumn. In the season of autumn here in Michigan, we witness the magnificent transformation of nature as the leaves change their colors from September to late October. This reminds us of the beauty and diversity of God's creation. As

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Let us always find joy in the changing landscape and appreciate the artistry of our Creator.

2. November: All Saints Day and Thanksgiving celebrations. November arrives, and with it comes All Saints Day, a time to remember our loved ones who have entered eternal rest. The weather turns colder, but the warmth of fellowship at our church continues to shine. In this season of remembrance and gratitude, we come together to worship, giving thanks as we prepare for Thanksgiving Day and togetherness. Let us always cherish the time we have with family and friends. As Ecclesiastes 3:4 reminds us, there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." We find

joy in the balance of life's seasons.

3. December: Advent and Celebrating Christ's Birth.

December heralds the season of Advent, a period of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Christ child. We adorn our church with greens and decorations, symbolizing the hope and joy that Christ's arrival brings. In this season of love and giving, we remember those who may feel alone during the holidays.

Ecclesiastes 3:6 encourages us to reach out and support those in need, for "a time to search and a time to give."

In the ebb and flow of life, in the changing seasons of the year, and in the sacred seasons of the Christian church, let us unite in celebration from the next few months into the coming new year of 2023.

Together, let us rejoice in God's presence, cherish one another, and revel in the gift of togetherness. For, as Ecclesiastes 3:11 assures us, "God has made everything beautiful in its time."

We invite you to join us in our upcoming events and services throughout these months. As we navigate the seasons of life and faith, let us find solace in God's unfailing love and in the warm embrace of our church community at Howarth and Paint Creek United Methodist Churches. God Bless and Season Greetings.

Pastor Marv

What Happened to Sunday Morning

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch.

We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The church needs you. And you need the church.

Michael Carl

As I sat in church a few weeks ago and counted attendance (as usher, we record the number), I thought about the other 25+ that weren't in church. My thought was how exciting it would be to have everyone in church! To count 45-50 friends and family sharing the love of God and their love for each other! We are a force when we are together! And we miss seeing you! You are all a part of our church family!

Colleen Barkham

NOTABLE QUOTES:

Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a

Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car.

Garrison Keillor

Humor is the shock absorber of life; it helps us take the blows.

Peggy Noonan

PRAYER - The world's greatest wireless connection.

Unknown

Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading data from the cloud.

Unknown



Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can.

Unknown

You know you're in big trouble when those little voices in your head start a chat group!

Unknown

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GRANDPA & GRANDMA "GRAND GRINS"

What happens when frogs park illegally?

- o They get towed

What kind of dog does a
magician have?

- o A labracadabrador

What day of the week do
eggs hate the most?

- o Fryday

What is the favorite drink
of trees?

- o Root Beer

What did one volcano say
to the other?

I lava you!

PAINT CREEK NEWS:



1st Annual Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 8 we had our first Blessing of the Pets at Howarth and Paint Creek. We want this event to be an annual tradition for families to bring their pets to be blessed at both churches. At Paint Creek we gave the day a festival feel with music by our own Stacy Cleveland. We had items to purchase such as dog treats, cat treats, and cute bandanas. Our own Barb Frank from Heavenly Paws was on hand to explain what their organization does for unwanted cats and dogs.

We want to celebrate our pets because they were created by our God! God believes every creature is important. The love we give to and receive from a pet can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relations to our creator.

A big Thank You to all of you and your pets who participated. Watch for another "Blessing of the Pets" next October!

**Paint Creek Missions
2023**

Join us at Baldwin Center on the 2nd Friday of each month. We arrive there at 9:00 and help pack lunches which are then handed out to the homeless in that area. We also help unpack and package donated food from various sources.

I delivered a carload of winter clothes to the Cheboygan UMC. They hold them until Pastor Jackie from Newberry (God's Country Coop) drives down to pick them up. I'm sure they will be very delighted to receive our donations!

We just completed collecting donations for Baldwin Center and will finish our year of missions collecting for the Grace Children's Hospital located in Haiti.

Thank you for your generous support of all our missions this year! This includes the six special Sundays plus the local, national, and international missions we chose. We also supported Randy Hildebrandt, a missionary at God's Country Cooperative Parish.

Colleen Barkham
Chair, PC Missions

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Jan
Karen & Paul
Marlene
Bruce
Dick S.
Penny C.
Barb & George



Linda
Treva



November Birthdays

Wyatt Cleveland Nov 1

Anniversaries
(none)

December Birthdays

Laura Moggio	Dec 8
Nancy Richmond	Dec 9
Barbara Frank	Dec 11
Pat Wise	Dec 14
Sandy Knaack	Dec 17
JESUS	Dec 25

Anniversaries
Trevor & Emily Barkham Dec 18

January Birthdays

William S. Moggio	Jan 21
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22

Anniversaries
Robert & Reva LaFountain Jan 4

HOWARTH NEWS:



Howarth Turkey Dinner

We are happy to announce our dinners are back! We receive

inquiries about our dinners on a regular basis, and we are hoping for a big turnout. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11, 2023. The dinner is in the Howarth United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 550 E. Silverbell Road.

Dinner is from 4:00-6:30pm, cafeteria style, all you can eat.

Menu:

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, green beans, salad & dessert.

Beverages include: coffee, milk, iced & hot tea.

Suggested Donation:

Adult \$20.00

Children ages 5-10 \$6.00

Carry outs are available.

A portion of the proceeds from all our dinners is donated to missions!

Recent Fire Inspection

Health Department Inspection

As you know, we had a recent fire inspection and sadly we are now required to replace our under-the-hood fire grease suppression unit. Although our unit still works, it became outdated in 2007. This was overlooked for about 16 years and the new fire inspector would not let it slide. The cost at this time is estimated to be around \$4,600.00.

The process is taking a long time as we are learning that approved contractors are hard

to schedule and they don't always adhere to the schedule. If any of you have made home repairs or updates, we are sure you can relate!

We recently completed a checkup on the range. We made a few adjustments and all is fine and in working order.

Hopefully we will be able to let you know all required repairs have been made and approved soon.



November Birthdays

- Jason Everhart Nov 1
- Jared Waite Nov 2
- Kaye Hamman Nov 3
- Rhonda Geldhof Nov 6
- Jill Guth Nov 11
- Chuck Morris Nov 13
- Edna Wells Nov 28

Anniversaries
(none)

December Birthdays

- Pamela Waite Dec 4
- JESUS Dec 25

Anniversaries

- John & Edna Wells Dec 23

January Birthdays

- Dennis Waite Jan 12
- Eric Everhart Jan 12
- Bette Wattles Jan 12

- Steve Ferrell Jan 16
- Bob Hostler Jan 18
- Elizaeth Reitz Jan 22
- Jim Staley Jan 31

Anniversaries

- Chuck & April Morris Jan 12

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

- Dennis
- Kathy
- April
- Jeff
- Marilyn
- Connie
- Tim A.
- David W.
- Eleanor
- Cal T.
- Jim S.
- Terry S.
- Cheryl B.
- Dennis K.
- Maggie
- Pete S.
- Dawn J.



MILITARY PRAYER LIST

- Dan R Dan
- Moriah Jeremy
- Adam S

Liturgist needed!

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

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