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## Pastor's Column



*From the Desk of Pastor Marv Herman*

As we approach the months of November and December, let's take a moment to reflect with gratitude, our Howarth and Paint Creek churches, our community, and our friends and family. In a world where challenges often overshadow our blessings, it's essential to remind ourselves of the abundance in our lives, especially as we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving evokes fond memories for me, just as it does for many of you. I recall my childhood days in school when we crafted pilgrim hats and Native American headdresses, reenacting the first Thanksgiving. Whether or not those stories were historically accurate didn't seem to matter to us back then; what mattered was the joy we had by celebrating the time we had together. I can still remember the pictures of tracing my hand on paper to create a picture of a colorful turkey, which my mother proudly displayed on our refrigerator each year.

Memories of gathering around the family table during Thanksgiving always filled my heart with warmth and laughter. I can still hear my Grandfather Fred Herman speaking one Thanksgiving Day as our family gathered saying, "Remember this meal and be thankful; take this time together

as a blessing. As time passes, we may not always have each other. Today is Thanksgiving, so let us enjoy not only the food, but each other's company. Sadly, as the years go by, some of us at this table will become just a memory to you. Young ones, you will need to carry on this tradition with your future families and friends. I pray that you never take for granted the food and time God has given us." Reflecting on those words now, I realize how profound my grandfather was. Indeed, many who once sat at that table are now just memories, and I miss them dearly.

As we near the end of another year, we find ourselves still navigating a time marked by rapid advancements in technology, political changes, and economic uncertainty, just as past generations have. It's essential that we now continue to share and keep our faith in God and express our gratitude

for having all that we have. The cycle of life, as Ecclesiastes 3 teaches us, reminds us that there will always be seasons of change, seasons of abundance and seasons of need, but the need of keeping God in our lives will never change. In these moments, I echo my grandfather's sentiment: our shared meals are about more than just food; it is time to cherish each other and to pass that love of God to all those he places before us.

I feel that Thanksgiving Day does encourage us to reflect on those who are no longer with us. All Saints' Day and All Saints' Sunday, invites us to honor and remember our loved ones who have passed. While our Thanksgiving Day tables may look different now, we are blessed with new friends, new stories, and new possibilities. As we gather this month and this year, I plan to share my grandfather's wisdom: let us give thanks not only for the food but also for the precious company we keep.

As we transition into December, we will decorate our homes and churches to celebrate the gift of Christmas. This season reminds us of God's greatest gift to us—Jesus Christ. In times when many are facing hardships, it's vital to recognize the abundance we have, whether it's enough food to share, gifts under the tree, or simply the love of our church family.

I want to share a real-life example that illustrates this theme. A family friend recently faced financial struggles but found joy in hosting a small gathering with friends, sharing

a meal made from what they had on hand. They expressed their gratitude for the warmth of fellowship and laughter, turning their modest meal into a celebration of love and friendship. This is a meaningful reminder that true abundance often comes not from material wealth, but from the relationships we nurture.

So, as we move through the next few months, let us be thankful for our friends, our church, and our shared community. Let us lift our hearts in praise for all we have and for the blessings yet to come. May we always strive to inspire one another to love deeply, think generously, and serve joyfully in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Marv Herman

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### Prayer for My Pet

In Your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when You created the Universe, You blessed us with all living creatures. We especially thank You for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. Kindly bless my pet. May my pet continue giving me joy and remind me of Your power.

May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust You to take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in Your love for all Your creatures. Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so that we

may continue to appreciate all Your creations.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Submitted by Cal Devitt)

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Grace and peace be yours in abundance. Praise be to the God... (who) has given us new birth into a living hope ... and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade ... In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith ... may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:2-7

(Submitted by Nora Powell)

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### NOTABLE QUOTES:

"Christmas is a holiday that we celebrate not as individuals, nor as a nation, but as a human family."

Ronald Reagan

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"That's the beauty about God. Logistics don't seem to matter. God meets us right where we are."

Janell Rardon

Author

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"There is nothing but God's grace. We walk upon it; we breathe it; we live and die

by it."

Robert Louis  
Stephenson  
(Submitted by Nora Powell)

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May God's love dwell in  
your heart.

(Submitted by Nora Powell)

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"Instead of telling God how  
big your problems are, tell  
your problems how big God  
is!

Kerri Miller  
Guideposts Reader

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"When in doubt, be kind"  
Scott Stabile  
Author

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"Happiness floats. It  
doesn't need you to hold it  
down. It doesn't need  
anything."

Naomi Shihab Nye  
Poet

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GRANDPA & GRANDMA  
"GRAND GRINS"



What does a Mermaid use  
to wash her fins?  
o Tide

What kind of shoes does a  
chicken wear?  
o Rebokbokbok

What do you call a turkey  
who is running away?

o Lucky

Riddle:

Spelled forwards I'm what  
you do every day, but  
spelled backwards, I'm  
something you hate. What  
am I?

o Answer on page 4

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## PAINT CREEK NEWS



### Thank You

I want to thank everyone most  
sincerely for your kind concern  
during and since my heart  
surgery at Ascension. It was  
touch and go for a while, but  
due to the love of God, and His  
guiding the hands of the

surgeon, (and my stubbornness)  
I pulled through.

The prayers of Pastor Marv and  
others were much appreciated,  
and the thoughtful and cheerful  
get well cards definitely lifted  
my spirits. Hope to see you  
soon at church.

Cal Devitt

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To Paint Creek congregation:

Soon we will be into the "home  
stretch" of the year. Thanks to  
everyone for your faithful and  
generous giving this year so far.  
Keeping up your own pledge  
during vacations, etc. is much  
appreciated.

Cal Devitt  
Financial Secretary

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### November

#### **Birthdays**

Wyatt Cleaveland Nov 1

#### **Anniversaries**

Don & Heidi Paterson Nov 11  
Dave & Karen Osterkamp Nov 14

### 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 Smith Moggio	Jan 21
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22

### **Anniversaries**

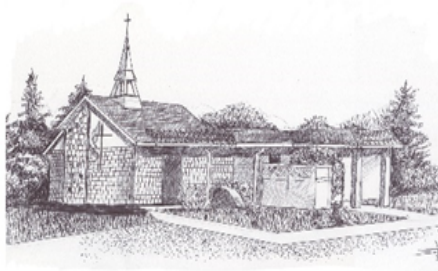
Robert & Reva LaFountain Jan 4

### **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

Jan  
Paul  
Marlene  
Penny C.  
Bette  
Ann  
Pastor Marv Jaymin J. Family  
David



### **HOWARTH NEWS**



### **Turkey Dinner Update**

A big Thank You to all who volunteered their time, donations, and delicious desserts for the Swiss Steak Dinner held on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are having our last Turkey Dinner of the year Saturday,

November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-6:30pm. Please let friends and families know! Thank You in advance for all you do to make our dinners successful.

Thank you!

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### **Communion Preparers**

Abey	Nov 10
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Thank you so very much for your assistance with Communion!

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### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**



### **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**

Jack & Pat Dalton	Nov 3
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### **December**

### **Birthdays**

Pamala Waite	Dec 4
JESUS	Dec 25

### **Anniversaries**

John & Edna Wells	Dec 23
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### **January**

### **Birthdays**

Dennis Waite	Jan 12
Bette Wattles	Jan 12
Steve Ferrell	Jan 16
Bob Hostler	Jan 18
Elizabeth Reitz	Jan 22
Jim Staley	Jan 31

### **Anniversaries**

(none)

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### **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

Dennis  
Kathy  
Jeff  
Marilyn  
Tim  
David W.  
Cal T.  
Jim S.  
Terry S.  
Cheryl B. Maggie  
Nora Keith  
Sandy W. Ruth T.  
Storm G. Jack D.  
Pastor Marv Jaymin J. Family



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### **Liturgist needed!**

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

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Answer to riddle on page 3:  
Live/evil

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# Church Chuckles

(Submitted by Cal Devitt)



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