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Pastor's Column



From the Desk of Pastor
Marvin Herman

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, anger, clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. So, let us walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a living offering and sacrifice to God for our salvation. Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A few weeks ago, I scanned through the book, *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor*. In this book, the author gives detailed ideas on how we can use his evangelistic philosophy to grow spiritually and increase the

number of people to receive Christ as well as bringing them back into Christian fellowship and worship. As a smaller church we feel the need to grow. Many times, smaller churches say we need younger people and we need new families if we are going to survive. Is there a clear-cut evangelistic answer that works to bring people to church?

Many churches seeking and wanting growth will start by copying or imitating the ideas of former struggling churches that have gone from a weekly attendance of 20 or less, to over 300 plus on a given Sunday. What can a church do to get people to come to church? What model of evangelism could we copy to grow larger? Are we at Howarth and Paint Creek ready to model or imitate a growing church in the area by following their example?

As a young person growing up, I was told, "imitation was the highest form of flattery." The idea behind that saying was that we could improve ourselves and gain popularity by finding someone or something worth imitating and using that idea to make ourselves look better and more attractive. Is imitating some thing or many things the answer to get people to come to church?

The reality is that many of us, whether we know or not, already imitate something at some level either consciously or subconsciously. We cannot help it for it is just part of the human condition in which we are molded and shaped by the outside environment that surrounds us from our parents, friends, mentors and even celebrities. Is imitating the success or others the answer when it comes to church growth?

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he implores the church in Ephesus to walk the Christian walk. He tells them to put aside all the vices that they once lived out in their lives and to pursue the nature of Christ. As he encouraged them to put off the old self and put on the new, he gave a list of things they should leave behind. Paul said, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another; be tenderhearted and forgiving of each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved and gave himself up for us."

So, what does it take to grow a church? Paul suggests that we are to imitate Christ and to go out and invite. We are to leave behind the

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From the desk of Pastor Marv
old idea that people will come to church when they are good and ready and take on the new idea on showing others how to go to church. In the book, *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor*, author Scott J. Jones suggests that in order to grow, we must go out to others and not wait for them to come to us. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, felt the same way too.

Let me encourage all of us at Howarth and Paint Creek to take up our crosses and follow Christ by being imitators of Him. The world has plenty of imitators following the latest popular persons and ideas and all too often there is a line of Christians doing the same. We don't need to imitate other churches, we need only to imitate and model the words in the Holy Bible. From there we need to go to others in need of our Savior and they in turn will come and worship with us.

Christ's peace and blessing to all of you. Pastor Marv

CROP WALK

RESULTS:

Howarth: \$635

Paint Creek \$1,400

The walk brought in a total of \$19,000. Awesome
Thank you everyone who walked and or donated. Truly a wonderful mission.

Dear Paint Creek and Howarth Family,

I can never, ever thank you enough for the generosity and love you have bestowed upon me. From tuition for License to Preach School to the wonderful

gifts on my last Sunday, I will always be grateful.

When I came to Paint Creek three years ago, I never imagined how my life would change. The friends I've made and the training I've received truly saved me.

Even though I have three new church families, you will always be my closest and dearest.

Love, thanks, and blessings to all of you,
Pastor Steffani

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Henderson UMC
Chapin UMC

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Just wanted to say Hello from hot and sunny Alabama. Everything is going good down here. I just have to watch out for the fire ants, you do know when you step on one of them! I want to thank everyone that made my life so much easier when I was there. We had weddings, baptisms, funerals and lots of good times in the kitchen. I will always call Howarth home. I didn't expect the party the church had for me. Not sure that many liked me, or were they happy to see me leave LOL. The 20 years I attended were some of the greatest times in my life, I realized that Jesus does walk the earth today in the people of Howarth and Paint Creek. When Kathy was sick and died

y'all were there to help, when Ashley died y'all were there once again. You helped feed the hungry, clothe the naked, made strangers feel welcomed and the list goes on. Y'all will always be a part of me. It does feel strange not being involved with the church service, being a parishioner sitting in the pews. The church down here is involved with different missions, have a feeling I will be involved some time in the future. I pray and hope that all is well and will continue to prosper. God Bless all of You

Paul

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PAINT CREEK NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries: August

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

Anniversaries

Anthony & Laura Moggio Aug 16
Mike & Nancy Nawrocki Aug 27

September

Stacy Cleaveland Sept 17
Benjamin Barkham Sept 22
Michael Nawrocki Sept 23

Anniversaries

Andy & Sandy Knaack Sept 3
Leonard & Pamela Nichols Sept 21

October

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

Anniversaries

Rob & Judy Mair Oct 3



To everyone that brings food in for our luncheons on Sunday. Couldn't do it without all your help. (Special thanks to Gail Stoner for organizing each week).

Final Mission Project for 2019

Paint Creeks' August - September mission will be for St. Andrews Society - a program that uses volunteers to salvage produce from the fields. Fresh vegetables are then given to families unable to purchase produce at stores due to limited funds. Our membership donated \$300.00 last year to this charity. Can we match this amount for 2019? This is an organization highly rated for wisely using money donated. Please consider contributing to this worthwhile mission project.

Plate coin & Little Church Box

Some of our new friends may not know about the birthday and anniversary donations that are placed in the little church box. That money is earmarked for our mission projects. Many of us shell out a penny per year of our age, but some give a dollar or even more-to be generous (or to conceal our age??). 😊 Likewise, the change that we put in the offering plate: it too is for missions. In the first half of 2019, I have deposited \$219.26. This shows how it adds up! Our mission's chairperson, Jan McCall, is able to use this money for our missions' projects. (P.S.: Special thanks to Andy k., who is a big donor of coin.) 😊 Cal Devitt
Financial Secretary, PCUMC

HISTORIC MARKER FOR PAINT CREEK UMC

The Paint Creek UMC recently received an historic marker from the Oakland Township Historic District Commission. In the 1970's, Delta Kelly was instrumental in listing our church as an historic district in Oakland Township. We finally were offered the opportunity to create wording for a marker and the historic marker has been installed on the front of the church.

The marker reads:

1855, Paint Creek United Methodist Church, Inspired by Rev. John Russell, who became a leader of the Prohibition Party, St. John's Methodist Church was erected in 1855 at the corner of Buell and Rochester Rds. In 1887 the church was dismantled and moved by horse team to this current location in Goodison.

So, who was this John Russell guy? Actually, well known in the

mid-1800's as an itinerant Methodist pastor, John Russell travelled the circuit to reach small communities north of Detroit. It is thought that he did revival meetings on weekends and that some of Oakland Township's residents attended. Therefore, the inspiration to build the first Methodist church in the township. When the Oakland settlement diminished and the Goodison community grew (the train came through) it was decided to move St. John's Methodist Church to Goodison. John Russell went on to become rather famous as first Chairman of the Prohibition Party and the first Vice Presidential candidate for the party in 1872.



PERSON OF FAITH

Scot Cleaveland

Our person of faith, Scot Cleaveland was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the middle child having 2 older sisters and 2 younger brothers. His father was an educator working with the American Schools in Venezuela. Once back state side, he worked in New Jersey, Connecticut and then moved to Rochester where he served in various administrative positions for the Rochester Community Schools. Scot's mother, a civil engineer, surveyed land and road

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Person of faith cont.

projects in the 1950's-60's when few women worked in this field. Prior to graduation from Rochester Adams High School, Scot attended fifteen different schools. During his school years, he was active in sports and theater. After high school, he attended U.C.L.A. in California majoring in technical theater. Scot dropped out of the university only credits short of completing his degree to run his own theater business started while a student.

Scot has worked at all professional theaters in the metro area like Meadowbrook Theater. For a while he worked at auto shows doing displays and advertising. His love though was doing scenic work for plays so he returned to doing theater jobs. Presently Scot is in his 6th year working as technical director for the Bloomfield Hills schools. This is a year-round position. At the same time, he also serves as technical director for his wife's Peanut Gallery Players (a non-profit year-round theater group for youth.)

Scot and Stacy knew one another at Rochester Adams High School in the theater program but did not date until young adults. They have been married twenty-eight years. Both immensely enjoy their family of 4 boys ranging in age from twenty-three to thirteen years. Their twins are twenty-one years old.

When first married Scot and Stacy traveled to Germany. Lately their journeys have been to New York City to see theater productions on Broadway and visit friends and relatives on the east coast. Scot enjoys cooking, reading history novels and doing yard work. His favorite interest that always comes first is his wife and boys.

The Cleaveland's were long time members at another church when they decided to seek out a new church. Paint Creek was on their list of churches to visit. They knew of the church through scouting programs and various other activities held at Paint Creek. When our church was advertising for a Sunday pianist, Stacy saw the flyer at a music store. She auditioned for the position and was hired. As a family, they have been in attendance since September, 2018. Scot has quickly become involved in church activities and a leadership position. He sings in the choir, serves as an usher and is a church trustee.

What Scot likes about Paint Creek is the friendly atmosphere, fellowship time, the Sunday message and attending a small church which reminds him of the church attended as a youth. Paint Creek is blessed that Scot and family found their way to our church. Scot has been a wonderful addition to our congregation as has his family. *Jan McCall*

KNOW OUR PAINT CREEK
YOUTH
Wyatt Cleaveland

A nice addition to our church group has been thirteen-year-old Wyatt Cleaveland. He was born in Rochester and still resides here with his parents Scot and Stacy Cleaveland.

Presently Wyatt is awaiting the fall start of high school at Stoney Creek where he'll be a 9th grader. His favorite classes are World Studies and history. He has enjoyed reading about past cultures like the Aztecs. At his previous school, he was in the art club and choir. As a high school student, he wants to participate in theater productions.

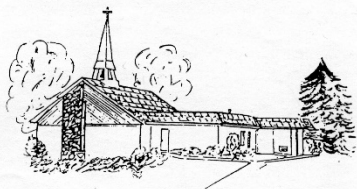
Wyatt's community involvement has been working at the local cider mill and participating in programs with the Peanut Gallery Players - an activity for youth which his mother started and directs. He has been in the group since 6 years of age performing or helping with backstage tasks. In the fall Wyatt enjoys the theater training program. January's class on reviewing a production show for a May play and in this past summers show performing in the ensemble for "HELLO DOLLY".

Wyatt has a love for animals. He would like to participate in rescuing and fostering pets until adopted or breeding and selling dogs. He has no career plans at this time, so he is open to the many career options available today.

Last September, Wyatt started at Paint Creek UMC and soon joined the choir and helping with Sunday school. In the near future, he feels he will be ready for confirmation class.

What does Wyatt like about Paint Creek church? Being a small church, he finds the people nice and friendly, a calm atmosphere in church and a message he can understand. He states: "I am definitely not the mega-church type." Wyatt is obviously a very fine young Christian youth. We thank Wyatt for his willingness to be helpful and contributing a male voice to the choir. He is certainly a very special young person who is a joy to be around. *Jan McCall*

HOWARTH NEWS:



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

August

Connie Taylor	Aug 2
Ruth Ferrell	Aug 9
Megan Key	Aug 12
Scott Howden	Aug 14
Tena Hostler	Aug 16

Anniversaries (none)

September

Paul Sandstrom Sept 30

Anniversaries

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

October

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

Anniversaries (none)

PERSON OF FAITH:

MacKenna Greene

MacKenna was born in Rochester, while quite young, moved to Midland. She is now in Rochester residing with family while attending Oakland University. Her father is an engineer while her mom is an event planner. MacKenna is the oldest sibling, she has 2 younger brothers.

Her education has included attending the Midland schools and

graduating from Dow High School. She is presently a senior at Oakland University majoring in music education. Since she enjoys working with all age groups (K-12 and adults), MacKenna either wants to teach in a school program or start her own music school. At the present time, she is self-employed giving music lessons and teaching at summer camps. After graduation in 2020, her goal is to share her love for music with others in the metro area.

Being family oriented, this summer MacKenna will vacation in Arizona with her family. The Greene's have always been fond of animals. As a family they have rescued and fostered animals waiting for adoption. This is a favorite past activity MacKenna has enjoyed. Board games are also something MacKenna enjoys when they have family nights.

How did MacKenna find her way to Howarth UMC? She auditioned to be pianist for Sunday worship services and was hired. This is her third year working at Howarth. Being industrious and an organizer, MacKenna has assisted and developed a special Christmas program, 2 Veteran's Day programs bringing in outside performers and ran a summer music camp for 7-14-year-old youth at Howarth. Often, she serves as accompanist for vocalists and instrumental musicians who either attend or are visiting Howarth UMC. Without a doubt, MacKenna Greene has been a blessing providing music for the Howarth church congregation. They are grateful to her for sharing her talents with the congregation on Sundays. She is a blessing to all of them.

Jan McCall



To Pat Pollitt for spearheading the farewell party for Paul. A lot of work. He did appreciate it.

Also for decorating the table in the entry for each season. Always looks great.

To all the people who mow the lawn and do yard maintenance. Great job everyone.

To Pastor Marv for dealing with Detroit Electric to get 3 new thermostats installed free in the church. Was quite a wait to get them here, but well worth it.

To Steve Ferrell for installing a new faucet in the kitchen. Works great!

We All Say Good Morning to Others.

Do you know the meaning of good morning?

- G** Get up.
- O** Open your heart.
- O** Open your mind.
- D** Dedicate your day to God.

- M** Meditate on God's Word
- O** Optimize your faith & hope.
- R** Rebuke all evils.
- N** Never doubt God's love.
- I** Inspire someone.
- N** Nothing should scare you.
- G** Go out with joy.

So, I say **GOOD MORNING & have a blessed day!**

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