

THE

# TRUMPET

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## Pastor's Column



### *From the Desk of Pastor Marv Herman*

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more

valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not

labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one

*of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. **Matthew 6: 25-30.***

In the course of daily living, there are so many things that can weigh heavy on our hearts. Over time, these once small concerns, become so great, that they now become like a darkness closing in on us. Throughout our lives, friends have probably tried to reassure us, over and over again that many of our concerns are not as bad as they seem, but in the course of a few lonely moments, these small concerns become overwhelming, making

anyone's assurances seem empty.

I remember back when I felt emotionally overwhelmed about the turn of events in my life. In the summer of 2007, I became a single parent raising two young daughters. To add to this, I was also one of three church youth group leaders at the Fenton United Methodist Church. It took two years for our youth group to raise funds to go on a two-week mission trip to West Virginia in late June of that year and I was committed, no matter what, not to let the youth group leaders and our youth down by not going with them. So, I arranged for my daughters to stay with family, and I helped drive our youth group to the back hills and hollers of West Hamlin, West Virginia. For 2 weeks, I experienced poverty like I have never witnessed before in my life. It was hard to believe in the United States, there were children who literally had no shoes to wear and very little food to eat. Sadly, most of the adults raising these children drank alcohol heavily. Many of those

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same families, pooled some of their money together to purchase 20-year-old school buses, which they then placed on their mountain side property. Then they anchored it down so it would not roll down the mountain. Now these old buses became a home for 6 to 10 people. Even the seats in the buses were utilized and turned into beds, furniture and lawn seats.

After 5 days of helping these families paint and repair their homes, it seemed our efforts only put a small dent into their living conditions. I became overwhelmed. A youth leader from another church from Ohio, who I had gotten to know, recognized the shroud of gloom that was enveloping me. At the end of a work day, he invited me out for coffee and asked me why I was so gloomy.

That was all the invitation I needed, and I began to lay out my litany of woes, which included all the things in my life mixed in with my feelings of dealing with the West Virginia families who lived in such poor conditions. Quickly my new friend stopped me and said, "Whoa! You got a lot to unpack here! I need to know the magnitude of each of these problems. Consider this method; if the problem is the equivalent of needing to put gas in your car... score it a one; but if the problem is compared to dealing with your imminent death, then I would rate that a ten."

So, I started over, each item on my list when compared to the poor I was working with in

West Hamlin, quickly became rated perhaps a two or a one. Looking back, I realize most of the concerns on my heart I shared with him, would have been a one or even less. On that day my new-found friend helped me see that we can indeed make mountains out of mole hills. The onslaught of daily life can indeed distort our perspective and as a result of our distorted vision, we can make poor choices in our lives.

In a recent reading in an Upper Room devotion book I read one morning, one of the authors noted that each and every day in our lives can present to us many forks in the road where we have got to make a choice (to do this or to do that) and each of those choices adjusts the direction of our lives. This got me thinking... all it takes, is just making a couple of severe right hand turns in the wrong direction, and our lives can quickly change from good to awful. I found that reality to be true when I myself, made a few poor choices in my lifetime.

Beyond the choices we make in life, one can also face moments of adversity, illness, accidents or an economic downturn leading to a loss of job. This can lead anyone to experience a moment of despair. The darkness of such moments, layered with everything else, can indeed become crushing to one's life. Here then are some very powerful words Jesus said to his disciples in the gospel of Matthew, "And behold, you are never alone, for I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

In all that confronts us in life

the good news is this; "We are not alone." This is the truth that lifts our spirits, no matter what confronts us in this life. It doesn't matter whether the issues seem big or small; we are not alone. This gospel truth is also found in Matthew 6: 26, which say, "*Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*" Yes, consider the birds and remember that God provides for all our needs. God gives us his grace to help us grow in our faith even when we have to bear the darkest moment of the night. God is our comforter and he is always willing to guide us to the dawn found in and through the light in Jesus Christ. As the children of God, we can indeed testify to the light even when the darkness seems all around us... for we know all darkness will not last, for the light of Christ is fast upon us. Remember, God through Christ, is with us until the end of time. Until that time, Christ will provide for us and through faith, He will indeed provide for us all that we need. God Loves You and So Do I. Pastor Marv

May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Marv and Deb will be on vacation.

Pastor Marv will be away at Annual Conference May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**A huge thank you to Pastor Marv and Mackenna for putting together one of the best Good Friday services many of us have ever attended. Both Howarth and Paint Creek are truly blessed to have such a caring and compassionate Pastor.**

**FUNDRAISER FOR LOVE, INC.** Wojo's Nursery and Garden Center. May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mentions Love, Inc. and 10% of your sales will be donated to them. See flyer in fellowship hall.

**FAITH NIGHT** at Jimmy John's Field. JULY 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
If we have at least 20 people to attend the price is \$36 per person. Includes entrance to the ball game and an All American Picnic. See flyer in fellowship hall. Let Sharon know if you are interested in attending.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Sharon will be working Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June, July and August.

**CROP WALK**

Donations in person will be accepted through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Online donations can be made until June 22. For online, go to [cropwalk.org](http://cropwalk.org), search Howarth or Paint Creek to donate. As of this printing, Howarth has collected \$350 – Paint Creek \$580. Keep the donations coming!

*“With faith you can move mountains. With doubt, you create them.”*

Mickey Guyton, country singer

**PAINT CREEK NEWS:**



**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**May**

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Betty W     | May 2  |
| Emily B     | May 5  |
| Floris S    | May 9  |
| Ethan G     | May 12 |
| Frederick B | May 18 |
| Pamela B    | May 18 |

**Anniversaries**

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Scot & Stacy C | May 26 |
|----------------|--------|

**June**

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Vera R    | June 10 |
| Reva L    | June 14 |
| Richard S | June 19 |

**Anniversaries**

**None**

**July**

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| Shaila H   | July 1  |
| Heidi P    | July 13 |
| Gerald S   | July 25 |
| Gretchen D | July 27 |

**Anniversaries**

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Pastor Marv & Deb | July 26 |
|-------------------|---------|

**August**

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Treva R   | Aug 3  |
| Rob M     | Aug 11 |
| Stanley S | Aug 23 |
| Becky W   | Aug 26 |

**Anniversaries**

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Gerald & Anne S   | Aug 9  |
| Anthony & Laura M | Aug 16 |

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

Karen D  
Kurtis W  
Jan M  
Dick S  
Treva R  
Bruce J



Check out Paint Creek's updated website. Comments, suggestions, changes? Contact Gretchen Drader.

**Mission** for March-April was UMCOR-Ukraine, we collected \$960. Great job everyone. Our mission collection for May-June is The Methodist's Children's Home in Redford MI. Please give generously.



To everyone who purchased hymnals. We were able to purchase 85 new hymnals and had them ready for Easter Sunday. They were all purchased with donations from our members who honored or memorialized a loved one.

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## HOWARTH NEWS:

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:



#### May

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Lindsay W | May 29 |
| Rick R    | May 30 |
| Ray S     | May 30 |

#### **Anniversaries**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| John & Pat P | May 9  |
| Jim & Pat S  | May 14 |

#### June

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Casie R   | June 8  |
| Cheryl E  | June 19 |
| Pat S     | June 25 |
| Marilyn F | June 28 |

#### **Anniversaries**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Rick & Sharon R  | June 10 |
| Scott & Cheryl M | June 23 |

#### July

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Clara H   | July 26 |
| Forrest T | July 31 |

#### **Anniversaries**

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Forrest & Connie T | July 20 |
| Pastor Marv & Deb  | July 26 |

#### August

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Connie T | Aug 2  |
| Ruth F   | Aug 9  |
| Megan K  | Aug 12 |
| Scott H  | Aug 14 |

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Tena H | Aug 16 |
|--------|--------|

#### **Anniversaries (none)**

## **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| David W   | Dennis W |
| Dona N    | Tom      |
| Treva R   | Connie T |
| MacKellar | Hunter   |
| Beverly   | April M  |
| Lindsay W | Kim W    |

## MILITARY PRAYER LIST

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Dan R  | Dan    |
| Moriah | Jeremy |
| Adam S |        |

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

## **RUMMAGE SALE?**

Cheryl and Scott have asked if anyone would like to **donate items** for a rummage sale at Howarth some time in June. Would need a few volunteers to help mark items. Let them know if you are willing to help.

Hi everyone, Just want to remind all that Scott and I are collecting your **used postage stamps**, they go to Stamps for the Wounded, pop or can tabs to the American Legion/VFW in Oxford, they help underprivileged children. Used eye glasses are collected and donated through the Lions Club.

Thank you, Cheryl & Scott.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Jason E for winning the Math competition for all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Bailey Lake Elementary! Great Job!



Congratulations to RJ and Megan Key (Pat & John's grandchildren). RJ graduated from Saginaw Valley State University. Megan graduated from Lake Orion High School!

There will be an **open house** for Megan at Howarth on June 11<sup>th</sup>, noon – 4pm. Everyone invited to attend.



To Mackenna and her helpers for the beautiful displays on the wall near the library. Truly a much-needed improvement to the Narthex.

Tim Northrup for the monitor stand he made for the office. Also to Tim and Jack for the frames they made for the mirrors in the restrooms.

To everyone who sold, purchased, and help sort the Rada Cutlery items. To date we have made a profit of \$851. Special thanks to Pat P for selling the most items! If you would like to order something that you got and would love more of them, orders can still be placed at [www.RadaFundraising.com](http://www.RadaFundraising.com) Search the group name Howarth Untied Methodist Church. You pay shipping, it will be delivered directly to you. They have gift sets that would make wonderful wedding shower gifts! Howarth will still receive the profit.

To all our lawn maintenance volunteers.

To everyone who host our fellowship time after church. Delicious treats and the fellowship is great too!

Those who have helped with opening up and closing the church for Oakland University.

## LADIES

### CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE

I don't have crow's feet,  
I have happy memories of  
laughing with friends until the  
tears flowed.

I don't have frown lines,  
I have the marks of my  
frustration and confusion,  
which I battled through, smiling  
in the end.

I am not going grey,  
I have shimmering highlights of  
wisdom, dashed throughout my  
silver hair.

I don't have scars,  
I have symbols of the strength I  
was able to find, when life got  
tough.

I am not fat,  
I bear the evidence of a life  
filled with abundance, blessings  
and good times.

I am not just forgetful,  
I have a mind so full of stories,  
memories and moments there is  
scarce room to hold much else.

I am not old,  
I am blessed, with a life of  
great length, something not  
everyone can say.

Don't change the way you look  
my friend,  
change the way you see,

*Donna Ashworth*

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## Calendar Of Events 2022

### MAY

16<sup>th</sup>: Pastor and Deb on  
vacation until May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Grief Support Group at  
Howarth 1 – 3 pm

17<sup>th</sup>: PC Ad Council meeting  
10 am

19<sup>th</sup>: OU at Howarth 5:30 pm

21<sup>st</sup>: Armed Forces Day

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>: OU at Howarth, 9-  
3pm.

30<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day (office  
closed)

31<sup>st</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Marv at  
Annual Conference

### JUNE

4<sup>th</sup>: Pastor returns from Annual  
Conference

EIP group at Howarth 8–2 pm

6<sup>th</sup>: Grief Support at Howarth  
1 – 3 pm

D-Day

10<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship hall being used  
5pm

11<sup>th</sup>: Fellowship hall rented for  
an open house. 12-5

12<sup>th</sup>: Peace With Justice Sunday

14<sup>th</sup>: Flag Day

19<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day

20<sup>th</sup>: Grief Support at Howarth  
1 – 3 pm

21<sup>st</sup>: PC Ad Council Meeting  
10 am

Summer begins

### JULY

4<sup>th</sup>: Fourth of July (office  
closed)

18<sup>th</sup>: Grief Support at Howarth  
1 – 3 pm

19<sup>th</sup>: PC Ad Council Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>: Mackenna holding  
music camp at Howarth

### AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup>: Grief Support at Howarth  
1 – 3 pm

15<sup>th</sup>: Grief Support at Howarth  
1 – 3 pm

16<sup>th</sup>: PC Ad Council Meeting  
10 am

*“You can do nothing today to  
make God love you an ounce  
more. And you can do nothing  
today to make God love you  
an iota less.”*

Jonathan Merritt, writer

### **The Love of a Father**

for his children is more than  
provision and protection,  
leadership and guidance-

it's a part of who we are, what  
we become, and the way we  
serve the Lord with our lives.

It is a strong and binding cord  
that runs through the fabric of  
our character...

A rock we can stand on for  
courage and support...  
And a foundation that lies  
securely beneath us.

### *Happy Father's Day*

\*\*\*\*\**Psalm 32:8*\*\*\*\*\*

*I will instruct you and  
teach you in the way  
you should go;  
I will counsel you with  
my loving eye on you*



“You know what's deep is that  
God gave us 12 notes. It's the  
same 12 notes Duke Ellington  
had, Bach had...Nina Simone...  
I'm just thankful to God for  
those 12 notes.”

*John Batiste, Oscar co-winner for  
best original score for animated  
movie Soul.*



**May 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Keep the "memory" in Memorial Day. Thank you to those whom made the ultimate sacrifice, and the families who live with their loss.*



**June 14<sup>th</sup>**



**June 19<sup>th</sup>**



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