

# THE TRUMPET

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## Pastor's Column



From the Desk of Pastor  
Marvin Herman

Disciples Making Disciples

***And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.***  
Matthew 28:18-20 (NRSV)

My prayer is that we will be faithful to the mission Jesus has given us in Matthew 28:18-20. In this well-known passage, there is one command: make disciples. Yes, what comes next is equally important to understand we need to make disciples. We make disciples by going out beyond the house of worship and bathing others in the love of Christ and inviting them to be in Christian fellowship.

Every disciple of Jesus is called to make disciples as we go. We are all going somewhere, whether it is the grocery store, work, school, or our neighborhoods. Disciple making doesn't merely take place at the church building when ministers are present. Jesus gave us a multiplication model of ministry by which we are all called to make disciples as we go about our lives.

We are called to make disciples of all nations. We can't accomplish this mission merely as individuals, and this is one of the many reasons why it is important for us. Yes, Howarth

and Paint Creek members and friends, we need to be connected to a local church. Some of us are called to go to the ends of the earth, while some are called to send letters and call regularly to others know we are thinking of them. I am grateful to be a part of a church that has a strong tradition of doing just that and supporting missions in our community.

Additionally, we are called to baptize, which is closely connected with evangelize. We make disciples by sharing the gospel, seeing people come to faith in Christ, and leading them in baptism. My hope is that every person in our church will be willing to get equipped to share the gospel, and my prayer is that our church will continue to develop a culture of evangelism. By this, I mean that we are building intentional relationships with our neighbors; we are looking for opportunities to share the gospel, (at the store, at the restaurant and even at the local rock concert establishments

some of us frequent.) These are perfect places where we can invite people to church where we can expose them to the gospel and allow them to witness the power of prayer.

Finally, we make disciples by teaching. Our mission does not stop as soon as we or someone else are baptized! We are supposed to be equipping and getting equipped to grow up in Christ. One of the ways we get equipped is by placing ourselves under the Word of God. I hope you will make a renewed commitment this year to regularly hear the preaching of God's Word on Sunday mornings. Notice we are not merely supposed to hear the Word, but we are called to observe all that Christ has commanded. The purpose of hearing God's Word is that we will grow as disciples. Let's be faithful to the mission we have been given. Let's be a church full of disciples who make disciples.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Marv

I Miss Them Too!!!

In the last few years and as and in the last few weeks, we have had several of our friends and/or loved ones connected to Howarth and Paint Creek church congregations move into the arms of our Lord Jesus. Several of you have expressed to me how much they are going to miss these wonderful people, and we are here to support

those whose loved ones who have died. The Word of God reminds us that our hope in God goes beyond this life. In fact, the life we now live is only the beginning of our life. Death is a reality, and death is the Gateway to Eternal Life. But I wonder, for those who have no faith in our Lord Jesus, must truly struggle great terror of death. But people of faith, take heart, because it is in the Lord that we have the hope and knowledge that our passing will never anchor us to the grave. For we have been assured by Christ himself, that we too will be resurrected on our last days and all of us will bask in the glory of Jesus Christ and anchored with God in his heavenly kingdom.



Hear these words from the book of Revelation that begin to tell us something of heaven. **“See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. The sing of death will be no more; Pain will be no more, For the first things have passed away.”**

*Revelation 21: 3 &4*

Have courage and faith! Our loved one and we ourselves are in the strong hand of our loving God.

Pastor Marv

From Sharon,

For some time now the bible verse, Jeremiah 29:11, *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”*.

has been on my heart frequently. I wasn't sure why the Lord was sending this to me.

After much prayer and trying to interpret the reasoning, I felt it was nudging me to move on from my position as secretary at the churches. With a heavy heart, I informed Pastor Marv that I am retiring by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

It has been a wonderful 20 years that I have been able to serve all of you as your secretary. In that time, we have had 5 different pastors and several changes in the churches. I am extremely grateful for all your kindness and patience towards me throughout the years.

As a child I grew up in the Paint Creek Church. Rick and I and our family started attending Howarth in 1979. All three of our daughters

were baptized and married at Howarth.

Both churches are family to me. We will continue to worship at Howarth and help in any way we can.

Peace, Grace and Love,  
Sharon

**Time For A Little Humor:**

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments" answered the lady.

A Sunday School teacher started her lesson with a question. "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand went up. "He is an artist" said the youngster. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father who does art in Heaven."

Sunday after church, a mom asked her young daughter what the Sunday School lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared. You'll get your quilt".

The mom was perplexed, and asked the teacher when she saw her. She said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

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**Turkey Dinner at  
Howarth  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4-6:30  
\$15**

**CROP WALK**

The 2023 Crop Walk is on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Be a walker, pledge a walker. Gail S. (PC) and Elizabeth (H) will have pledge envelopes for you when the walk gets closer.

**PAINT CREEK NEWS:**



**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**March**

- Scot Cleaveland Mar 14
- Diana Ostrand Mar 17
- Clara Linton Mar 29

**Anniversaries**

**April**

- Violet Moggio Apr 7
- Trevor Barkham Apr 10
- Andy Knaack Apr 11
- Robert LaFountain Apr 20
- Cal Devitt Apr 25

**Anniversaries (none)**

**May**

- Betty Wilber May 2
- Emily Barkham May 5
- Floris Stoner May 9
- Ethan Gomez May 12
- Frederick Barkham May 18

**Anniversaries**

- Scot & Stacy Cleaveland May 26

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**



- Dick S
- Treva R
- Bruce J
- Karen D
- Jan M
- Jim
- Marlene
- Barb & George

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We will miss our Paint Creek members, Richard and Barb Smith, as they have moved to Tennessee to be closer to family.

Their new address:  
Parkview Senior Living  
975 E. Emory Rd.  
Rm 231

Knoxville, TN 37938

We hope they are happy and comfortable in their new community!

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**I need** at least 2 people to be part of our Missions Committee at Paint Creek UMC.

We need to pick our missions for this year. Your input would be appreciated!

Let me know!!

Colleen Barkham

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**Again**, thanks to everyone who bought stamps.

We made \$100 for the church.

Cal

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When I came across each quote years apart from each other, it stopped me and made me think about my life in a different, more meaningful way. I have kept each quote for many years and have read both 100's of times.

To the quote from General Clay, I always add "Grandparents", to the last sentence. It just makes sense to do that now that I have Grandchildren, and I think as Grandparents we can have a larger impact on young children.

Andy Knaack

QUOTE: Success defined "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a health child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

Ralph Waldo Emerson  
1803—1892

"No one ever achieves all his hopes and aspirations. No one is ever sure, in looking back, that he has played his full part in making a better world. But as we live again in our children and our children's children, we

do not need to be afraid. For we can touch the future with our children's hands. We can look to them to correct our failures, to achieve many of our hopes and aspirations which never came true for us.

Much is being said of the present crisis in the world and the need to do something about it. But to play a part and do our duty, we do not need to be the principal actors. We have only to be good citizens, good neighbors and - most of all - goodparents."

General Lucius D. Clay  
1897-1978

## OBITUARY

Kathryn "Katy" Ann Plummer, age 76, of Rochester Hills, Michigan passed away on January 23, 2023. She was born in Rochester, Michigan on December 9, 1946 to her parents, Floyd and Eleanor Cross.

Katy was born and raised in Rochester, during that time she saw many changes in the community. She tirelessly served the greater Rochester area both professionally and personally. As a long-time Executive Director of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce, she advocated for local businesses and residents, served on the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and oversaw many Rochester Hometown Christmas Parades.

Katy was a leader in community services being one of the first two women to become a member of the Rochester Rotary Club and served on their Board of Directors. At Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital (formerly Crittenton Hospital), she worked many years with the Circle of Caring with their fundraising and was a member of the Clinton

River Water Shed. She was a member of the Greater Rochester Community Foundation and was a founding member of the Women's Fund, and a past president of their Board of Directors.

An avid golfer, Katy had served as a past president of the Women's Golf Association at Great Oaks Country Club. Aside from golf, Katy also enjoyed playing Mahjong when she could.

Katy is survived by her children, Amy (Donald) Burtraw, Patrick Bloodgood; her step-son, Greg (Susan) Plummer; her grandchildren, Ellie Burtraw, Wade Burtraw, Courtney Bloodgood, and Penelope Plummer; her siblings, Claudia Grund, Marilee Townsend and Kerry Cross.

A memorial gathering for Katy was held Friday, January 27.

Our sincere sympathy to Katy's family and friend.

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## HOWARTH NEWS:



## Birthdays & Anniversaries:



**March**

Abey Boughner Mar 2  
Pat Pollitt Mar 14  
Jennifer Howden Mar 25  
**Anniversaries** (none)

**April**

Brianna Howden Apr 3  
John Pollitt Apr 4  
David Guth Apr 7  
MacKenna Greene Apr 10

**April Anniversaries**

Bob & Tena Hostler April 4  
Ray & Rita Sauls Apr 15  
Scott & Jennifer Howden Apr 24

**May**

Rick Rowden May 30  
Ray Sauls May 30  
**Anniversaries**  
John & Pat Pollitt May 9  
Jim & Pat Staley May 14

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

David W Dennis W  
Tom Connie T  
Bob April M  
Tim T. Marlene  
John Sauls Family  
Jeff Tim A  
Rhonda Scott T.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

Dan R Dan  
Moriah Jeremy  
Adam S  
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**Liturgist needed!**

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



To our mighty cleaning crew who makes everything shine and sparkle. We appreciate your hard work.

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Our sincere sympathy to Rhonda, her family & friends.

**Obituary**



James Valere Geldhof died peacefully in his home on February 5, 2023. Born June 21, 1950, and raised in Detroit, MI, Jim was the first child of Germain Geldhof and Irene DeFauw Geldhof. Jim is survived by loving wife, Rhonda, his daughter Erin (Jeff) Brown, his sons Jimmy (Samantha) Geldhof, Matt (Sara) Geldhof, stepdaughter Sarah Czar (Pierre Nona), stepson Nick (Tammy) Czar and grandchildren Alexander (8), Jeffrey (7), Olivia (6), Katherine (5), Emma (3), Madeleine (3), Alexandra Shea (3) and James (June 2023). He is preceded in death by his beloved mother, father and sister, Carol Bolterstein.

Jim attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated with his bachelor's degree in 1972. Following graduation, he joined the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), where he subsequently worked for 43 years. During that time, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., New York and finally back to Detroit, where he'd serve the majority of his career. Jim received countless promotions, accolades and honors in his efforts to fight the war on drugs.

When he retired in 2016, Jim was the Diversion Program Manager for Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky and considered one of

the most senior agents in the DEA. In retirement, Jim began volunteering for Meals on Wheels as well as Loyola High School in Detroit. But that wasn't enough. Jim continued to work as a subject matter expert in litigation against the drug manufacturers and distributors fueling the opioid epidemic, helping achieve significant results for affected communities. His efforts were featured in the Washington Post, 60 Minutes, Vice TV and most recently the book, "American Cartel: Inside the Battle to Bring Down the Opioid Crisis." For this work, he was extremely proud.

Jim was an avid sports fan. He loved all sports but had a special place in his heart for horse racing and baseball. One of his favorite traditions was taking his children to one Detroit Tigers game every year, a special day spent eating peanuts and hot dogs, talking about baseball and life. This was a perfect day in the eyes of Jim. Jim was one of a kind. He was a single father who raised three children on his own. He was tough; a combination of stern and sensitive. He made sure his kids had the opportunities to succeed, but taught them that nothing would be given to them; that they would have to hustle and battle to achieve anything worth having. Of all of Jim's successes, it was his children that made him most proud.

Jim had a sharp mind and a quick wit. His honesty and integrity stood among the finest of men. When asked how he'd like to be remembered, Jim simply said "as a man who tried to do the right thing." That is absolutely the legacy of Jim Geldhof, a man who embodied toughness and grit, which he displayed ten-fold during the final months of his life battling Pancreatic Cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Memorial Service, was held Friday, February 17at Howarth.

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May this be the day we come together...

We are learning that though we weren't ready for this,  
 we have been readied by it.  
 We steadily vow that no matter how we are weighed down,  
 We must always pave a way forward.  
 This hope is our door, our portal.  
 Even if we never get back to normal,  
 someday we can venture beyond it,  
 To leave the known and take the first steps.  
 So let us not return to what was normal,  
 But reach toward what is next.  
*Amanda Gorman*



Palm Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Easter April 9th



Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>

