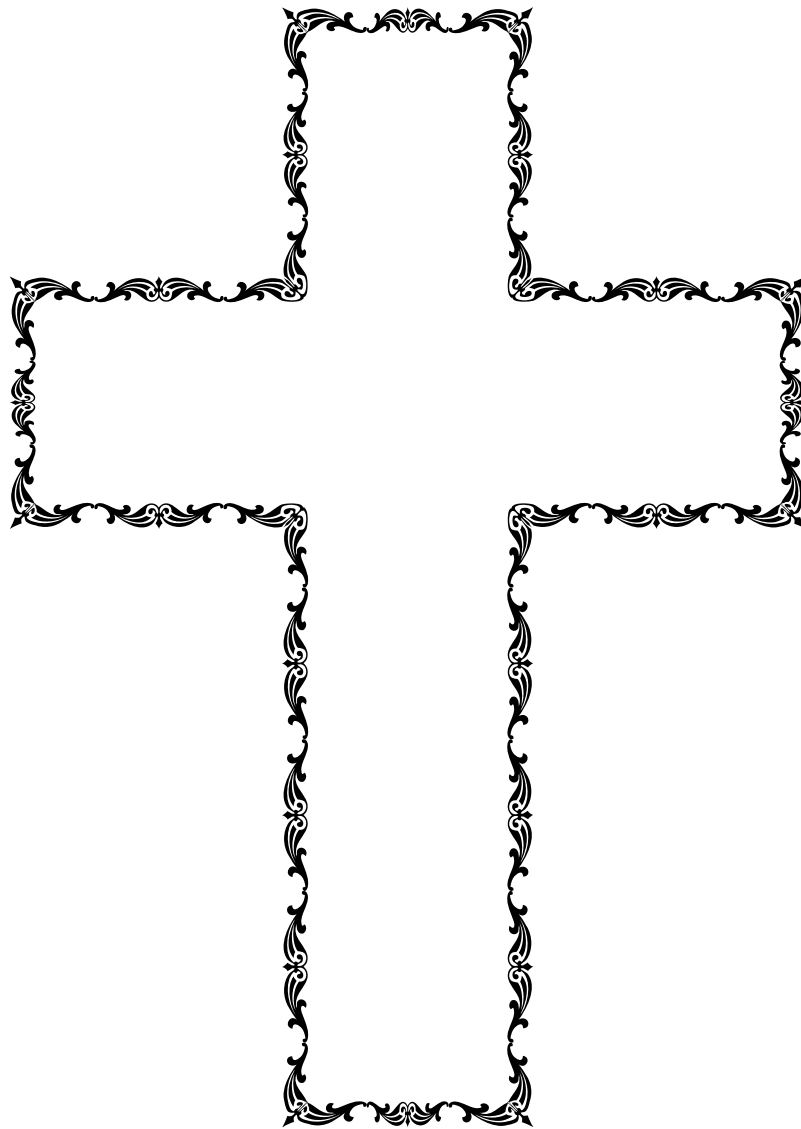


*Paint Creek & Howarth UMC*

# THE TRUMPET

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER



# *From the Desk of Pastor Marvin Herman*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I know most of us had an art class or two when we attended middle and high school. I remember an eighth-grade art class where each of us received about 10 pounds of gooey wet clay. After several class periods of instructions on how to prepare the base and foundation of our future clay creation, each of us were then given the opportunity to use a pottery wheel to shape our formless blob into a small pot or bowl. Whether we were successful in forming the clay into a pot or bowl, our teacher took our tiny masterpieces and placed them into a kiln. We were told kilns would put our creation under extreme heat and would become solid pots- sure enough that is exactly what happened. Our once flimsy blobs of clay were transformed into glass like masterpieces.

What's interesting about these clay pots is although they were hardened under temperatures, which exceeded 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, I noticed they were still incredibly durable yet fragile. If you bumped them against a hard surface they would chip, and if you dropped them onto a hard surface they would explode into a million pieces.

What seems so durable on the outside- even when refined by Fire! - was actually incredibly delicate and weak. In Paul's second letter to the people of Corinth, Paul uses the example of the clay jar. He tells in his letter that we are all like the clay jar; seemingly durable on the outside, yet incredibly delicate and frail and weak on the inside.

These typically aren't words we want to associate ourselves with. If I told you I was weak and frail and fragile you'd probably wonder what is wrong with me. Humans, especially males, are supposed to be strong and tough and unbreakable. We're expected to do it all and have all the necessary skills to take on any challenge. But this is a fool's errand- we can never hope to be anything more than helpless sinners at the feet of God.

But that's where God steps in. We each have been given an amazing treasure. We each have been given the gift of grace and mercy and new life in Jesus Christ. This gift lives in us through the Holy Spirit. This spirit empowers us and gives us strength even in our darkest moments when God steps in and says "You can find rest in me. True power comes from me through the my Spirit and you will be strengthened."



For if we think we can do everything on our own, we could never hope to be stronger than God.

It is truly in our weakness that God loves and strengthens us. It is when we lack that God provides and answers our prayers. It is when we ask that the door is opened for us. When we admit to ourselves and God that we are clay jars - delicate, weak, and fragile- when we admit we cannot do it on our own and are powerless to ourselves. This is when God wraps his arms around us and gives us the greatest treasure we could ever hope for: New life in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Loves You and So Do I.

Pastor Marv

# Thank You

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER *Gift* YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN IT'S VARIOUS FORMS.

*1 Peter 4:10*

Thank you to Christina Wolf, for volunteering to help chair the Sunday lunches. With you and Gail Stoner on the job, we are doing great!

Howarth and Paint Creek congregations for your cards, prayers and support after the death of my sister Susan Patterson. Our church families mean a great deal to Rick and I. Special thanks to Pastor Marv for all his work to ensure a beautiful memorial service. We had many compliments about how wonderful it turned out. I know he worked very hard, as he does for any and all services.

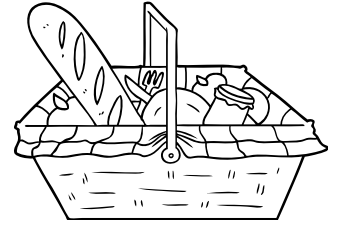
We appreciated Paint Creek allowing us to use their sanctuary for the memorial. Sue and the rest of my siblings attended there when we were growing up. Very grateful to those of you who attended. Means a lot to my family. Thanks also to Marilyn Foster, Bette Wattles and Pat Pollitt for helping with the luncheon after at Howarth.

Love, Sharon & families

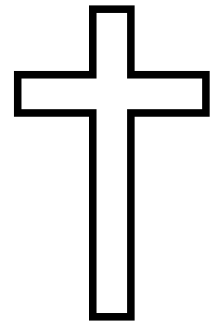
The men and women who have been maintaining the lawn and flower beds. The roses and snowballs look absolutely gorgeous!



Those of you who have provided food for our fellowship time after the church services. It is so nice to be able to sit and visit with folks again. There are many open Sundays left on the sign up sheet, so please consider putting your name on the list (it's posted by the kitchen door).



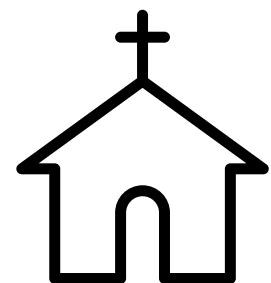
Pastor Marv for all the HARD work he has been doing for both churches during the pandemic and helping us to reopen our churches once again. And for rearranging the narthex and the purchase of the beautiful welcome sign. Great job!



Mackenna and Stacey for the beautiful music played on Sunday mornings. And Mackenna for filling in for me in the church office while I take the 3 summer months off. I plan to be back in the office on September 7th, that is if Pastor Marv and the congregations want me to come back. ☺



Steve and helpers who installed a handicap stool in the women's bathroom.



All of you who continue to send in or bring your tithes each month. Your devotion to the church has helped us get through this slow economy.

# Congratulations

Congratulations to Pat Pollitt for receiving the Excellence in Transportation Award from the Lake Orion Bus Transportation.

Great job Pat!



# Missions

Money placed in the little church box at birthday time goes to Missions. and now that the offering plates are going around, any loose change goes to Missions projects. It may seem like a little, but it accumulates in good time, and helps our Missions causes. Thank you.

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Seek Him in all you do  
and He will show you  
which path to take.

Proverbs 3:6

# *Important Dates*

Baptism of Natalia Barkham on August 8, 2021 at Paint Creek UMC.

Paint Creek UMC Steeple and Window dedication has been changed to a Sunday in September 2021.

Dottie Spitsbergen's Memorial Service at the Howarth UMC on August 21, 2021 at 1: 00 pm. Luncheon will follow in the Howarth fellowship hall.

September 19, 2021 "Remembrance Sunday" for all who passed away during COVID and for 2019,2020, 2021 at both Howarth and Paint Creek churches.

Gretty Drader's annual Summer Party at her home August 14th. All are invited from Paint Creek and Howarth UMC. Map will be made available.

Annual Charge Conference for both Paint Creek and Howarth UMC has been set for October 12, 2021. Time and place of meeting to be announced by the last week of August 2021.

If you are serving on a committee, some reports will need to be completed. Those will be sent out by the first week of September.

# Paint Creek

## August

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

## Anniversaries

Gerald & Anne Schultz	Aug 9
Anthony & Laura Moggio	Aug 16

## 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
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# Howarth

## August

Connie Taylor	Aug 2
Ruth Ferrell	Aug 9
Megan Key	Aug 12
Scott Howden	Aug 14
Tena Hostler	Aug 16
Pat Dalton	Aug 18

## Anniversaries (none)

## September

Paul Sandstrom	Sept 30
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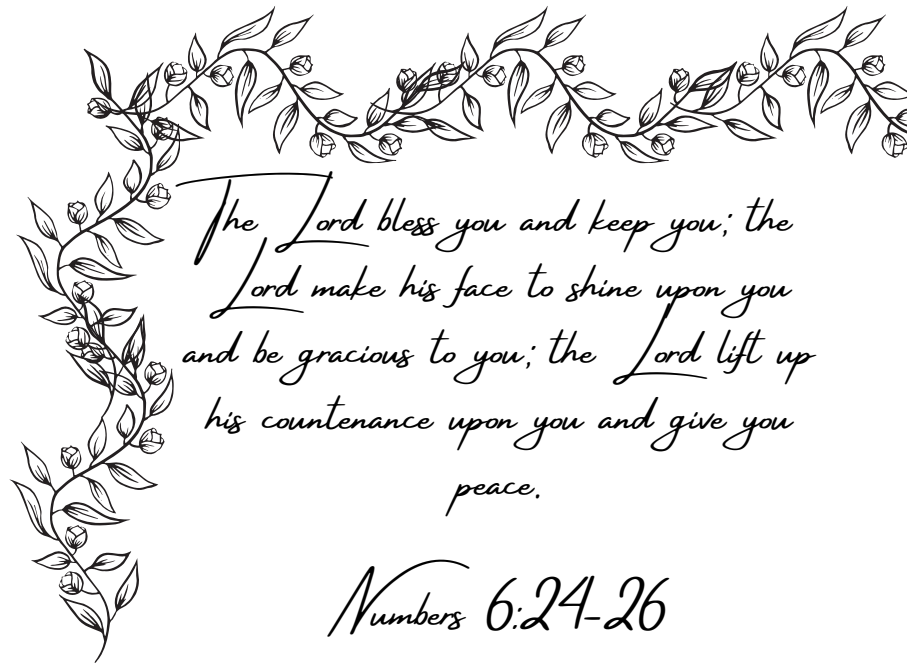
## Anniversaries

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)



*The Lord bless you and keep you; the  
Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up  
his countenance upon you and give you  
peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*



# Remembering Reverend David McCall Liscomb

January 24, 1933 - April 6, 2021

Rev. David McCall Liscomb of Crystal Falls, MI. passed away at the age of 88 on April 6th, in Glendale AZ, after gallantly battling a long, debilitating illness. David knew "whose he was and where he was going" and passed from this earth with grace and peace to the arms of his Lord.

David was born on January 24, 1933 in Romeo, MI. On October 15, 1955 he married Arlene Steffen of Centerline, MI. Together, they raised four children. Rev. Liscomb was a charter graduate of Oakland University in Rochester, MI. Where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Divinity Degree from Bexley Hall. He was a strong, and loving role model to his kids and grands, always encouraging that they could do anything in life of their choosing if they committed to the work to achieve their dreams. He truly did. An Ordained Minister of the United Methodist Church, he served a number of churches in Michigan, retiring in 1998 after 43 years in the ministry. He was a true servant of the Lord, spreading the gospel of Jesus and how he lived and loved on a daily basis. As a retired pastor, he was happy to be in the pew and singing (quite loudly, and unashamedly off-key) all his favorite hymns. Fellowship with his "pew-pals" was a treasure.

He is survived by his loving wife Arlene, an identical twin brother Robert, son Steven, and daughter Candice, Senegal, 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Rev. Liscomb was preceded in death by his son Andrew, his beloved cat Calvin, a sister, Roberta, and a brother, George.



*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will feel no evil, for you are with me.*

*Psalms 23: 4*