



# Heavenly Notes

*“Having Conversations about God”*

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## Hartland United Methodist Church

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## Sunday Worship:

**Adult Sunday School:**  
11:30 a.m.

**Service:**  
10:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School:**  
10:15 a.m.

**Coffee Hour:**  
11:15 a.m.

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## Holy Week 2015

Jesus came to serve and to provide a way for each of us to be with God forever. Join in thanking Jesus and remembering all He did for us.

*Palm Sunday* March 29 (10:00 a.m.)  
at Hartland United Methodist Church

*Maundy Thursday Service* (7:00 p.m.)  
at Hardy United Methodist Church

*Good Friday Service* (7:00 p.m.)  
at Hartland United Methodist Church

## Easter Sunday

7:15 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Service*

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. *All Church Easter Breakfast*

9:00 a.m. *Easter Egg Hunt*

10:00 a.m. *Resurrection Service*



# ~ Pastor's Message ~

Spring fever is in the air! With it there is anticipation for what will happen this summer.

I remember back to the summer of 1984 when the Detroit Tigers baseball team was in the hunt for a World Series. If memory serves me... Anderson was the manager. Morris, Petry, Wilcox, Rozema, Hernandez were on the mound. Brookens, Trammell, Whitaker, Evans and Parrish played the infield. Herndon, Lemon, and Gibson covered the outfield (*yes, these are the ones I remember*). As a team, they did win the coveted "World Champion" title. It was a great summer of anticipation as the team started red hot with a 35-5 record, almost unheard of in the game today! Could it happen again this summer? Over the last nine years, the Tigers have reach the post season playoffs five times... and it seems like they can do it again this summer! I can't wait!

As Christians, I hope your anticipation to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus is just as high, if not higher! Even though we see the Tigers preparing for games this summer, it is through Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter) we are preparing for something that is eternal! The problem with the Tigers is they are in the "here and now", and while eternity seems so far off, heaven is forever!

Sometimes, like the 1984 Tigers, we remember Jesus' death and resurrection with a sort of fondness... a feeling where I'm glad it happened. But is "fondness" strong enough? What Jesus did was earth shattering and will impact all people forever! Maybe not fondness... maybe exuberant joy is better!

If I'm truly a fan of Jesus, should I not have a cross in my home reminding me of the love of Jesus, who died in my place for my sin? Should I not have posters on my wall (okay, screen saver) celebrating an empty tomb? Maybe, maybe not. But, if I am truly a fan of Jesus, I should be always celebrating with my heavenly Father that our relationship has been mended and restored. I should forever be thankful and worship daily the one who loves me, even to death. I should always be thankful I have God the Holy Spirit with me every day.

I know I'm anticipating Easter morning to gather with you to celebrate life and love everlasting. How about you?

*Pastor Paul*

# Calendar of Events

## **Meetings for April, 2015**

Wednesday, April 1: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.  
Monday, April 6: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 8: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 14: United Methodist Women, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 15: Staff / Pastor, Parish Relations Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 16: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 19: United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m.

## **Upcoming Events in April, 2015**

### Every Sunday:

Youth Group at 11:30 a.m.  
The Story Small Group at 11:30 a.m.

### Every Tuesday:

Prayers and Squares Quilting at 9:00 a.m.  
The Story Small Group at 7:00 p.m.

### Every Wednesday:

The Story Small Group at 9:30 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:30 p.m.  
The Story Small Group at 7:00 p.m.

### Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 10:00 a.m.

### Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 9:00 a.m.

### Thursday, April 2:

Maundy Thursday Service at Hardy United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 3:

Choir Practice at 5:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Service at Hartland United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 5:

Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service at 7:15 a.m.  
All Church Easter Breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m.  
Resurrection Service at 10:00 a.m.

### Thursday, April 9, 16 and 30:

Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, April 18:

U.M.M. Love INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery at 8:00 a.m.  
Private Party in Armstrong Hall from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.



# Special Dates

## April Birthdays

3 - Luke Gruenberg  
8 - Tiffany Rodocker  
13 - Marge Kennedy  
Earl Campbell  
19 - Brienne Daniel  
Joshua Voight  
20 - Maggie Ruby  
22 - Vivian Lemon



## April Anniversaries

3, 1961 - Larry & Pat Schleh  
19 - Don & Pat Coleman



### **Note:**

We would like to include everyone, so if we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the church office know A.S.A.P.!

## April Servants

### Liturgists

April 5: Terri Clark  
April 12: Jo Campbell  
April 19: Mary Monroe  
April 26:

### Greeters

April 5: Harold and Emma Winegarner  
April 12: Pat Schleh and Beckie Wren  
April 19: United Methodist Men  
April 26: Paul and Patti Sobonya

### Ushers

April 5: Michael and Terri Clark  
April 12: Jeff and Darla Jackson  
April 19: United Methodist Men  
April 26: Jeff Gordinier and Jim Malott

### Nursery Workers

April 5:  
April 12: Pat Schleh  
April 19:  
April 26:

### Multi Media Specialist

April 5: Jeff Jackson  
April 12: Christian Muzo  
April 19: Michele Cannart  
April 26: Renee Zimmerman



## Mission Opportunity in Appalachia



The Mission Team is planning a week long trip to Tennessee this coming June. Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian Mission affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. They seek to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs of people through the love of Christ. There will be two opportunities to serve. One is on a team for home repair and renovation and the other is in Summer Plus - a day camp for teens consisting of different workshops allowing them to experience a Christian community.

The camp dates are June 21 - 27, 2015. We would carpool and need to leave on the 20th as it is a twelve hour drive. We could return in one day depending on the need of those going. More information about cost, details, etc., will follow.

Talk with me! Please, prayerfully consider this great opportunity to serve Christ.

*Sue LaRoy*

## Caring Ministries

Our Mission Team has been busy discerning how Hartland UMC can best serve others within our community and beyond. The Mission Team focuses on taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to those outside of Hartland UMC. Yet, we do not want to neglect the community within our walls - our church family. Many of you have wonderful ideas on how best to serve our brothers and sisters within the church. Currently we have several Caring Ministries including the Prayer Chain, the Card Ministry, Funeral Dinners and Small Groups. Other needs have been identified such as meals for shut-ins, rides to church or appointments, a prayer group and visits to those in hospitals, nursing homes or home bound. There are many opportunities to serve.

And that is where you come in. We are looking for someone with a passion for caring for others to chair the Caring Ministries Team and for team members who want to serve their brothers and sisters through Caring Ministries.



Please call Pastor Paul to express your interest and how you will be able to serve. Be the hands and feet of Christ within our church.

May God bless and keep you as you bless others with our caring love and service.

## **Upcoming Bible Studies**

### ***HERE AND NOW ~ THERE AND THEN***

Is a study of the book of Revelation by Beth Moore. This ten week program explores the “Book of Revelation” and we will begin meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. and should conclude around 8:30 p.m. Listening guides are available and the program has only light homework (one weekly assignment). Each session includes a one hour and fifteen minute video by Beth. Beth describes Revelation as “The sparkling, stunning and astonishing finish to what began in Genesis.”

Please see Terri Clark if you have any questions about this study.

### ***CHRISTIANITY, CULTS and RELIGIONS***

Soon the church-wide study of *The Story* will be complete and the Wednesday morning Bible study group will be starting a new study on Christianity and World Religions. Join us as we learn about Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormonism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. We will be exploring what we believe and why. The new study begins on Wednesday, May 13. We meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Please see Pat Harton if you have any questions about this study.

## **Wifi is now available in our Sanctuary**

Wifi is now available in the sanctuary for electronic Bibles and electronic giving. See the trifold on Sunday mornings for how to log in.



## **Mission Moments**

### **Mission Opportunity**

We have a unique opportunity to begin a mission project right here in Hartland! Love, I.N.C. has identified a need for a Personal Needs Pantry in our area. It is similar to a Food Pantry but instead of food we would supply things not covered by food stamps – paper products, toiletries etc.. We are currently assessing the interest of the church membership as this would take the ongoing support of the entire congregation. Please take a minute to look at the new Mission bulletin board for a description of the project. We would love to talk to you about it—ask Sue LaRoy or Mary Monroe. We need to determine if this is where God is calling us to serve. Pray!!

### **Mountain T.O.P.**

We have a group going to the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee this summer to serve God in this needy area. There is still room in the carpool for you to join in!! See Sue or Gary LaRoy for information or check the bulletin board for more information.

## Calling All Crafters

Only nine more months until our Annual Cookie Walk. We would like to have a robust offering of bazaar items to raise more money for charities. So, we are asking all crafters to join us in this endeavor.



We have a large stash of fabric, not useful to the quilt ministry, that was donated to the church. If you would like to see if we have something you can use for your sewing projects, please call Jan Martin at 517-548-1508 or Pat Harton at 248-935-0021.

Thank you for your help!



## Pastor's Helping Hand Fund

This ministry fund goes directly to help those in Hartland who occasionally need a helping hand with food, bills or other one time expenses. In 2014, we gave \$1,400 to help others as the needs rose in their life.

Consider giving an extra donation each month for this ministry above your normal offering.

## Gas Card Ministry

People who call Love INC, are often in desperate need of gas, so they can get out to look for work, go to a doctor's appointment or bring home the few groceries they can afford. We have joined with other Livingston County churches in supplying prepaid gas cards for Love, INC to give to those who need them.

In 2014 *66 cards* were given out. So far in 2015 eleven cards have been given out. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry in 2012, we have given out *302 cards* to those less fortunate.

**THANK YOU** as you keep paying on those pledges as we continue to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Consider giving an extra donation each month for this ministry above your normal offering.



# Sunday School

Shelia Daniel, Christian Education Director



## Can you imagine not having a birthday cake for your birthday?

In April we will be participating in a mission project called Birthday Party In A Bag. We will need cake mixes, cans of frosting, sprinkles, birthday candles, and birthday napkins. We need your help in the form of donations of these items. You may drop these items off at the church in the basket labeled "Birthday Party Bags" which will be in Armstrong Hall beginning March 8th.



On April 26<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School, we will be packaging these items in zip-loc bags to be donated to Gleaners Food Bank. They will then be given free of charge to families in our area who cannot afford to purchase birthday cakes for their family members.

## What Is Scrip?

What do you think about paying \$50 - \$100 for a gift card to a local store, restaurant, or gas station you frequent and \$3 to \$16 of that going to our church's General Fund?



Sound too good to be true? Read on!

Scrip is a program where gift cards from a variety of companies can be purchased. You pay the full face value of the card. When these cards are re-ordered, a percentage of the face value goes to the church.

There are discounts stores, restaurant, gas stations, hotels, department stores and many, many more cards available. Several cards are offered at a table in the Fellowship Hall for immediate purchase several Sundays after church.

Hartland United Methodist Church has been associated with the Scrip Program since 2006. Since that time, over \$15,236 has gone into the General Fund. In 2014, over \$1,140 went into the General Fund and so far in 2015, over \$166 has gone towards the support of Hartland UMC.

Thank you to all of you who shop our Scrip Table! Your support is much appreciated!

Stop by the Scrip Table on Sunday and check out what we can do for you and what you can do for our church!

## **Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry, Chapter 1128**

Prayers & Squares would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions. Because of your support, we have been able to gift 89 people with prayer quilts since we started *in September, 2013*. Also, thank you to those who have tied prayer knots for each of these people receiving a prayer quilt. Your prayers and contributions have greatly impacted the Kingdom of God.



If you would like to help put quilts together, please join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 in Armstrong Hall.

If you have any questions regarding this ministry or if you know someone going through a physical, emotional or spiritual rough patch and you think they would like a prayer quilt, please call Shelia Daniel at 810-227-6922.

## **Automate The Important!**

To support God's work, Hartland United Methodist Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for God's work through our church. There are two avenues to automate your giving:



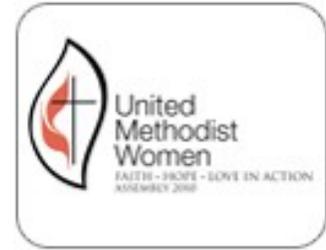
- 1. Online Giving** using the smart code above or our web site ([hartlandumc.org](http://hartlandumc.org) (click on "Online Giving" at the bottom of the page) allows you at anytime to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.
- 2. Bill Pay through Online Banking** lets you make your offering automatic on a pre-determined schedule. You can set this up through your online bank or through your bank's customer service people.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Additional information is available from the church office.



## **Hartland United Methodist Women**

Are you ready for spring and to get out and start working in the flower gardens? Plan on joining the United Methodist Women on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m., when our special guest will be from one of our local garden clubs. She will share information on planting and taking care of our gardens.



Plan to join the ladies as they end their 2014-2015 with dinner out on Tuesday, May 12. Watch the bulletin and next month's newsletter for more information.

Think SPRING! And join us at our April meeting.

## **Hartland United Methodist Men**



The United Methodist Men invite everyone to join them at the All Church Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5th. They will be serving from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Sunday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Plans for this Memorial Day Hot Dog Sale and plans to clean the fellowship hall chairs and tables will be discussed.

## **All Church Family Camping Weekend**

Date: Friday, June 19th through Sunday, June 21st  
Place: Groveland Oaks Campground, Holly, Michigan  
Group Site #01 (Cabins also available)



Mark your calendars for this fun-filled weekend. For you non-camping folks, you are invited to join us on Saturday for fun activities, a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., campfire, and singing in the evening. More information to follow.

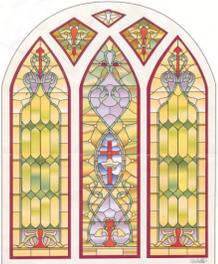
Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. Cost for a site: \$29.00 per night; \$27.00 per night for Seniors. See pamphlet on bulletin board for cabin rental prices.

Park info: [www.DestinationOakland.com](http://www.DestinationOakland.com)

Wagon Master: Ron Warthman (517-546-4004) [franron4004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:franron4004@sbcglobal.net)



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