

Heavenly Notes

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Sunday Worship

Service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:20a.m.

Coffee Hour: 11:00 a.m.

Discussion Group - 11:20 a.m.

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Lenten Community Services

Maundy Thursday, April 18th
(Celebrate The Last Supper)

1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Hartland United Methodist Church & All Saints Lutheran Church

Good Friday, April 19

(Vignettes - Behind Closed Doors)

1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Hartland United Methodist Church & All Saints Lutheran Church



Easter Sunday Services

April 21, 2019

Sunrise Service 7:15 a.m.

All Church Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Resurrection Service 10:00 a.m.

~Musings from the Pastor~

When people talk about swear words, a common phrase used to describe them is a, “four letter word.” Four letter words are often used in the heat of anger or stress, expressing extreme pain or discomfort, and at times for emphasis. Four letter words are crude at best and, I think the world would be better off without them. But even if they ceased to exist, something would take its place.

As I was thinking about “four letter words” and Easter (*where’s he going???*), I wondered if there was a “four letter word” to Satan. A word Satan wouldn’t want mentioned in his presence. Remember, Satan is the enemy of God and does not want people to be in a relationship with God the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit. Certainly love would work, but even for Satan love can be used in twisted ways. As I thought about what this four letter word might be, the word that came to my mind was HOPE.

HOPE defined by Merriam is “a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.” When Jesus was crucified, dead, and then buried, Satan wanted all of Jesus’ followers to have their hope squashed flat. Unfortunately, that is what happened. All of the hope that Jesus’ followers had of him being the Messiah, God in the flesh, the one to set them free from Roman oppression, was gone! The air was let out of the balloon and there was no hope left for them in Jesus.

Fortunately, we know the rest of the story. Jesus DID rise from the dead. Jesus DID show his power over death. Jesus DID show there was a future life. Jesus DID restore the disciples hope! The hope Jesus gave now became a four letter word for Satan. Satan does not want humanity to have hope, you know, any kind of long term, everlasting hope. However, the truth is, Satan is winning over too many people’s hearts, because they do not have the hope that Jesus followers do. No hope of an eternity. No hope of seeing their loved ones after death. No hope for a heavenly future with God where there is no more crying, no more tears, no more pain.

Yet, God has a plan to change this all around, a plan to give the disillusioned a future filled with hopefulness. ***This plan begins with YOU!*** Like me, we all have people in our lives that have very little hope, not only in this life, but in the life to come. Our goal before EASTER is to invite these family and friends of ours to find hope in Jesus. I’ll do the heavy lifting by explaining where they can find true hope, ***you just get them in the church door on Easter morning.*** Yes, I know, Satan doesn’t want anyone to have hope for their future, but God does.

Friends, in my spiritual form of math, God is greater than Satan, always has been, and always will be. So know as you approach your family and friends, the Holy Spirit goes before you, preparing them for you to ask them to celebrate Easter with you! God wants them plus you want them which equals hope for all!

Sharing the journey with you to know , love, and serve God,

Pastor Paul

Easter Plant Order

I (We) _____



Would like to purchase



Daffodils

Easter Lily

Tulips

Hyacinth

Orchid _____

2nd choice if not available



Cost per plant is \$10.00

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please return to the Church Office by April 7, 2019

Men's Retreat

Bay Shore Camp

Navigating the Storms of Life

April 12th & 13th

Enjoy time in fellowship with other men as we focus on God, fun and food!

If you would like to go on this Men's Retreat, please see Pastor Paul and pick up a pamphlet on the bulletin board. Some of the fun will include a trip to the Archery Range, Firearms Range, Basketball, Putt Putt Scramble, and much more.

Women's Breakfast

The next ladies breakfast will be April 28, at 8:30 a.m. in the church library. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for providing food at the breakfast. In doing this, we will not have duplicates or waste, and you will not have to bring food for every gathering. Hope to see you there.

April Birthdays

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



April Anniversaries

19 - Don & Pat Coleman



If you would like your birthday or your anniversary added to our church list please leave a note in the office with Karen.

April Servants

Greeters

April 7: Jerry Weaver
 April 14: Volunteers Needed
 April 21: Methodist Men
 April 28: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

April 7: Volunteers Needed
 April 14: Volunteers Needed
 April 21: Methodist Men
 April 28: Volunteers Needed

Liturgist

April 7: Jo Campbell
 April 14: Michele Cannaert
 Apr 21: Fran Warthman
 April 28: Volunteer Needed

Multi Media Specialist

April 7: Charles Kirkpatrick
 April 14: Jeff Jackson
 April 21: Mary Jo Bell
 April 28: Jo Campbell



Meetings in April, 2019

- Mon. April 1: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. April 3: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
- Wed. April 10: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs. April 11: Financial /Administrative Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.
4-H Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. April 13: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery 9:00 a.m.
4-H Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. April 27: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:00 a.m.

Weekly Events in April, 2019

- Every Sunday: Service, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.
- Every Monday: Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
Knit, Crochet, Pray, 12:00 p.m.
- Every Tuesday: Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
- Every Wednesday: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.
- Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.
- Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

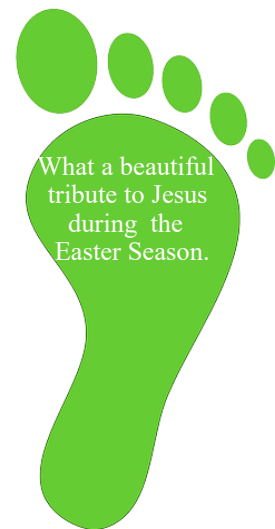
2019 Spaghetti Dinner

What a great turn out for the Spaghetti Dinner! We served 103 people a delicious meal. Special thanks to Mike Sharlow and the United Methodist Men for making their tasty spaghetti meatballs and sauce. Thank you also to Mary Jo Bell and the Hartland Theater Players for the entertainment during the dinner. The Spaghetti Dinner brought in \$590.00 to go toward a yet to be determined ministry.



Lenten Hall of Crosses

As You look at the crosses, some are new and some are old. Some have words, others do not. Each has it's own story of how it came to be. Yet, within the variety of crosses, they proclaim the same message. Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to die for us so that we might have access to God and eternal life.



Mission Seat Covers & Seat



Our Lenten Mission Project was to serve the needy with seat/feet covers (undies and socks). Thank you so much for your generous giving!!



Invite a Friend to Easter Service

A graphic with a pink border containing a wooden cross, tulips, and Easter eggs on the left. On the right, text provides details for an Easter service and breakfast.

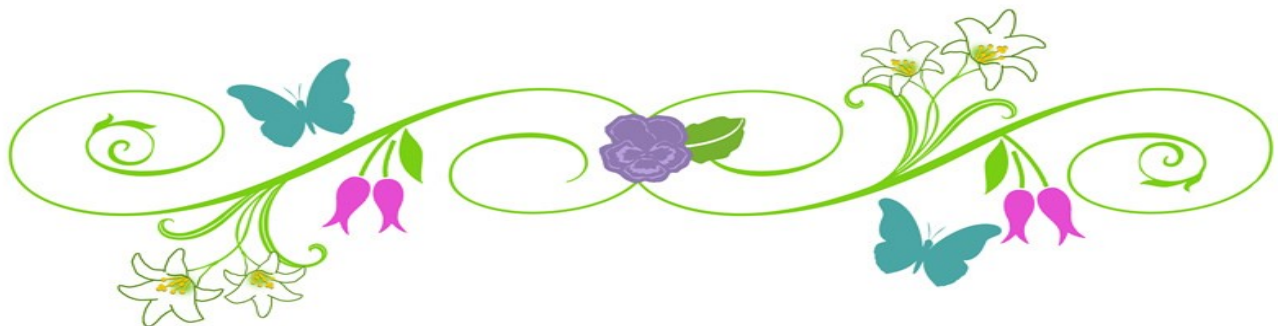
Please Join us for Easter Worship Service
at Hartland United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 21, 2019
Sunrise Service 7:15 a.m.
Resurrection Service 10:00 a.m.

All Church Easter Breakfast
8:00 a.m.
All Are Welcomed

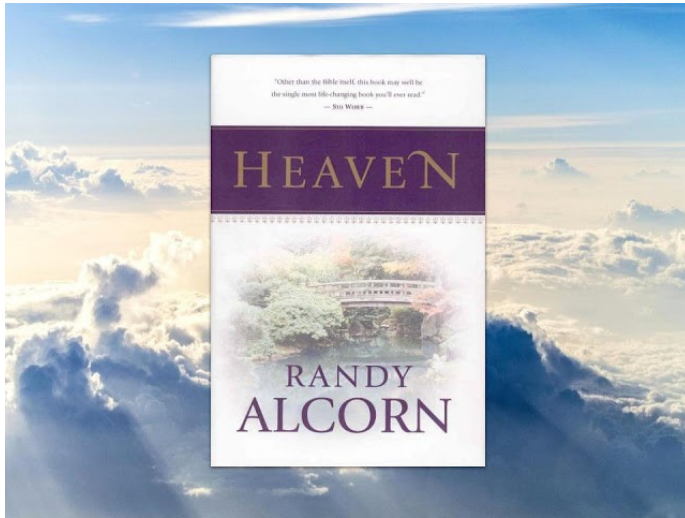
More than 75% of all people begin coming to church because someone took the time to invite them to come. If after 3 months they have at least 2-3 friends and 7 acquaintances, they are likely to make this their church home.

Easter is one of the most opportune time to invite someone to join you for a worship service at church.

Prayerfully consider who God is asking you to invite to church this Easter. Give them an invitation and then go out to lunch after the service. The investment is for eternity!



New Bible Study Opportunity



- ◆ What is Heaven Like?
- ◆ What does the Bible say in regard to our future home?
- ◆ Will I see my favorite pet there?
- ◆ Won't I get Bored?

Come and find out the answers to these and other questions you might have about Heaven.

Beginning April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in Hartland UMC Library.

Hidden Word - Kingdom of Heaven Parables

Find the hidden words related to the Kingdom of Heaven Parables.

Names to look for:

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| Treasure | Leaven | Seeds | Silver | Friendship | Joy |
| Wheat | Good Soil | Nets | Pearls | Love | Happiness |
| Tares | Talents | Gold | Mustard Seed | Kindness | |

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Easter

A stylized graphic featuring the word "Easter" in a purple, cursive font. Above the letters "a" and "s" are two yellow lilies with purple centers. A yellow cross is positioned above the lilies.