



Heavenly Notes

*“Helping Others Find, Experience,
and Share God’s Love Through Christ”*

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Hartland United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship:

Adult Sunday School:
8:45 a.m.

Service:
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School:
10:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour:
11:15 a.m.

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Vacation Bible School
August 5,6,and 7
6pm-8pm



Bible heroes -Daniel,
David, Elijah, Esther, Noah,
Moses, and Jesus - will help
share God's love! Let's help
kids have tons of fun AND

learn all about some of the Bible's mightiest champions.

Please consider how you can help out during these three evening sessions. Through leading, teaching or helping in various ways, either directly with the kids or behind the scenes.

Starting Saturday September 7th

What does 40 days of PDL have in common
with Dogs and three more D's and
is vital to our lives and
involves us all????

*Keep reading and
you will find out!*

~ Pastor's Message ~



As with many older teens or young adults who have been raised in the church, I began to drift away from attending church and really spending anytime with God in my life. My life was focused on making money during the summers and attending college so I could make my way in the world. When those years were done, I began work as a computer programmer at a small company in Southfield, Michigan. It would be six months before I attended a Sunday morning service, and another six months before I attended church on a regular basis.

As I began attending church again, I began to wrestle with two questions, which I believe we must address if we are intentional about life. The first question was, "What is the meaning of life?" The second question was, "What is my purpose in this world?" At this point I had been working in my chosen field for more than a year. I was living between two worlds. One world revolved around Monday through Saturday, what I called my work life, and the other world revolved around Sunday and the spiritual life.

So in answering the question, "What is the meaning of life?" I tried to keep in mind both of the worlds I was living in. Was life really about being born, growing up, working, having a family, growing old and dying? Or was there a higher meaning in all these seasons of life? As I explored more deeply, life seemed to have no real meaning of purpose when it only involved the physical world. Yes, we experience families, friends, school, we have good and bad relationships, yet without some higher meaning what we end up with are some feelings of satisfaction, pain, regrets and then nothing. However, when I looked in terms of the physical life being only a part of what life is meant to be, then the answer started becoming clearer to me.

What if we were created for something bigger than just birth, life and death? What if life doesn't begin with life and end with death, but begins with life and goes on for all eternity? What if we are all created (*born into this life*) for more than this world? What if we are created by God so that we can be in a relationship with God now and forever?

As I began to understand the meaning of life in terms of being in relationship with the Creator, now and forever, it all began to make more sense. Life began to have real meaning. As I developed my relationship with God, it also helped me to begin answering the second question I was wrestling with, "What is my purpose in this world?" I know we all have a purpose in this world, and it can only be found meaningful in an active relationship with The Living God.

We are going to spend 40 days together looking the meaning and purpose of life, which begins our fall kick-off series, "The Purpose Driven Life" on Saturday, September 7th. Plan on joining together in this journey. Plan on actively seeking out what your purpose is for this life.

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events

Meetings for August, 2013

Monday, August 5: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 15: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday:
One Year Bible Discussion Groups
at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday:
Alcoholics Anonymous at 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday:
Alcoholics Anonymous at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, August 3:
Wedding Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 4:
Harte/Tabaka Wedding at 6:30 p.m.

Monday—Wednesday, August 5, 6 and 7:
Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17:
United Methodist Men's Lake Erie Fishing Trip
United Methodist Men's Furniture Pick up and Delivery at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 25:
Adrianna Hornyak Baptism

United Methodist Men's Fishing Trip

The Men's Group has rescheduled the annual Lake Erie fishing trip to Saturday, August 17th. If interested, please place your name on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board. We must notify the Charter Boat service by August 4th and cancel if we are unable to fill the boat. Please contact Charles Kirkpatrick for details.



Special Dates

August Birthdays

- 1 - Darcie Westbrook
- 10 - Cheryl Sorg
- 13 - Darla Jackson
- 17 - Larry Schleh



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.!

August Anniversaries

- 3,1985 - Keith & Mickie Voight
- 9,1969 - Earl & Jo Campbell
- 9, 1986 - Jeff & Laura Walker
- 12 - Shannon & Tiffany Rodocker
- 30- Don & Sue Cornell



August Servants

Greeters

- 4: Paul and Patti Sobonya
- 11: Chris and Sherrie Rice
- 18: The United Methodist Men
- 25: Jeff and Linda Gordinier

Ushers

- 4: Gary and Sue LaRoy
- 11: Don and Pat Coleman
- 18: The United Methodist Men
- 25: Beckie Wren and Ruth Wyckoff

Liturgists

- 4: Renee Zimmerman
- 11: Sue Sanderson
- 18: Laura Walker
- 25: Terri Preiss

Multi Media Specialist

- 4: Jeff Jackson
- 11: Christian Muzo
- 18: Gary LaRoy
- 25: Renee Zimmerman

Acolytes

- 4: Leah and Nick Clark
- 11:
- 18:
- 25:

Nursery Workers

- 4:
- 11: Pat Schleh
- 18: Lori Muzo
- 25:



A Message from Your Financial Chair - Marty Hansen

As you will see from the following Financial Reports, we are running short on funds to keep our church expenses paid. Our Building Fund account balance is \$8,912.94, our Armstrong Hall mortgage payment is \$1,878.04 per month, which means we only have about five months of payments left. Pastor Paul and I have spoken to the Wayne Barrett at the Michigan Area Loan and he has given us six months of interest only payments. It has been two years since our last Miracle Sunday and are planning one for next spring.

We do have some past due operating expenses and cannot seem to get caught up. Please look within your hearts and find what place stewardship plays in your life and challenge yourself to do even more to meet the needs of the Church.

We have identified several key areas of need that the church hopes to get paid through increasing our regular gifts to the church:

- Paying unpaid Pastoral Pensions from prior years
- Paying our current apportionments
- Maintain our Armstrong Hall payment until our next Miracle Sunday
- Assuring that we can make our church payroll

Many people pay their bills on line and enjoy the convenience of not writing checks each week or month. I am pleased to announce that Hartland UMC is now able to accept on line giving as well. If you wish to support your church this way, please go to our web site, hartlandumc.org and click on the "New! Online Giving" box. This will take you to the forms you will need to fill out and submit so that you can give to your church electronically.

On behalf of our church, I want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to the church. While I do not know if you are capable of increasing your generous level of giving, I do know that you will give it prayerful consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Marty Hansen

Hartland United Methodist Church

Financial Report

July 26, 2013

Prepared by Marty Hansen, Financial Chair

General Fund Bank Account Balance	\$475.58
Building Fund Bank Account Balance	\$3,724.59
Building Fund Brokerage Account	\$5,188.35
Balance	\$9,388.52

Outstanding Bills:	Due Date	Amount Due
Apportionments—30% paid to date	Past Due	\$12,157.00
Monthly Amount is \$2340.00		
Pastor Health Insurance	Due 7/15/13	\$2,095.00
Monthly Amount is \$2095.00		
Chase (parsonage mortgage)	Due 08/01/13	\$834.78
Outstanding Prior Pension Apportionments	Past Due	\$5,691.00
Key Equipment (copier expense)	8/15/2013	\$117.40
CCLI (church copyright license)		\$196.00
Rental house Fall Taxes	9/16/2013	\$1,465.11
Total Bills Due		\$22,556.29

Our Average Weekly Offering is \$3,295.14

Please prayerfully consider our weekly needs of \$4,197.29

HARTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Income Statement
For the Period Ended July 31, 2013

7 Months Ended
Jul. 31, 2013

Revenue

OFFERING REVENUE	\$	72,359.19
ARMSTRONG HALL RENTAL		400.00
FOOD BANK-MISSIONS		591.96
MEMORIAL FUND		1,720.00
BUILDING FUND DONATIONS		11,716.00
MENS CLUB REVENUE		813.00
YOUTH GROUP REVENUE		660.20
YOUTH AND CHILDRENS MINISTRIES		300.00
HUMC WOMENS GROUP REVENUE		797.71
PASTORS LOVE OFFERING FUND		1,258.00
WHITE HOUSE RENTAL		5,565.00
SCRIP REVENUE		16,490.00
INTEREST/DIVIDEND INCOME		0.58
MISC CHURCH RENTAL		6,230.00
CASS AVE LUNCHESES		889.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REVENUE		150.00
ENDOWMENT FUNDS		1,531.50
GAS CARD MINISTRY		<u>575.00</u>

Total Revenue 122,047.14

Operating Expenses

SALARIES AND WAGES EXPENSE		11,102.00
PASTORS SALARY EXPENSE		26,538.45
HELPING HAND EXPENSE		1,670.00
EMPLOYER SOCIAL SECURITY EXPEN		688.32
EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAX EXPENSE		160.98
LAWN AND SNOW CARE EXPENSE		2,800.00
ADVERTISING EXPENSE		151.87
BANK SERVICE CHARGE EXPENSE		25.50
TELEPHONE EXPENSE-CHURCH		1,389.97
TELEPHONE/INTERNET -PARSONAGE		1,394.67
SEWER EXPENSE		1,342.77
DTE-ELECTRIC FOR CHURCH		4,091.00
DTE ENEGY-ELECTRIC FOR PARSONA		570.00
CONSUMERS POWER-GAS-CHURCH		1,637.00
CONSUMERS POWER-GAS-PARSONAGE		707.25
GENERAL INSURANCE EXPENSE		2,529.50
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE		9,552.24
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANC		96.50
LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING EXPENSE		3,000.00
CASS LUNCH EXPENSES		644.53
PASTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION		324.76
CLEANING SUPPLIES		400.22
KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT EXPENSE		172.24
OFFICE EXPENSE		1,051.54
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS EXPENSE		257.72

Find Experience and Share God's Love

7 Months Ended
Jul. 31, 2013

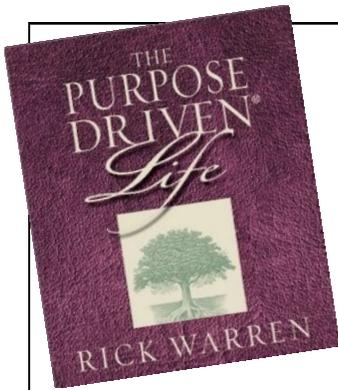
MUSIC	75.88
APPORTIONMENTS	4,098.00
POSTAGE EXPENSE	261.74
PO BOX EXPENSE-SCRIPS	120.00
TAXES	1,705.03
EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	669.15
PARSONAGE WATER SOFTENER	30.35
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE-CHURCH	3,552.83
PASTOR SUPPLIES	41.16
YOUTH/CHILDRENS MINISTRY EXPS	299.93
SCRIP SUPPLIES/EXPENSE	14,911.16
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE-PARSONAGE	1,105.94
TRASH REMOVAL/PARSONAGE	105.00
TRASH REMOVAL/CHURCH	385.00
COPIER EXPENSE	1,374.61
CHURCH FLOWERS	358.76
SPECIAL CHURCH ACTIVITY EXPENS	304.82
CELL PHONE EXPENSE	828.79
WOMENS GROUP PROJECT EXPENSE	733.97
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	50.00
MEMORIAL FUND EXPENSE	57.60
MENS GROUP PROJECT EXP	570.27
ENDOWMENT EXPENSE	1,731.50
LICENSES AND FEES EXPENSE	724.40
FINANCIAL DRIVES EXPENSE	99.00
GAS CARD EXPENSE	900.00
INTEREST PAID ON ODETTE	2,959.92
INT PAID ON ARMSTRONG HALL	5,453.78
Total Operating Expenses	<u>115,807.62</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ <u>6,239.52</u>

MINUS
YEAR TO DATE PRINCIPAL
ON PARSONAGE \$ 2524.84

YEAR TO DATE PRINCIPAL
ON ARMSTRONG HALL \$ 4837.46

NEGATIVE

\$ 1122.78



The Purpose Driven Life

A 40 day Church Wide Study

The most basic questions in life everyone faces is:

What am I here for?

What is my purpose?

To answer, says Rick Warren, the starting place must be with God and His eternal purposes for each life.

Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God's purposes for putting us on earth.

Starting **Saturday, September 7th**, we will have a special kick-off to our 40 day Purpose Driven Life campaign beginning with Dogs and 3 more D's.

6:00 p.m. – Hot Dogs, Dips for chips & Desert for dinner

6:30 p.m. – A Message from Rick Warren to begin our 40 day journey to understanding our purpose.



We will be using Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life" as our guide through this 40 day journey of discovery.

Attention All Photographers!

The Church Office needs the help of all photographers. Please bring your cameras with you to all church activities—worship, Sunday, School, meeting, potlucks and gatherings—and start taking photos of these events. Then, please email them to the Church Office.

With our screens and monitors, we can show everyone what has been happening and what they are missing!

Thank you for your help!



The kids helping with Special Music during the July 21st Worship Service.



Cass Community Lunch

On **Saturday, September 7th**, we will again have the opportunity to serve lunch to the Cass Community in Detroit. Watch the bulletin board and sign up for food or money donations. Please, consider volunteering to come with us to Detroit. We ask that you be at the church at 9:00 a.m. to load the cars and carpool down to Detroit. We are back at the church by 2:30 p.m. Any questions, ask Sue LaRoy or Jo Campbell.

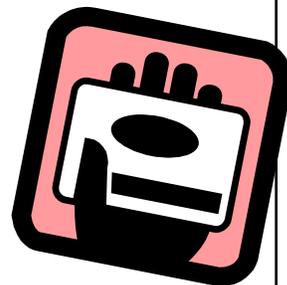
In His Service, Sue LaRoy

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 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.

To date in 2013, you have paid \$500 toward the money you have pledged to this ministry and we have given out 40 Speedway cards so far in

2013. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry, we have given out 89 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.



Membership Classes

Have you been thinking about the next step in your faith journey - joining the Hartland United Methodist Church? If you are, Pastor Paul will lead a Membership Class on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

New members will be received on Rally Sunday, September 8th.

If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Paul.

Summer Special Music

While our Choir and The Master's Minstrels are off for the summer (through Sunday, September 1st), you have the opportunity to provide the Special Music for our Sunday Worship Hour. You can get a group together and sing or play a musical instrument(s) - or both.



Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to provide the Special Music on the bulletin board.

Please contact Cindy Sherwood if you have any questions.

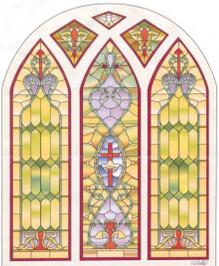
Take Jesus with You on Vacation Challenge this Summer!

Send your pictures of you and Jesus on vacation to the Church Office (secretary@hartlandumc.org) or post on FaceBook so we can all see where he has taken us this summer.





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Enjoy Your Summer!

Open for **Exciting**
Upcoming Events at H.U.M.C.!!

