

# Heavenly Notes

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Sharing the journey to know, to love, and serve God.



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### Sunday Worship

**Service:**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday School:**  
11:15a.m.  
**Coffee Hour:**  
11:00 a.m.

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# Lent



## Preparing Our Hearts for Easter

*(See the Lenten Services Lineup on page 8)*

# LEARN CPR

You Can Do It!

## CPR Training & Certification Class

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

Location: Hartland UMC  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Cost:

**Level 1:** Instructional Training - No Charge  
**Level 2:** Instructional Training & Certification \$50.00



**Could You? Would You?**

**Save A Life!**

## ~ Musings from the Pastor ~

### The 3 Words Christians Aren't Allowed to Say

Brittany Gibson wrote a short article on “The 3 Words Disney Employees Aren't Allowed to Say.” I must admit that I didn't know this to be true. She wrote:

*“Disney isn't “the happiest place on earth” without reason. Behind all of the magic, there are tens of thousands of employees making it all possible. (In Disney World alone, there are 62,000 workers, according to Today.)*

*But with that many employees, there needs to be some guidelines. This is especially true for the employees who dress up as Disney characters... But no matter what, Disney cast members are never, ever allowed to say these three words: ‘I don't know.’”*

She went on to write,

*“If a guest asks you a question, you always have to have an answer, no exceptions... If you don't know it, find out, but don't say you don't know. If it's a silly question, make up a silly answer.”*

As I thought about this from the perspective of a Christian and the church, I wondered if this shouldn't be true for people who profess to be Christ followers... after all don't we really want to be “the happiest place on earth?” Yes, I know...we shouldn't answer any question asked of us with a silly or made-up answer. Unlike the temporary Disney universe, your answers can have an *eternal impact!*

Too often when confronted with a question about God, the Bible, the Church, or anything to do with the Christian life, the Christian response is “I don't know.” (I hope it is never a made up answer!!) If “I don't know” is your response, the rest of it should be, “*but I know where I can find the answer.*”

Let's face facts, most people are truly searching for a better life... whether it is getting the clutter in life cleaned out, finding meaning and purpose in life, or simply living a good life now. *People desire to know the truth* so that maybe they can re-order their lives to experience all the goodness God desires for them to experience now. An “I don't know” answer isn't very helpful. *Be someone who's willing to share their journey to help others find and know the answer.* Help pointing to Jesus is invaluable!

I think most people want to be helpful to others in their need. Be that person today by immersing yourself into Jesus and pointing others to him, the Savior of the World!

Just in case you were wondering... *“If a child asks you what Tinker Bell eats before her flight across the Magic Kingdom during the fireworks, the answer: very tiny apples.”*

Sharing the journey to know, love, and serve God...

*Pastor Paul*



Disney World



## February Birthdays



2	William Palmer	12	Joyce Eichhorn	17	Melissa Sneath
5	Gary LaRoy	13	Ralph Wright	18	Bruce Harton Lydia Hatton
7	Seth Gruenberg	14	Karen Nowak	23	Paige Rodocker
11	Bill Martin	16	Shelia Daniel	25	Jim Malott

## February Servants



### Greeters

### Ushers

February 4: Bert & Leslie Honour  
February 11: Volunteers Needed  
February 18: Methodist Men  
February 25: Volunteers Needed  
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February 18: Methodist Men  
February 25: Don & Marty Han-



### Liturgist

### Multi Media Specialist

February 4: Shelia Daniel  
February 11: Pat Schleh  
February 18: Jo Campbell  
February 25: Fran Warthman

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February 11: Jeff Jackson  
February 18: Mary Jo Bell  
February 25: Jo Campbell



## Meetings in February, 2018

- Wed. February 7: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs.. February 8: Administrative Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. February 10: 4 - H Meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 10:00 a.m.
- Mon. February 12: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. February 17: CPR Training & Certification Class, 9:00 a.m.
- Sun. February 18: United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:00 a.m.  
Women's Breakfast at Hartland Big Boy, 8:30 a.m.
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## Weekly Events in February, 2018

- Every Sunday: Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School, 10:20  
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.
- Every Monday: Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
- Every Tuesday: Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
- Every Wednesday: Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.
- Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (February 1,8,15)
- Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.
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## News from the Frontier!

Why Worry?

February 2018

Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? – Matthew 6:27  
My aunt had a plaque hanging in her kitchen titled “Why worry” and here is what was written on it:

*“There are only two things to worry about; either you are well or you are sick. If you are well there is nothing to worry about but if you are sick there are only two things to worry about; either you will get better or worse. If you get better there is nothing to worry about but if you get worse there are only two things to worry about; either you will live or you will die. If you live there is nothing to worry about but if you die there are only two things to worry about; either you will go to heaven or hell. If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about but if you go to hell you will be with so many friends that you won’t have time to worry. So why worry?”*

A funny saying, but people do spend a lot of time worrying about things that never happen. Jesus had a thing or two to say about this. Matthew 6: 25 – 34 is the “Don’t worry” verses. Right after He talks about not storing up treasures here on earth, He says, “I tell you not to worry about everyday life – whether you have enough food or drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food and your body more than clothing?”

There is more in these verses about birds not planting yet having enough to eat and lilies not making clothes but Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully. Laura and I have been asked several times lately how we can afford to do what we are doing at our age. This is the time of one’s life when they have the most earning potential and the least expenses so we should be socking away every penny for retirement. It’s not that the thought doesn’t cross our minds now and again but if we worried about our 401K we would never do what God put on our hearts to do. The question we have to continue to answer is do we trust God enough for what we need to live the life He has planned for us?

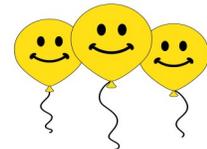
Worrying about the future only distracts us from the tasks today. Matthew 6:34 says: “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

I do have one worry though. Every morning I look outside, see the green side of the grass and know that I’ll have a great day. But with all the traveling we do, sometimes we spend the night in truck stops and I’m afraid that one night while I’m sleeping a sod truck will park next to us. Yikes!

Don’t let worry about money or what you will eat or wear or even sod trucks stop you from doing what God has put you here to do. He will provide all you need and more.

Yours in Christ.

Jeff and Laura Walker



# 2018 "Easy Invites" Events At Hartland UMC



## February 17th at 9:00 a.m. CPR Certification

Come learn how to do CPR and / or become certified  
Level 1 training Free Level 2 Certification \$50.00

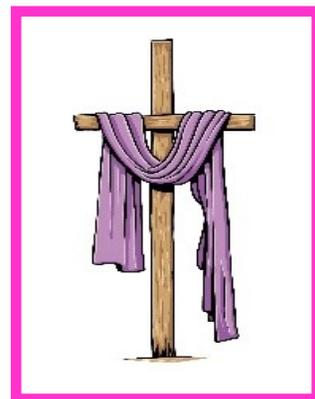
## March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Spaghetti Dinner



## Lenten Season

Ash Wed 2/14 All Saints Church, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Palm Sunday 3/25 Service 10:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday 3/29 Hartland UMC 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday 3/30 Hardy UMC 1:00 p.m.

**EASTER Sunday -April 1st**  
Sunrise - 7:00a.m.  
Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.



**Bible Journaling  
Workshop  
Coming in April**

# Lent



## Preparing Our Hearts for Easter

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, it is important that we take time in our schedules to recognize all God has done for us. By participating in these Lenten Special Services, you will be able to more deeply reflect on God's love, grace, and sacrifice on your behalf. Plan now to do something new to celebrate God this Lenten season, and invite a friend to share this journey with you!

**Lenten**

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

*All Saints Lutheran Church Service 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.*

**Line**

Maundy Thursday (Seder Meal) March 29, 2018

*Hartland UMC Service 7:00 p.m.*

**Up**

Good Friday Service, March 30, 2018

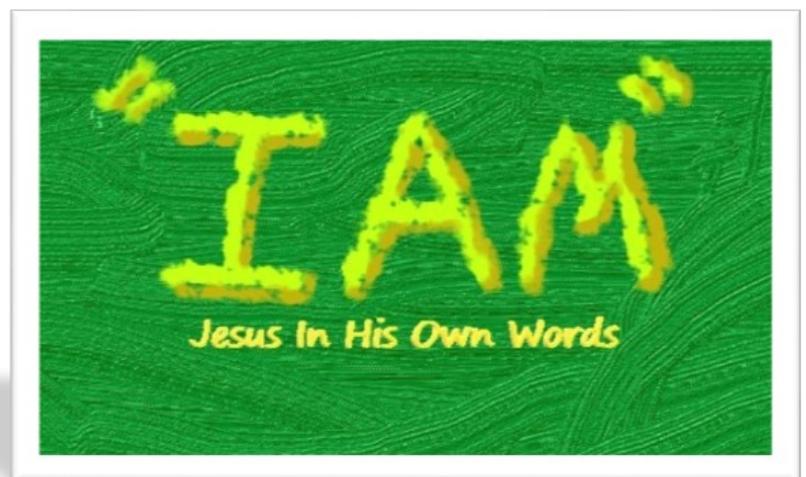
*Hardy UMC 1:00 p.m. & Hartland UMC 7:00 p.m.*

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 7a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

## Lenten Sermon Series

In the Gospel of John, Jesus has a series of 7 statements where he states, "I am..." Through lent, we will explore these "I AM" statements which Jesus makes and how they can help us to live our lives today with more intensity and precision for Christ.

Come and invite a friend to explore Jesus, this Lent!



## A Message from your Finance Chair

Our church “happens” because you give your time, effort, and energy to it! I would like to **THANK ALL OF YOU** for helping out with our “Catch Up Offering” this past December. Without your giving we would not have been able to pay our year end unpaid operating expenses.

We now have a new furnace (*cost of \$4000*) in the office area due to those of you who give to our Emergency Fund. **Thank God for the Emergency Fund!** As a result, we have depleted it and so our goal is to build this fund up again to meet any future emergencies. Consider, in addition to your regular giving, to give an extra one time donation to our Emergency Fund.

Our church budget requires a weekly offering of \$4,171. This includes our operating expenses and apportionments. Our current average weekly offering is \$2883.00. So, you ask, how do we keep a full-time Pastor? The answer is *we have not been able to pay our Apportionments in full* over the last few years. The Apportionments, which help pay for the ministry of the greater United Methodist church, have been forgiven at year end. **I thank you for what you do to keep our church alive and well** with a full time Pastor. So, what is the answer?

I believe the heart of the answer is three-fold:

**First**, we must each grow spiritually, both in our understanding and practice of stewardship. *Stewardship is more than giving money.* Stewardship includes our giving of **prayer**, our regular **presence in worship**, our **service to each other** and our **witness to the world** around us. We must be a people of action!

**Second**, we must be a church where all people feel welcomed to worship and where we are relevant to the people around us. Be sure to invite others to our services and events, and **welcome the stranger, wherever they are on their faith journey!** As we grow numerically, we will also grow financially so we can do more for God here in the greater Hartland area. (*see the thank-you from the Hartland Hero Teen Center*)

**Third**, we must *continue to grow in our giving back to God.* God gives us everything and only commands us to give back to him a tithe (10%) of your income to your church. The Bible talks repeatedly about tithing. (*i.e., Ephesians 2:8-9, Genesis 8:22, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:7.*) Did you know an offering is the amount given which exceeds a tithe?

As we do incorporate more of God into our lives, and seek to live as God desires us to live, the financial part will take care of itself. May God bless and keep you!

In Christ,  
Your Finance Chair  
Marty Hansen

# February Fun

## Psalms 23

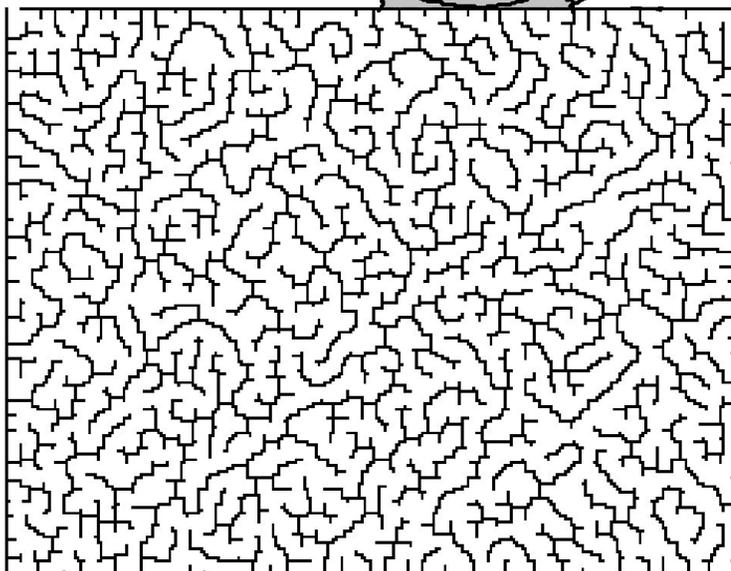
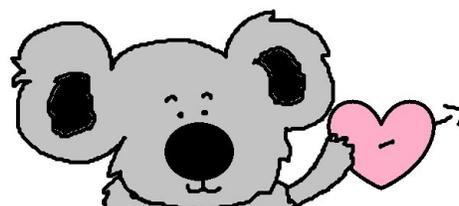
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lead	Shepherd	



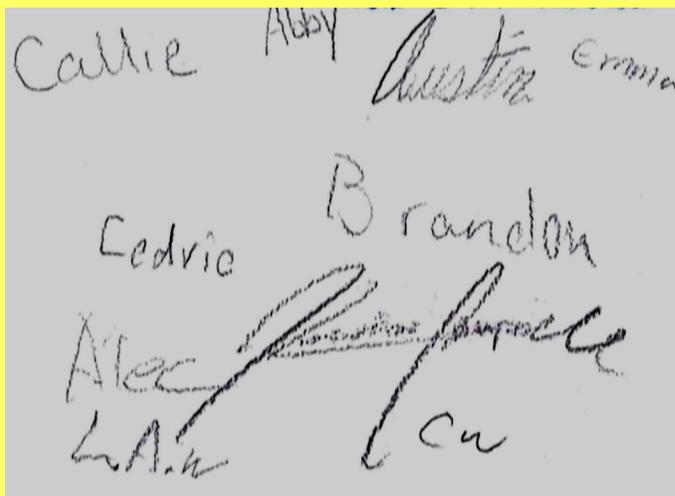
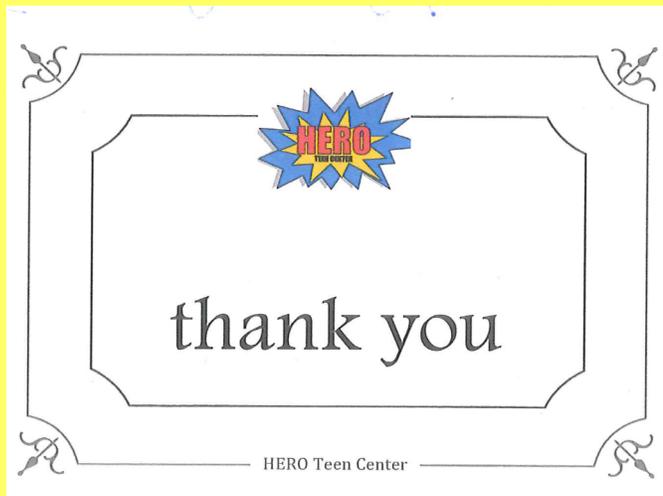
## Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.



# A "Thank You" From The Hartland Teen Center

Read below the card from the Hartland Teen Center thanking us for the gift cards and the Christmas meal celebration.



to: United Methodist Church  
 Thank you for the ~~cards~~  
 gift cards!  
 - Ms. Calcebread

Very much appreciate the  
 extra money ~ Melo

Thanks for the food & gift  
 cards. Mrs. Dawan  
 Basheer Samara Isa Ruiz  
 Thank you Jaz

Drew Nick Sally  
 Raleigh Alejandro Cierra  
 Melo Ashlyn  
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