

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:
10:20 a.m.
Coffee Hour:
11:00 a.m.

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2019 Spring "Easy Invites"

5th Sunday Sing & Potluck

Hard to believe, but it will soon be time for our next 5th Sunday Sing and Pot Luck. March 31st is the next "5th" Sunday. Due to a conflict with the Praise Band, however, **we will have our 5th Sunday Sing on the 4th Sunday in March – March 24th.** We will follow the same format and have a potluck following. Not sure which I enjoy more, sharing favorite hymns of favorite potluck dishes. How fun it is to sing praises to our Lord.

Women's Breakfast

The men have their breakfast meeting on the 4th Sunday at 8:00 a.m. We decided that it would be fun if we could gather the same morning for a breakfast meeting. We tried Big Boy but that was less than ideal, so we decided to meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. in the Library and have a breakfast potluck. So pack up your favorite dish to share, breakfast casserole, bread, fruit, or whatever, and join us on Feb. 24th at 8:00 a.m for a brief devotion, meeting, fun and fellowship.

Contact Pat Schleh, Pat Harton or Donna Webber for more information.

Lent Season Services

Ash Wednesday (Begin 40 days of Lent) - March 6th
Maundy Thursday (Celebrate Last Supper) - April
Good Friday (Crucifixion) - April
Easter Sunday (Jesus' Resurrection) - April



Spaghetti Dinner

March 16, 2019
Saturday,
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm.



Men's Retreat

Friday April 12 (6pm) Through Saturday 6pm at Bayshore Camp. Enjoy time in fellowship with other men as we focus on God, fun and food!

✧ Musings from the Pastor ✧

So how is it going with your February 30-day challenge? You do remember the challenge? There are two “must” dos:

1. You must ask the Holy Spirit to fill you up each morning, and as often throughout the day as you desire.
2. You must preferably write down one or more things that you are grateful for. Count your blessings and be grateful to God for them.

Remember the reason for the challenge is to help us become more holy, more sinless in our thoughts and actions... to become more like Jesus. It is the process of being transformed into the image of Christ. It is a journey. It takes time. It is a step by step process for most people.

Now with challenges of any kind, there may be moments when you miss a day. Maybe you forgot in your busyness. But you do not want to just quit! Simply start up again. Remember it is a process. Perfection only belongs to Jesus, and friends, nobody here is Jesus. But we do want to become more like him.

In this challenge, there are other things you could be striving for as well. One might be regular worship times throughout the week as well as on Sundays. Like we found out with the Wise Men, their journey to the baby Jesus was not to find him and give him gifts, but to bow down on their knees and worship him.

Another challenge you may have taken up is to read more of the Bible, preferably each day. As you read, key in on those words that seem to stand out to you. This may be God speaking to you. Then think/meditate on those words in that moment, and throughout the day. If you like to read at night, the next morning in just a few seconds look at and remember those words and carry them throughout that day. Either way, be in God’s Word.

As many people desire to be more prayerful, maybe you need to focus on one area each day as you develop a prayer time. It’s best to begin your prayer time with a little bit of scripture, then speak to God about it and listen to God too. Then focus on one subject for the day. Monday–family. Tuesday-neighbors & friends. Wednesday-our church & staff. Thursdays-worldwide church. Friday-first responders, those who protect. Saturday-country and it’s leaders. Saturday night-for worship on Sunday.

As this is the month of LOVE, love God more by actively being with God through this 30-day challenge. “To become” is a verb which means action and effort on your part! Jesus said, **“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.”** May God bring peace, comfort and a sense of accomplishment this month!

Blessings on the Journey,
Pastor Paul





HUMC 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament

WRAP UP

What a crazy and wonderful Tournament we had this year! The anticipation was for 10 teams this year, and we ended up with 17! WOW! As the two round robins finished up, the top two teams went on to a single game elimination bracket. In the end, all had fun, food (*thank you UM Men!*), and fellowship! You cannot ask for anything more than that!



February Birthdays



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

February Anniversaries



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



February Servants

Greeters

- February 3: Jerry Weaver
- February 10: Volunteers Needed
- February 17: Methodist Men
- February 24: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

- February 3: Volunteers Needed
- February 10: Volunteers Needed
- February 17: Methodist Men
- February 24: Volunteers Needed



Multi Media Specialist

- February 3: Mary Jo Bell
- February 10: Jo Campbell
- February 17: Jerry Weaver
- February 24: Mary Jo Bell

Liturgist

- February 3: Charles Kirkpatrick
- February 10: Jeff Jackson
- February 17: Mary Jo Bell
- February 24: Jo Campbell





Meetings in February, 2019

- Mon. February 4: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. February 6: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. February 9: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery 9:00 a.m.
- Wed. February 13: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs. February 14: **No** Administrative Board Meeting
4-H Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. February 23: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:00 a.m.



Weekly Events in February, 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 Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church

In 1968 the United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church merged to become the United Methodist Church. They developed the Book of Discipline as their ruling guide. Through the years it is revised only by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church which is a group representing all United Methodist Annual Conferences worldwide.

In the last 40 years or so there have been ongoing discussions and debates around the issue of human sexuality which has reached an impasse within the UM denomination. At the 2016 General Conference the Bishops formed a special group called “A Way Forward” and they were tasked to develop options on how to keep our denomination united in the midst of the issue.

Over the last two years three plans were developed: The **One Church Plan**, The **Traditional Plan**, The **Connectional Conference Plan**. On the 21st - 24th of this month, a special convening of the General Conference will take place in St. Louis for the expressed purpose of determining the potential future course of the UM church in regard to human sexuality. *(I say potential as none of the plans may be pass)*

The current Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality states in a nutshell:

1. All people are valued and of sacred worth in the eyes of God. Jesus died for all!
2. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Same sex marriages will not be performed in UM churches by UM pastors.
3. UM pastors are to be faithful in marriage or celibate in singleness.

The **Traditional plan** would retain the church’s current position on human sexuality and provide a gracious exit path for pastor’s, churches, or annual conferences that cannot abide.

The **One Church plan** would remove language around human sexuality to make it permissible for marriage between any two adults where law permits and would allow for any marriage to be performed in UM churches by UM pastors. Each church and conference may decide to either uphold or not uphold same sex marriage in their setting.

The **Connectional Conference plan** would create three connectional conferences (Progressive, Unity, and Traditional). Each church and conference would then need to vote on which connectional conference they would belong to.

The most important thing to remember for us as a local church is this. Regardless of any decisions made, we are God’s church here in Hartland, MI. We will still be worshiping God on Sunday morning at 10a.m. and still be ministering to each other and those in our communities in the powerful Name of Jesus Christ!

If you would like more information on this, you can go to <https://michiganumc.org/resources/a-way-forward/> or speak to Pastor Paul. Keep the Special General Conference in your prayers that they may see and implement God’s will for the people called United Methodist.

Thank You Angel!

On September 7, 2014, Angel Tan sat down for the first time and played through a worship service here at Hartland UMC. For almost four and a half years Angel has graced us with her musical talents and led our choir members throughout this time.

Angel is now taking on a new opportunity with an expanded role at a larger church closer to home. *We will celebrate with her on her last Sunday morning with us on March 3, 2019 after service during our fellowship hour.* Make sure you plan on being here to celebrate!

Church Pianist/Accompanist

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MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Accompany congregational singing of hymns and some contemporary choruses for Sunday morning worship services for the 10:00 a.m. service.
- ◆ Provide music during services such as prelude, postlude, offertories and other musical moments.
- ◆ Lead and rehearse with the choir on Thursday evenings (flexible) and Sunday mornings, choosing arrangements appropriate to the church calendar year.

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

- ◆ Competent and skilled in playing the piano, with the ability to sight read.
- ◆ Works as a supportive colleague with the Pastor, staff and the Worship Team.

COMPENSATION

- ◆ Compensation will be based on approximately 4-5hrs/week.

Please call, mail or email your resume or inquiries to:

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