

Heavenly Notes

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Sunday Worship

Service:
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School:
10:20a.m.
Coffee Hour:
11:00 a.m.

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Happy New Year ! What a way to end 2018 Sharing Jesus!

Helping our community

- ◆ Food Bank Donation of \$859.64 *(Via change in weekly offering)*
- ◆ Hartland Teen Hero Center
 - 30 \$10.00 gift cards to Meijer *(Women's group)*
 - 20% of Christmas Eve Service Offering \$364.00
- ◆ Sponsored a family for Christmas *(Pastor's Helping Hand)*
- ◆ 48 Samaritan Shoes Boxes filled for Children in need

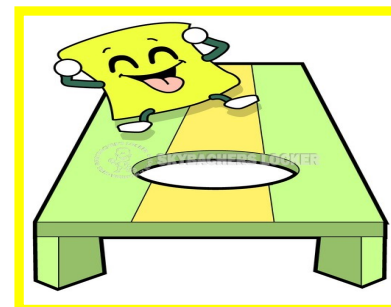
Celebrating Jesus's Birth

- ◆ Advent Tea
- ◆ A Christmas Pageant *(written and performed by our own local talent)*
- ◆ A Christmas Breakfast put on by Hartland Methodist Men
- ◆ Two Christmas Eve Services

Thank You For Helping Finish 2018

2019 "Easy Invites" Events At Hartland UMC

**3rd Annual
Corn Hole Tournament
January 26, 2019
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.**
See page 3 for more details.



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



A Year in Review



Pastor Paul asked if I would write a "look back on the year of our church" article for the first newsletter of 2019.

As quickly as a year passes it is easy to forget all the wonderful things we have accomplished for God and through God. We continue to have between fifty-five and sixty-five people in worship each week. Yet, I am always amazed when I reflect on the life of our church everything our family can achieve.

We have devoted women who lovingly turn out beautiful quilts each week to give peace and comfort to the suffering. We have enough people willing to learn and grow that we can sustain a mid-week Bible study and an adult Sunday School class.

Our choir and praise band use their talent and share it so we can worship through music. We have put on plays written and performed by our members, to give us a different way to worship and think about ourselves as Christians.

We had a wonderful Summer service outside in the church yard, giving the village a chance to see and hear who we are. This congregation filled almost fifty shoe boxes to ensure children across the world could see God at work in their lives, and provide them with some Christmas joy.

We dug deep and gave back to God and this church in our "Catch-up" offering, helping to meet our financial obligations. I once heard a pastor ask a congregation, "If all of a sudden this church disappeared would the community notice it?" We are all aware that we are a small church. We know we are not a money rich church, but WE ARE a beacon to the village of Hartland.

Oh, I'm sure the community would miss our hot dogs on Memorial Day, the annual turkey dinner, and our cookie walk but we are so much more. This year as I was weighing and selling cookies at the cookie walk, a woman buying cookies had been at the Saturday morning AA meeting; I thanked her and she said, "No, thank you, this place saved my life."

Every other Saturday families can come and be blessed by our personal needs pantry. Our gas card ministry helps people keep the ability to get to much needed appointments. Our pastor's helping hand fund gives aid to those we never see. The local Teen Center has been blessed by donations from our women's group and a tithe from our Christmas Eve service.

We have provided physical and spiritual sustenance to five grieving families through our funeral luncheons, one long time Hartland family only needed our fellowship hall. I like to think that every Sunday when the bell tolls it gives a sense of comfort to our little village. If they never choose to come and worship, I hope they would miss us if we disappeared. I hope every visitor continues to be greeted in welcoming love. As we anticipate the blessings of the coming year I leave you with this: A Disciple is someone who has moved from being the RECIPIENT of the church's mission to being RESPONSIBLE for the church's mission.

I wish each of you a blessed and healthy New Year, with love and prayer we can accomplish even more in 2019.



Peace and love,
Terri Preiss



HUMC 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.



If you can throw a small bag underhand across the room, or if you have ever seen or played horse shoes, then you have all the skills needed to play Corn Hole.

You can get some practice in after the Worship Service, for the next three Sundays. Better Yet, stop by during the week and play a game with the Pastor!!

An EASY INVITE EVENT

Whether you're a pro or looking to help someone outside of the church see how Christians have fun, this is the EVENT for you!

**Lunch and Refreshments
Will be provided.**

No Entrance Fee!!

Please sign up on the bulletin board sheet or call the office to register.

Create your own two man team by inviting a non churched friend to join you.





January Birthdays



6 Jan Martin
 8 Clifton Kirkpatrick
 Mickie Voight
 9 Dani Toth
 11 Chris Cannart
 Pat Schleh

15 Scott Jackson
 19 Don Hansen
 Sarah Anderson
 20 Andrew Cannart
 Lane Rodocker
 26 Laurie Anderson

January Anniversaries



7, 1977 Charles & Debbie Kirkpatrick
 10, 1976 Gary & Rosemary White
 19, 1966 Don & Marty



January Servants



Greeters

January 6: Jerry Weaver
 January 13: Volunteers Needed
 January 20: Methodist Men
 January 27: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

January 6: Volunteers Needed
 January 13: Volunteers Needed
 January 20: Methodist Men
 January 27: Volunteers Needed



Liturgist

January 6: Fran Warthman
 January 13: Sharon Infantino
 January 20: Jo Campbell
 January 27: Mary Monroe

Multi Media Specialist

January 6: Charles Kirkpatrick
 January 13: Jeff Jackson
 January 20: Mary Jo Bell
 January 27: Jo Campbell





Meetings in January, 2019



Mon. January 8: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. January 9: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
9: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Thurs. January 10: Administrative Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

Sat. January 12: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:00 a.m.
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Sat. January 26: 3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament



Weekly Events in January, 2019

Every Sunday: Choir Practice, 9:30 a.m. Jan. 6th & 13th
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, 6:00 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.

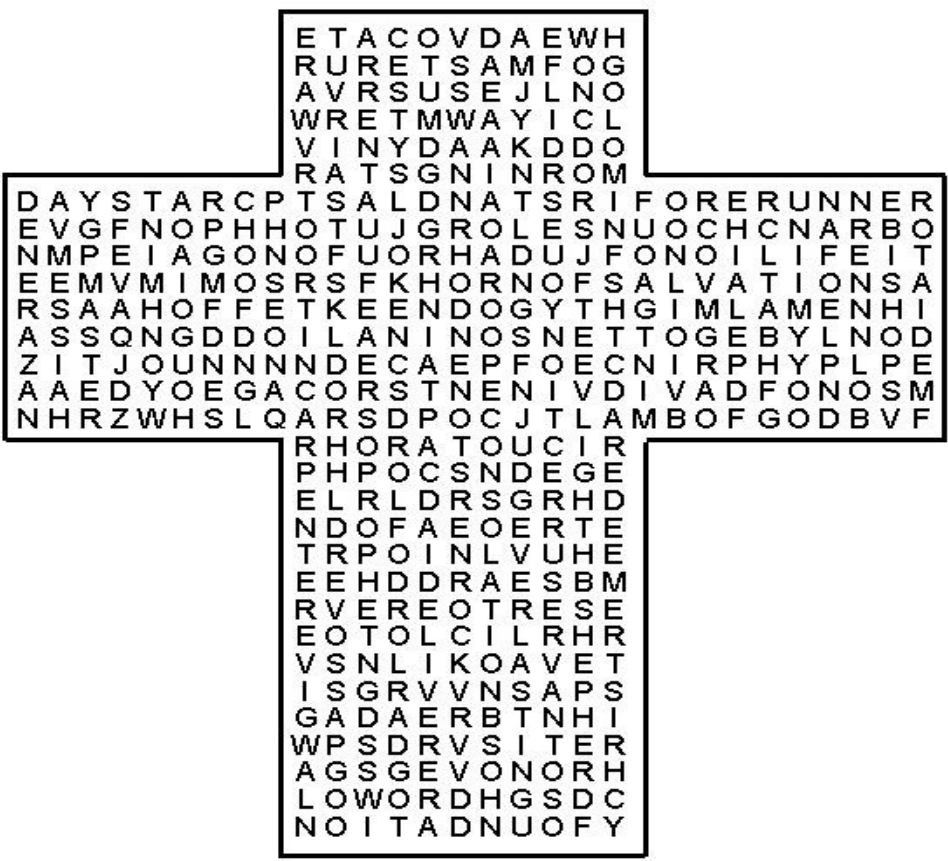
Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.



2018 Christmas Pageant "Long Before A Birth"





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| Advocate | Door |
| Almighty | Emmanuel |
| Alpha and Omega | Everlasting |
| Amen | Faithful and True |
| Apostle | First and Last |
| Beloved Son | Forerunner |
| Bishop | Foundation |
| Branch | Governor |
| Bread | Head |
| Captain | High Priest |
| Carpenter | Holy and Just One |
| Chosen | Horn of Salvation |
| Christ | I AM |
| Consolation | Jesus |
| Cornerstone | Judge |
| Counselor | King |
| Day Star | King of Kings |
| Deliverer | Lamb of God |

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| Lawgiver | Redeemer |
| Life | Resurrection |
| Light | Rock |
| Lion of Judah | Savior |
| Lord | Servant |
| Lord of Lords | Shepherd |
| Master | Son of David |
| Master | Son of God |
| Mediator | Son of Man |
| Messiah | Vine |
| Mighty God | Way |
| Morning Star | Wonderful |
| Nazarene | Word |
| Only Begotten Son | |
| Passover | |
| Priest | |
| Prince of Peace | |
| Prophet | |

Butt Prints in the Sand

One night I had a wondrous dream,
 One set of footprints there was seen,
 The footprints of the Goddess they were,
 But mine were not along the shore.

But then some stranger prints appeared,
 and I asked Her, "What have we here?
 These prints are large and round and neat,
 But much too big to be from feet."

"My child," She said in somber tones,
 "For miles I carried you alone.
 I challenged you to walk in faith,
 But you refused and made me wait."

"You would not learn, you would not grow,
 The walk of faith, you would not know,
 So I got tired, I got fed up,
 And there I dropped you on your butt.

"Because in life, there comes a time,
 When one must fight, and one must climb,
 When one must rise and take a stand,
 Or leave their butt prints in the sand."





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Happy New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;

*The Lord make His face shine upon
you, And be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift up His countenance
upon you, And give you peace.*

Numbers 6: 24-26