



# 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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Hartland UMC Sermon Series  
Pastor Paul Guenberg

~~ten~~  
~~seven~~  
the five questions  
I’ll ask in heaven



## Beginning January 12, 2014

Exploring the topics and questions we might have  
when we get to heaven.

### SUFFERING

Why do children suffer? Why’d my child die? Why tragedies?

### DID I DO LIFE RIGHT?

Did I live in Your will? Did I make a difference? Did I listen to You?

### EARTH & SCIENCE

Creation, dinosaurs, earth’s age, mosquitoes

### WHO WILL I SEE?

Pets? Family? Jesus? Sinners? Hell?

### MISCELLANEOUS

Why were you so kind to me? What does God’s name mean? Why  
so many religions? Would You stop all addictions!

# ~ Pastor's Message ~



Welcome to this blessed NEW YEAR, 2014!

There are so many activities to think about as you approach the new year. What tops many people's list is this... resolutions. This year I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank.)

Along with the many resolutions you might make, I know one that will help you today, tomorrow and this coming year...giving back to you throughout all eternity! Become more intentional about God. There are several ways to do this.

1. Be intentional about being in the Bible... as close to everyday as possible. Listen for God's voice as you read... mark in the margins what God says to you... talk to God about what you see and hear. Read *The One Year Bible!* It will take you through it all!
2. Be intentional about your worship. It would be easy to say, make sure you come to church every weekend, but there is more. Turn on Christian radio once in a while (89.7 FM) and worship God through music. As you read the Bible, thank God! And YES, do be intentional to gather each Sunday you are in town to worship God with a community of believers. We were created to love and worship God!
3. Join in a ministry of the church to serve each other. You all have talents which can be used in ministry. Whether it is on a committee, or a warm smile and hello... just serve with joy. Not only will you be a blessing to others, you will be blessed yourself.
4. Be a part of a mission team. To feed the hungry, to help pickup/deliver furniture, to supply a gas card or two, to help with a prayer quilt, to help others without asking anything in return is a true gift of love. It is truly symbolic of what God does for us on a regular basis, without asking anything in return.
5. Learn how to tell your story of how you came to be where you are with God. There is nothing quite as inspiring as when people share how they have and are now growing in their relationship with God. God uses our stories to touch the lives of others (whether a believer or not), to know and experience God's love.
6. Be a part of a small group study this year. There are many opportunities, from finances and Disciple Bible study in January. A Lenten Series will look at the soul beginning at the end of February. There will be other opportunities as the year goes on... just say, "yes" when the opportunity comes.

I can promise that as you do these things this year God will draw near to you, and God will use you in profound ways. My prayer for you is this... *"God, help us to live our lives in ways that will glorify you and draw others to yourself. May we sense your presence in our lives every day this year. In Jesus Name. AMEN!"*

*Pastor Paul*

# Calendar of Events

## Meetings for January, 2014



Monday, January 6: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7: United Methodist Women, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15: Master's Minstrels Rehearse at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.

Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 19: United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Every Tuesday:

Prayers & Squares Quilting at 9:00 a.m.

### Every Wednesday:

Choir Practice at 6:45 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 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.

### Every Sunday:

Adult Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.

Youth Group, 5:30 .m.

### Friday, January 17:

W.O.W. Girl's Night Out, 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, January 18:

U.M.M. Love, INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery, 8:00 a.m.



# Special Dates

## January Birthdays

- 6 – Jan Martin
- 8 - Clifton Kirkpatrick  
Mickie Voight
- 9 - Dani Toth
- 11 - Chris Cannaert  
Pat Schleh
- 15 - Scott Jackson
- 19 - Don Hansen  
Sarah Anderson
- 20 - Andrew Cannaert  
Lane Rodocker
- 26 - Laurie Anderson
- 27 – Christian Muzo



## January Anniversaries

- 2 - Jim & Sally Pennington
- 7, 1977 - Charles & Debbie Kirkpatrick
- 8, 1966 – Dave & Ruth Wyckoff
- 19, 1966 - Don & Marty Hansen
- 27, 1951 - Frank & Norma  
Faulds



### **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.!

## January Servants

### Greeters

- 5: Paul and Patti Sobonya
- 12: Bill and Jan Martin
- 19: The United Methodist Men
- 26: Harold and Emma Winegarner

### Ushers

- 5: Gary and Sue LaRoy
- 12: Don and Marty Hansen
- 19: The United Methodist Men
- 26: Jeff and Scott Jackson

### Liturgists

- 5: Darla Jackson
- 12: Charles Kirkpatrick
- 19: Pat Harton
- 26: Shelia Daniel

### Multi Media Specialist

- 5: Jeff Jackson
- 12: Christian Muzo
- 19: Michele Cannaert
- 26: Renee Zimmerman



### Acolytes

- 5:
- 12:
- 19:
- 26:

### Nursery Workers

- 5: Cheri Kowal
- 12: Pat Schleh
- 19:
- 26:

## **2014 Offering Envelopes**



The 2014 Offering Envelopes are in the church parlor. Please stop by and pick up your offering envelopes, if you have not already picked them up.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your offering envelope number has changed! Please dispose of any old envelopes you may have at home and use only the 2014 ones!

**ALSO:** When writing your check, please indicate where your gift is to go (General Fund, Building Fund, Pastor's Helping Hand Fund, Gas Card Ministry, etc) This will help to make sure your gift goes to the fund(s) you want it to go to. If not designated, monies will be put into the General Fund.

If you would like envelopes but there are not any on the table for you, please see Darcie Westbrook. She will be glad to get you a set.

Thank you for your help!



Based on the book by Joseph Sangl.

## **A Financial Success Story and Class For You**

*We are **passionate** about helping people  
win with their money God's way!*

Helping people accomplish far more than they ever  
thought possible with their  
personal finances.

The best chance for people to take the necessary steps to maximize their financial resources is to study and apply home financial management information together as a group.

### **Key Lessons Include:**

Develop a spending plan that actually works; Strategies for eliminating debt;  
The date they will become debt-free; Amount of money needed for retirement;  
The power of compound interest; Investing & Insurance

**A six week study at H&R Block of Hartland beginning**

**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

Professional Financial People will lead these group studies that will also include many free handouts to help you accomplish your financial goals.

There is a \$20 onetime cost for the book and workbook, *I Was Broke Now I'm Not*,

by Joseph Sangl

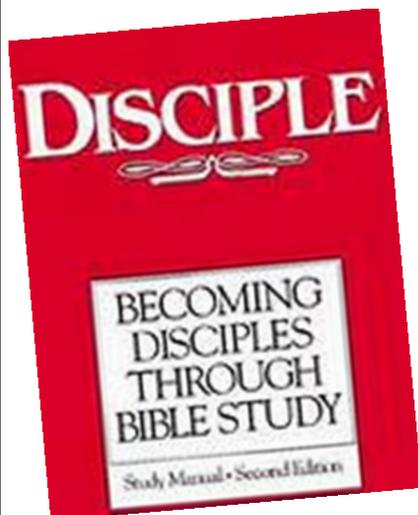
Put on by The Hartland United Methodist Church and H&R Block of Hartland

## Year End Offering

When the parsonage furnace went haywire in November, we were first told we were going to have to replace it. We were going to have to put it on our credit card as the church had no emergency funds stored away for such an event.

Through the "Enough" campaign, the Finance Committee realized we have not been setting aside money for an emergency fund.

The Finance Committee is looking to build this account to about \$9,000. We hope to become a more healthy church financially, and this is one of the steps we are taking to get there. Thank you for your prayerful consideration for this Year-End Offering. You may place your gift in the offering plate, drop it off in the Church Office, mail it to the Church or make your donation online at [hartlandumc.org](http://hartlandumc.org). (*The Offering needs to be received no later than Monday, December 30, 2013 to count toward this year's charitable giving for tax purposes.*)



## Disciple Bible Study 1

Beginning Monday, January 13, 2014

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Disciple* is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. This first *Disciple* Bible study serves as the basis for other studies that follow. Over the course of 34 weeks, *Disciple* covers the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments), following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

The time commitment of three and one-half to four hours per week for independent study in preparation for weekly group meetings and attendance at the Monday evening two hour meetings is suggested.

If you would like to join this group, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall way or contact the Church Office.

## 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.

In 2013, you paid \$980 toward the money you have pledged to this ministry and we have given out 71 Speedway cards this year. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry, we have given out 150 cards to those less fortunate.

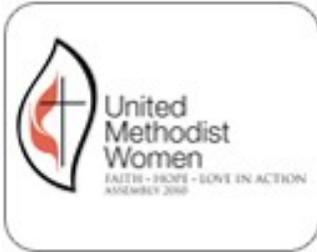


## Hartland United Methodist Women

The Hartland United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone those who baked cookies for the December 7th Cookie Walk, who worked at the Cookie Walk or who came and purchased cookies, soup and/or craft items.

The total profit from the Turkey Dinner and Cookie Walk was \$2,973. Which means that at our December 10th meeting, we were able to give the following amounts to the listed organizations: Hartland United Methodist Men—\$400; LCSNP (Meals on Wheels)—\$200;

Baldwin Center—\$200; OLHSA—\$500; Love, INC—\$250; Gas Card Ministry—\$150; Gleaner's Food Bank—\$400; Heifer International—\$120 (two trios of rabbits were given); Cass Avenue Lunch Program—\$200; LACASA—\$250; Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry—\$100.



All ladies and friends of Hartland UMC are invited to join us at our January 7th meeting. We will gather at the church at 7:00 p.m.

## Hartland United Methodist Men

The Men's Group will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 19th in Armstrong Hall. All men are invited to attend the meeting where breakfast will be served. Discussion at this meeting will include plans for 2014.



## Endowment Fund Requests

Annually half of the interest from the funds in our Endowment Fund are made available for ministries that support the mission of our church.

These funds are for non-reoccurring ministries not included in our operating budget.

If you would like to apply for some of these funds to support a ministry you're a part of, see Darcie, in the office, for a request form that must be filled out and turned in by January 27th.



## **Prayer Chain News**

Another year has gone by and our Prayer Chain has lifted up more than a hundred people and/or families to the Lord. If you would like to ask for prayer, here's how it works: Let Fran Warthman know by one of the following methods:

- \* Filling out a prayer request on Sunday
- \* Calling Fran at 517-546-4004
- \* Emailing Fran at [franron4004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:franron4004@sbcglobal.net)
- \* Calling the Church Office at 810-632-7476
- \* Letting the Pastor know



If you would like to serve on the Prayer Chain, call or email Fran. When a request comes in, Fran will either call or email you (you choose the method). You then will lift the person or persons to the Lord in your prayer time. Anyone can include this ministry in his or her life—it takes so little time and means so much.

## **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Hartland United Methodist Church want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.



**Bill Pay through Online Banking** lets you make your offering automatic on a pre-determined schedule either online or through your bank.

**Online Giving** lets you go to [hartlandumc.org](http://hartlandumc.org) at anytime to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Additional information is available from the church office.





## Wifi is now available in our Sanctuary

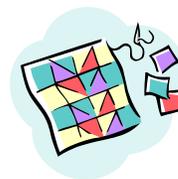
Wifi is now available in the sanctuary.  
To connect please go to: HUMC\_Guest;  
password is: hartlandumc



## Got Crafts?

(or other “Stuff” to catch up on?)

Join us for **W.O.W.** Girls Night Out!



### **What:** Come “Work on Whatever!”

(card making, scrapbooking, organizing photos, coupon clipping, jewelry making, knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlework, craft items for next year’s Cookie Walk, etc.)  
We will provide table space. ***Please bring your own crafting items and a snack to share.***

**When:** Friday, January 17, 2013, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** Hartland United Methodist Church - Armstrong Hall.

Questions, see Darcie Westbrook.



## Wedding Coordinators are Needed!

In effort to assist Pastor Paul and those who will be getting married at Hartland United Methodist Church and Pastor Paul, it has been decided to start using Wedding Coordinators.

Responsibilities will vary depending on what the bride and groom want. There will be a training session for those interested in helping with this outreach. Date and time is to be determined.

If you are interested in helping, please talk with Pastor Paul or let Darcie Westbrook know.



**HARTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2014 CHURCH OFFICERS**

**Administrative Council Members:**

- Chairperson of Administrative Council – Terri Preiss
- Pastor – Rev. Paul Gruenberg
- Lay Member to Annual Conference – Becky Toth
- Lay Leader – Becky Toth
- Financial Chairperson – Marty Hansen
- Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Chairperson – Christian Muzo
- Trustees Chairperson – Jeff Jackson
- Endowment Fund Chairperson – Ron Warthman
- Membership Secretary – Darcie Westbrook
- Memorial Fund Treasurer – Sherri Rice
- Financial Secretary – Darcie Westbrook
- Youth and Children’s Ministries Representative –
- United Methodist Men – Charles Kirkpatrick
- United Methodist Women – Becky Toth
- Boy Scout Troop 383 Representative – Darcie Westbrook

**Administrative Council Members at Large:**

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Janice Wright	Sue LaRoy	Pat Harton
Bruce Westbrook	Renee Zimmerman	Shelia Daniel

**Board of Trustees: Chairperson - Jeff Jacskon**

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Ron Warthman	Chris Rice	Randy Bell
Harold Winegarner	Paul Sobonya	Darla Jackson
Jeff Jackson	Michael Clark	Don Hansen

**Pastor/Parish Relations: Chairperson – Christian Muzo**

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Beckie Wren	Christian Muzo	Gary LaRoy
Jo Campbell	Bill Palmer	Sue Sanderson

**Lay Leadership: Chairperson - Paul Gruenberg**

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Don Hansen	Shyrl Cone	Jan Martin
Marty Hansen	Gina Palmer	Laura Walker

Finance Committee:

- Chairperson – Marty Hansen
- Pastor – Paul Gruenberg
- Administrative Council Chairperson – Terri Preiss
- Pastor/Parish Relations Chairperson – Christian Muzo
- Trustee Chairperson – Jeff Jackson
- Financial Secretary – Darcie Westbrook
- Lay Leader – Becky Toth

Class of 2014

Mike Kenel

Class of 2015

Kip Maggert

Class of 2016

Harold Winegarner

Worship Committee: Chairperson - Darcie Westbrook

Michele Canaert, Terri Clark, Pat Coleman, Shelia Daniel, Pat Harton, Debbie Kirkpatrick, Vivian Lemon, Sue Sanderson, Pat Schleh, Fran Warthman

Children & Youth Ministries

Brandy Archer, Jenny LaRue, Terri Preiss, Becky Toth, Fran Warthman, Shyrl Cone

Endowment Committee: Chairperson – Ron Warthman

Ron Warthman, Mary Jo Malott, Pastor, Finance Committee Chairperson, Board of Trustees Chairperson

## Scrip News

Scrip is a program where gift cards from a variety of companies can be purchased. You pay the full face value of the card. When these cards are ordered, the church just pays a percentage of the face value. There are gas cards, discount store cards, restaurants, department stores and many, many more cards available. Several cards are offered at a table in the Fellowship Hall for immediate purchase.

Thank you for supporting our Scrip program. All money made through the Scrip program goes into the General Fund and helps support our church.

Hartland UMC has been associated with the Scrip program since 2006. Since that time, **over \$13,654 has gone into the General Fund**. Just in **2013, over \$797** has gone into the General Fund. This is with an average of just **under 6 families** participating each week! Thank you to all of you who shop our Scrip Table! Your support is appreciated!

Stop by the Scrip table on Sunday and check out what we can do for you and you can do for our church!



## Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry, Chapter 1128

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel it's comfort? You can, if it is part of a prayer quilt.

The idea behind these quilts is quite simple, yet very powerful! A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need—someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person.

What makes each quilt special is not the pattern, color, or workmanship, but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one.



Our first Quilt completed!

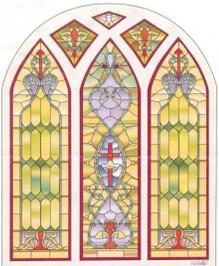
These comforters are a statement of faith and a testimony to our belief in God and the power of prayer.

We meet in Armstrong Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. until around noon to assemble quilts to be tied. Please join us in this ministry. Don't worry if you cannot sew, there are many jobs available that don't entail sewing!

If you have any questions regarding the Prayer Quilt Ministry, please call Shelia Daniel at 810-227-6922.



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**HARTLAND**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Happy New Year!*

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

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