



Heavenly Notes

"Having Conversations about God"

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Sunday Worship:

Service: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour: 11:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 11:30 a.m.

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Hartland United Methodist Church Goes Camping 2015



↻ Pastor's Message ↻

I had a week of vacation left and we were in need of a “New To Us” vehicle. My wife and I decided to look at crossover vehicles, which we felt would fit our wants and needs. I dealt with three dealerships during this week, ending up at Jay Feldman Chevrolet with a salesman named Mike Seacord. Mike helped me find my way in the crossover world. After driving two different models, I began to settle on one in particular. After a test drive with my wife and daughter and this vehicle being good on mileage I was thinking we found our next vehicle.

At this point in the process, I called a couple of mechanically gifted friends of mine, who knew cars better than I did. They both recommended I continue to look as their experience with this model was not good. In fact the one friend said to me, “Take two steps back from the car, turn around and run!”

Now I had put a good 25 hours into finding this car already, and the thought of having to put more time into it was not pleasant. But my friends had more experience and I trusted them. So I went back to Mike and told him that this vehicle, I was almost ready to sign on the dotted line for, wasn't going to work.



Like my two friends who helped me to make the hard decision, one of the aspects of being involved in a Christian community is we are supposed to be there for each other. We do not have to face life alone, but can learn from each other how to better serve others and serve God.

Regrettably we live in a world where nothing is perfect. Christians are human and we wrestle with behavior that doesn't glorify God. Some will say the church is not worth it, and as a result will leave the church to go it alone. When they do, it makes it really hard to be faithful to God and to seek to live life as God intended.

God intended the church to be a place where Christians can walk together through the good, the bad and the ugly parts of life. To celebrate the victories and be a support when we face difficulties, and we all face difficulties! Like these friends of mine, they helped me to see the truth and to move past what wouldn't be good for me in the long run. We all need others to make it in this life.



About my car search? Mike and I continued to work together and we did find another car that met our needs. I found this car with the help of others... we all really do need others if life is going to be meaningful.

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events

Meetings for July, 2015

Monday, July 6: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18: HUMM Love Inc. Furniture Pick up and Delivery, 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Events in July, 2015

Every Sunday:

Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

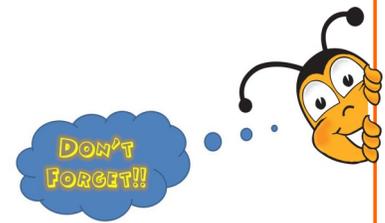
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.

Every Tuesday:

Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Sweatin' To The Oldies, 1:00 p.m.

"Revelation Bible Study" Small Group, 7:00 p.m.



Every Wednesday:

Christianity, Islam and Other World Religions,
Small Group, 9:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

Sweatin' To The Oldies, 6:00 p.m.

Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 am.

Upcoming Events in July, 2015

Tuesday July 14 - 16: Vacation Bible School

Sunday July 26: Josie Limberg guest speaker at 10:00 service on CRU Mission

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Special Dates

July Birthdays

- 1 - Donna Dale
Alec Ruby
- 2 - Angel Tan
- 3 - James Walker
- 4 - Paul Gruenberg
Christopher Walker
- 6 - Brenna Gruenberg
Pat Harton
- 7 - Mary Monroe
- 13 - Bob Ruby
Barb Kenel
- 15 - Lindsay Kenel
- 18 - Norma Faulds
Dan Taylor
- 21 - Dave Pollock
- 23 - Ron Warthman
- 28 - Gar Lemon
- 30 - Janice Wright
- 31 - Nancy Sneath



July Anniversaries

- 7, 2007 - Matthew & Karen Wright
- 16, 1983 - Rob & Michele Canaert
- 17, 1999 - Jeff & Darla Jackson
- 23, 1983 - Chris & Sherrie Rice
- 25, 1981 - Bruce & Darcie Westbrook



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.!

July Servants

Liturgists

- July 5: Terri Preiss
- July 12: Charles Kirkpatrick
- July 19: Terri Clark
- July 26: Jo Campbell

Greeters

- July 5: Jeff & Linda Gordinier
- July 12: Sharon & Joey Infantino
- July 19: Don & Pat Coleman
- July 26: Paul & Patti Sobonya

Ushers

- July 5: Jim & Mary Jo Malott
- July 12: Randy and Mary Jo Bell
- July 19: Jeff Gordinier & Jim Malott
- July 26:

Nursery Workers

- July 5:
- July 12: Pat Schleh
- July 19:
- July 26:

Multi Media Specialist

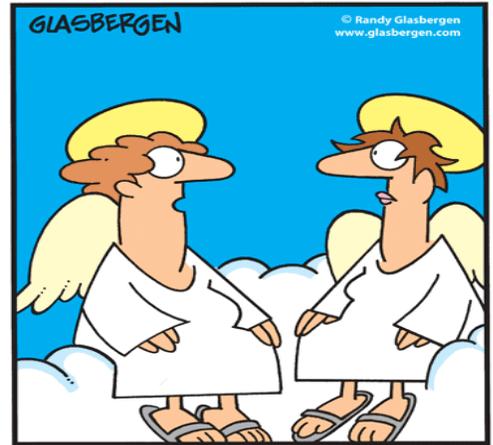
- July 5: Charles Kirkpatrick
- July 12: Michael Clark
- July 19: Gary LaRoy
- July 26: Christian Muzo



Sweatin' To The Oldies

Rumor has it that a few of us need to lose some weight or get back in shape. That four letter word DIET does not roll off my tongue as smooth as a chocolate truffle. Can anyone else relate?

A good way to lose some weight is to exercise. Beginning July 2, every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. we will be Sweatin' To The Oldies here at HUMC on the big screen in Armstrong Hall. The Price is Right, because it is free. Just bring a water bottle and a friend (if you would like) , and join us as we sweat the pounds away.



"My goal is to start exercising by the 1st of Someday and lose ten pounds by the day after Eternity."

Sunday School

Shelia Daniel, Christian Education Director



Greetings from Sunday School,

In June we learned that we are all unique, that no two people are the same. We made fingerprint pictures and studied them with a magnifying glass to see the differences

During the month of July we are learning ways to "let our light shine" for Jesus. We created woven suns from yarn and paper plates. We also made stained glass candle holders. Look for samples of our completed projects in the fellowship hall. We are in the process of learning two new Sunday School songs "Climb, Climb Up Sunshine Mountain" and "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam".

Special Missions Speaker

Jose Limburg will be coming to speak to us on Sunday, July 26th to share with us about her first year as a CRU leader for Campus Crusade's Ministry at the University of Michigan.

Please come and listen to how God has used her to help students become more grounded in Christ. We will also be taking a special "Love Offering" to help support her work.



Mission Moments



Jeff and Laura Walker

Hello from the Frontier! In May Jeff and I loaded up our “covered wagon” with all the items we figured we would need on our journey – well, not all, but what would fit. Our wagon train has made its way to Missouri for a brief stay, then on up to the Wisconsin/Michigan (U.P.) border.

We circled the wagons in Menominee, MI on Sunday May 31st and got a chance to meet the other RV Care-A-Vanners as well as the individual who will be getting the house. Her name is Heather Mitchell and she has a three-year-old boy. The RV park we stayed at was on the Michigan side of the Menominee River and the build site was on the Wisconsin side of the river.

The actual building of the house was a lot of fun, especially when the “kids” got to be up on the roof putting up the sheeting and tar paper. In this group of 15 Care-A-Vanners, we were the “kids.” Most of the others were in their 60’s and 70’s and one couple was 83 and 85 years old. They were part of Habitat’s Original 7 builders when the Care-A-Vanners first began.

Each day begins with a devotion and prayer by one of us. Jeff and I did a devotion/prayer on one of these days. The devotion was the Starfish Story – which was about how what we do in Habitat makes a difference. The prayer was a bible reading about trusting God to guide us onto the path He has chosen, and trusting in Him enough to follow where He leads.

Some of the impact we have seen has come in directions we would not have guessed. Yes, we are impacting the lives of the family who will get the house. But our biggest impact has been with the people we have worked with. For example, Greg and Karen, a couple on the build, felt that they didn’t need to go to church (we invited them to come with us on both Sunday’s we were there), because the devotion/prayer time at Habitat and what they were doing volunteering was their “church.” When we asked about a church where they live, they said they didn’t feel they needed one.

Over the two weeks working together, talking, socializing and getting to know each other we had shared our beliefs of God, church and what we felt God was calling us to do, and how He provided the path for us to follow. At the end of our time together they invited us to visit them in South Carolina. They said they were considering looking for a local church when they get home – and we hope to see them in December and attend with them.

We have planted seeds in a garden for the new homeowner. She can leave them to grow or not; weed and water them, or not; reap the harvest, or not. It is up to her to decide. Just as it is for Greg and Karen to decide to follow through on the seeds we planted.

Stay tuned for the next adventure From the Frontier!

Jeff & Laura Walker



Wordy Wisdom

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O O J E S U S V O
W T I R I P S E J

BELIEVE	SIN	HOLY	WORD
YOUTH	GOD	PRAISE	PRAY
LOVE	BLESS	NOAH	SPIRIT
TRINITY	VOICE	AMEN	WORSHIP
HYMN	JESUS	JOY	EVE

New Craft Table

Please check out the homemade crafts and HUMC items for sale at the new craft table. The table will be in Armstrong Hall during fellowship hour. All proceeds for this month will go to the Personal Needs Pantry Ministry. Donations are always gladly accepted. Remember to check back each week for new items for sale. Next months proceeds will go to the Gas Card Ministry.

Only four more months until our Annual Cookie Walk. We would like to have a robust offering of bazaar items to raise more money for charities. So, we are asking all crafters to join us in this endeavor.

We have a large stash of fabric, not useful to the quilt ministry, that was donated to the church. If you would like to see if we have something you can use for your sewing projects, please call Jan Martin at 517-5481508 or Pat Harton at 248-935-0021.



Thank you for your help!

Live Life in such a way that if anyone should speak badly of you, no one would believe it.

-- Unknown

Caring Ministries

Our Mission Team has been busy discerning how Hartland UMC can best serve others within our community and beyond. The Mission Team focuses on taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to those outside of Hartland UMC. Yet, we do not want to neglect the community within our walls - our church family. Many of you have wonderful ideas on how best to serve our brothers and sisters within the church. Currently we have several Caring Ministries including the Prayer Chain, the Card Ministry, Funeral Dinners and Small Groups. Other needs have been identified such as meals for shut-ins, rides to church or appointments, a prayer group and visits to those in hospitals, nursing homes or home bound. There are many opportunities to serve.

And that is where you come in. We are looking for someone with a passion for caring for others to chair the Caring Ministries Team and for team members who want to serve their brothers and sisters through Caring Ministries.

Please call Pastor Paul to express your interest and how you will be able to serve. Be the hands and feet of Christ within our church.

May God bless and keep you as you bless others with our caring love and service.

Community / Church Garden

Looks like someone has been visiting the garden. Unfortunately, our visitor was a deer and he did not pull any weeds, but did help himself to a half garden of vegetables.

Take a stroll down and see what's growing and while you are there pull a weed or two. There is also a beautiful sitting area across from the garden for you to relax and reflect. The produce from the garden will be donated to the Gleaners Food Bank. What a great mission to help feed the hungry in Livingston County!



Automate The Important!

As we get ready to enjoy a great summer season, let's also be sure our bills get paid while we're traveling. Not just our home bills, but our church bills as well. Our bills don't take a vacation just because we do!

To support God's work, Hartland United Methodist Church wants 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 God's work through our church. There are two avenues to automate your giving:

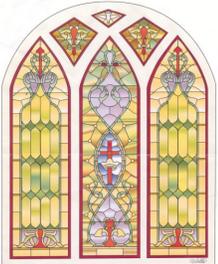
- 1. Online Giving** using the smart code above or if you go to our web site at www.hartlandumc.org (click on "Online Giving" at the bottom of the page). It allows you at anytime to make a one time donation, set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, or view your online donation history.
- 2. Bill Pay through Online Banking** lets you make your offering automatic on a pre-determined schedule. You can set this up through your online bank or through your bank's customer service people.

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





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