

# Heavenly Notes

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### Sunday Worship

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

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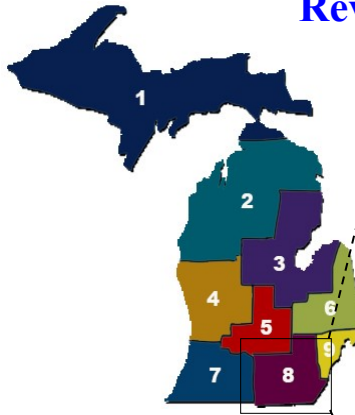
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**We are Now  
The Heritage District of  
The Michigan Conference of  
The United Methodist Church**

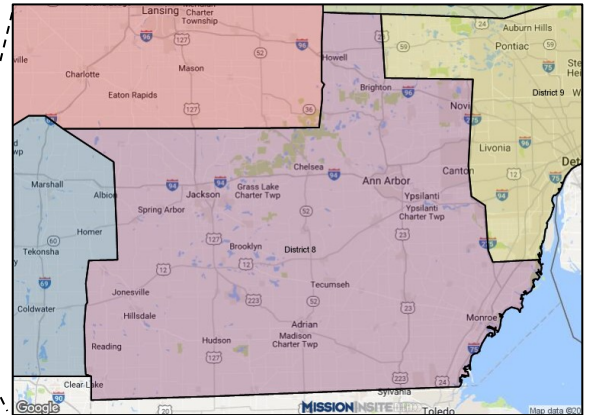


**New District Superintendent  
Rev. Elizabeth A. Hill**



#### New District Names

- District 1 — Northern Skies
- District 2 — Northern Waters
- District 3 — Central Bay
- District 4 — Midwest
- District 5 — Mid-Michigan
- District 6 — East Winds
- District 7 — Greater Southwest
- District 8 — Heritage
- District 9 — Greater Detroit



*Heritage District  
Boundaries*

~ Musings from the Pastor ~

First time. We have many experiences in life where there is a first time. First time to walk, talk, ride a bike, swim, jump off a diving board... well you get the idea.

I remember when I attended my first Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Everything was new to me. We met at Adrian College to worship God, to celebrate the ministry of the churches, to hear wonderful speakers, to do the business of the conference (voting on issues) and of course eat and fellowship together. I was in awe of the large number of like minded people and began to really get a picture of ministry at a large level. I really began to understand what being a connectional (as opposed to independent) church really means. We have one another to support, help and do ministry with. It was a wonderful first experience.

I've now attended 16 annual conferences (or so) and through the years there have been wonderful times of worship, laughing, and debating issues. On top of these things, I always walk away seeing how God helps us be the larger body of Christ, and how we encourage one another in ministry. This year was no different. The main scripture used was from Luke chapter 10 where Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. The emphasis was engaging in ministry and mission together. This was a really good fit as the West Michigan and Detroit Annual Conferences came together to become one new conference called, The Michigan Area Conference.

This year at our opening worship service, Bishop David Bard spoke about the Good Samaritan and how we should always be reaching out to all people, regardless of who they are and where they find themselves in life. The Good Samaritan had no reason to help the hurting man by the side of the road. He wasn't a relative. He didn't know him. Yet he had compassion on the man (like God has compassion on us), and helped him.



And in the message, the Bishop said, ***“God has a mission in the world and love is at the heart of it!”*** The mission should be clear to all Christians. First, we Christians are to help those who don't know Jesus, to know Jesus. Secondly, we Christians are to help each other to grow in our knowledge, love, and service to God. Bishop added saying, ***“... we are recipients of this love and dispensers of it too. We are both, on the side of the road and coming to the aid of others.”***

If you're a person who is truly growing as a Christian, you should be experiencing “firsts” every now and then. God speaking to you about new things in fresh ways. A new insight into who God is or what God has done for you. A new experience in ministry to each other. A new person to share God's love with... and so much more...

It is my prayer for you that God's love would wash over you in fresh new ways this coming year. That you'd hear God once again. That you'd know God's love for you in deeper and more significant ways. That God would use you to help someone this year to know God's amazing love.

*Sharing the journey,  
Pastor Paul*

# Welcome to The Michigan Area Conference!



You might not know this yet, but we are going away soon! Isn't that a loaded statement? You need to know the context to fully understand the statement. Who is the "we"? What does it mean "going away"? How "soon" is this happening?

- ◆ "WE" is twofold. The Detroit Conference will no longer be in existence as a United Methodist Conference. It is going away!
- ◆ "Going Away". Although the name "Detroit Conference" will no longer exist, the churches that make up the conference will. You see the Detroit Conference is merging with the West Michigan Conference to become the newly formed, Michigan Area Conference.
- ◆ "Soon". We've really been in the process of merging now for 3 years. But we officially become one conference on January 1, 2019. The two conferences have joined together for our yearly "Annual Conference" gathering for the last 3 years.

So what does this mean for you?

- ◆ We are no longer the Ann Arbor District. The district Hartland UMC belongs to now is called the Heritage District. Our district borders have shifted a small amount as the district moves a little west in the lower segment, and moves a little east in the upper segment. (*see the map on page one*) Also, there are less districts in the new Conference, so there are more churches in each district.
- ◆ A part of the new conference is to help reduce some costs to the conference (i.e., less district level positions (Superintendent, Administrative staff) and office space/equipment to rent, one Annual Conference meeting instead of two, as well as other admin/benefit staff changes).

## Here is what the new Michigan Area Conference is about....

**Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Part of how we live out this mission is by proclaiming the Gospel and loving God and our neighbor. This is our response to God's incredible grace and love.

**Journey:** We view faith as a journey, not something that simply appears at conversion. Faith is both a gift from God and a choice we make. We try to cultivate our faith through participation in a community of believers and being open to God's work in our lives.

**Unity:** We believe that no local church is the total body of Christ; therefore, local United Methodist churches within our Michigan Area are bound together by a common mission and common governance in order to strengthen our outreach.

## July Birthdays

- 1 Dan Bierer  
Ann Martin
- 2 Angel Tan
- 3 James Walker
- 4 Paul Gruenberg  
Christopher Walker
- 6 Brenna Gruenberg  
Pat Harton
- 7 Mary Monroe



- 13 Bob Ruby
- 15 Lindsay Kenel
- 18 Norma Faulds
- 23 Ron Warthman
- 28 Gar Lemon
- 30 Janice Wright
- 31 Nancy Sneath

- 3 1985 Keith & Mickie Voight
- 7 1965 Bruce and Pat Harton
- 9 1969 Earl & Jo Campbell  
1986 Jeff & Laura Walker
- 12 Shannon & Tiffany Rodocker
- 24 1974 Gary & Sue LaRoy
- 30 Don & Sue Cornell

## July Anniversaries



## July Servants

### Ushers

- July 1: K. Nowak & S. Daniel  
July 8: Volunteers Needed  
July 15: Volunteers Needed  
July 22: Volunteers Needed  
July 29: Volunteers Needed

### Greeters

- July 1: Cheri Kowal  
July 8: Volunteers Needed  
July 15: Volunteers Needed  
July 22: Volunteers Needed  
July 29: Volunteers Needed

### Liturgist

- July 1: Mary Jo Bell  
July 8: Terri Clark  
July 15: Pat Schleh  
July 22: Volunteer Needed  
July 29: Mary Monroe

### Multi Media Specialist

- July 1: Charles Kirkpatrick  
July 8: Jeff Jackson  
July 15: Mary Jo Bell  
July 22: Jo Campbell  
July 29: Volunteer Needed



## Meetings in July 2018

- Mon. July 2: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. July 4: Church Office Closed For The Holiday
- Wed. July 11: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs. July 12: Financial Team Meeting, 6:30 pm.  
Administrative Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. July 14: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:00 a.m.
- Sat. July 28: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:00 a.m.

## Weekly Events in July, 2018

- Every Sunday: Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School, 10:20 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 11: 00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School, 11: 20 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.
- Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

# Puzzled?



Your help is needed to put this puzzle together for one of Pastor Paul's Sermons. On Sunday during fellowship hour, gather around the puzzle and see if you can place as many pieces into the puzzle as you can! Thanks for your help!

## Donate from your smart phone or tablet

Hartland United Methodist Church offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easier for you to give anytime from your smart phone.

Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!



Don't have a scanner code application?

Go to either:

App Store-Search for AT&T code scanner in your device app store. You can find it on Blackberry App World, Android Market, and AT&T MediaNet

Mobile Web-Go to <http://scan.mobi> on your mobile device.

## Automate the Important Electronic Giving Available

Giving electronically is easy and allows you to set up recurring contributions

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! You can use the electronic "giving online" button on our website or use Bill Pay through your bank



Go to [www.hartlandumc.org](http://www.hartlandumc.org) and click on the "GIVE" button

# A 30 Day Summer Challenge

1. **Pick a Month: June, July, August for your challenge (or any 30 day period.)**
2. **Choose and listen to Christian Radio Stations only during this time.**  
**Options include:**
  - a) **Smile FM 89.7 (music)**
  - b) **WMUZ FM 103.5 The Light ( music, preaching, talk shows)**
  - c) **Any Christian CD**
  - d) **Pandora, Spotify, or Xfinity**
3. **Read Psalm 100 out loud every day!**

## **Psalm 100**

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Worship ord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.



**United Methodist Church**

**Detroit Tigers Baseball Night**

**Friday, July 27th at 7:30 p.m.**

**The tickets have been ordered  
but you are still welcome to come.  
Just purchase your own ticket in  
Kaline's Corner lower deck for  
\$28.00**



# Save the Date!

August 12, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 a.m.

Outdoor  
Worship  
Service



An  
Easy Invite  
Event

- ♦ *Join together as we worship, play games and eat together outdoors.*
- ♦ *Bring a friend to join you in this special summer setting.*
- ♦ *Begin now to ask God to point you to those people to invite.*
- ♦ *Let us know a name or their initials on the prayer sheet (on bulletin board) so we can be praying for them too!*



# MISSIONS UPDATE

Jesus tells us to **go into all the world and tell them the “Good News”**. A part of telling the “Good News” is to help those in our community with their physical needs and to be in ministry with those helping the less fortunate. Here are some of the ways we have been in missions with our community...

## Hero Teen Center

Help them to celebrate Christmas (just received these pics). Several kids received shoes, and all enjoyed a gift card and a hot meal!



## Ministries within the church



The Personal Needs Pantry, Gas Card Ministry, Prayers & Squares and Gleaners Food Bank help to reach the needs of people and let them know that God cares for them. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for these important and often forgotten ministries of outreach and care!

Don't forget... Get involved in one of these ministries, or begin a new ministry to help those within our community!



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WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL**