## Heavenly Notes

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#### Sunday Worship

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

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**Pastor Chuck Williams** Mitchell, Ben, Sara, Angela & Matt



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#### **Hello From Pastor Chuck**

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My hometown is Dafter (Brimley/Sault Saint Marie area) MI but moved to the west side of Lansing at the age of 4 - just inside the Grand Ledge School District. I am the youngest of three children. My father retired from owning an auto frame and chassis front end alignment business. My mother retired from being an administrative assistant/ bookkeeper.

I attended Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, IL, where I married and graduated (with a Bachelor of Arts in English). A year later I responded to a call to ministry and attended Nazarene Theological Seminary where my first two children were born; (Mitchell (1986) and Angela (1988)). I served as a bi-vocational pastor for Nazarene Community Church in Iron River, MI for a couple years. Benjamin was born during that time (1990). A year later I transferred into the United Methodist Church, where I have served 6 charges and 9 churches since 1992. Sara was born in the first of these UM charges (1993) near Traverse City, and in 2013 I became separated and divorced. I come to you from Houghton Grace and Albert Paine Memorial UMCs in the Upper Peninsula's thumb.

Throughout my education and first church, I have worked as a janitor, parts runner, car pick up, stripping cars of damaged body parts, replacing suspension parts, basic landscaping, building and grounds maintenance, office worker, waiter, cook, and various types of construction.

Mitchell, though coping with Asperger's, graduated from Lansing Community College and now resides in Sault Ste. Marie. He assisted in the care of his grandmother for quite a few years, but now works at Wendy's. Angela graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a business major, is married to Matt Crane and lives in Rapid City (near Traverse City) and works in construction and retail.

Coming to Hartland with me is Ben, who copes well with high functioning autism, but is on disability. He enjoys watching video sports and playing non-violent games. Sara attended Finlandia University studying art. She enjoys pencil sketching and was joyfully working at Taco Bell in Houghton and hopes to continue doing so here. Both enjoy writing and illustrating stories from time to time and neither drive.

We enjoy league bowling as a family pastime. Ben and I also golf once or twice a summer (if others golf with us), but don't usually keep score. We are all looking forward to settling into our new adventure in Hartland.

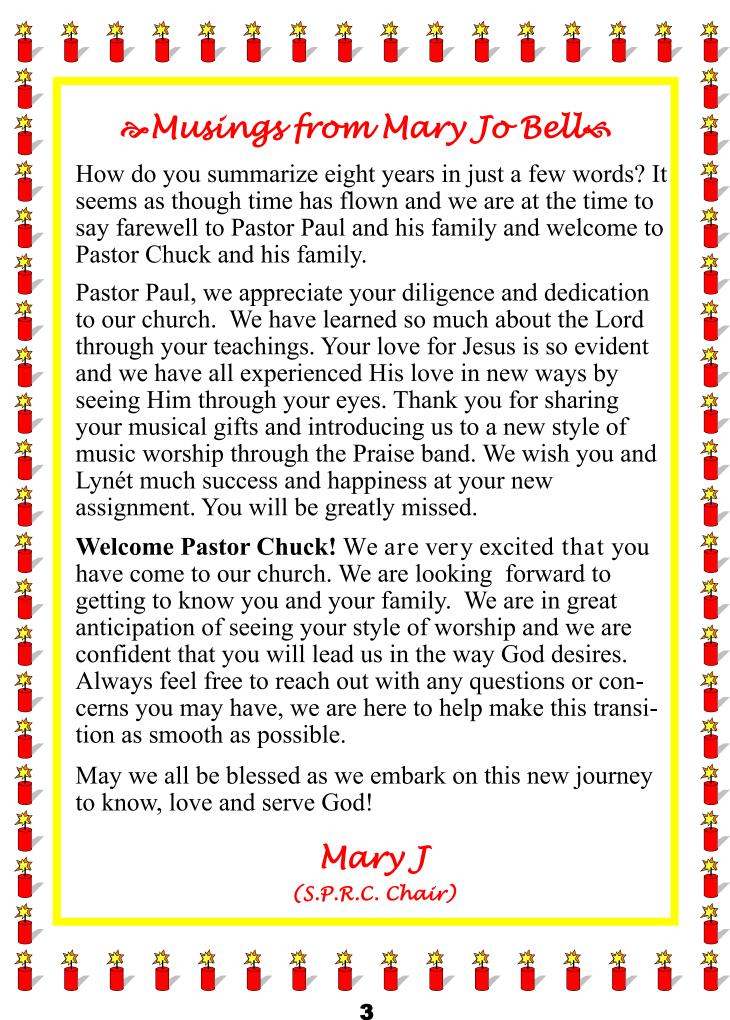
I am eager to work with you to serve the Hartland area. I desire for us to eagerly digest the "old story" of the faithful, and especially of Jesus; and creatively present it in a way so that people who have always heard, and people who may never have heard this story will find it to be fresh, relevant, practical; inspiring us to apply it to our daily living -- that we may rise above what cultural differences would divide us and that we will unite around our greatest strengths, gifts and joys; and through our faith, find a niche (a ministry unique to us) that will align our strengths to serve the needs of our church, our communities, and out into the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Chuck

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# & Musings from Mary Jo Bells

How do you summarize eight years in just a few words? It seems as though time has flown and we are at the time to say farewell to Pastor Paul and his family and welcome to Pastor Chuck and his family.

Pastor Paul, we appreciate your diligence and dedication to our church. We have learned so much about the Lord through your teachings. Your love for Jesus is so evident and we have all experienced His love in new ways by seeing Him through your eyes. Thank you for sharing your musical gifts and introducing us to a new style of music worship through the Praise band. We wish you and Lynét much success and happiness at your new assignment. You will be greatly missed.

Welcome Pastor Chuck! We are very excited that you have come to our church. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family. We are in great anticipation of seeing your style of worship and we are confident that you will lead us in the way God desires. Always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have, we are here to help make this transition as smooth as possible.

May we all be blessed as we embark on this new journey to know, love and serve God!

> Mary J (S.P.R.C. Chair)



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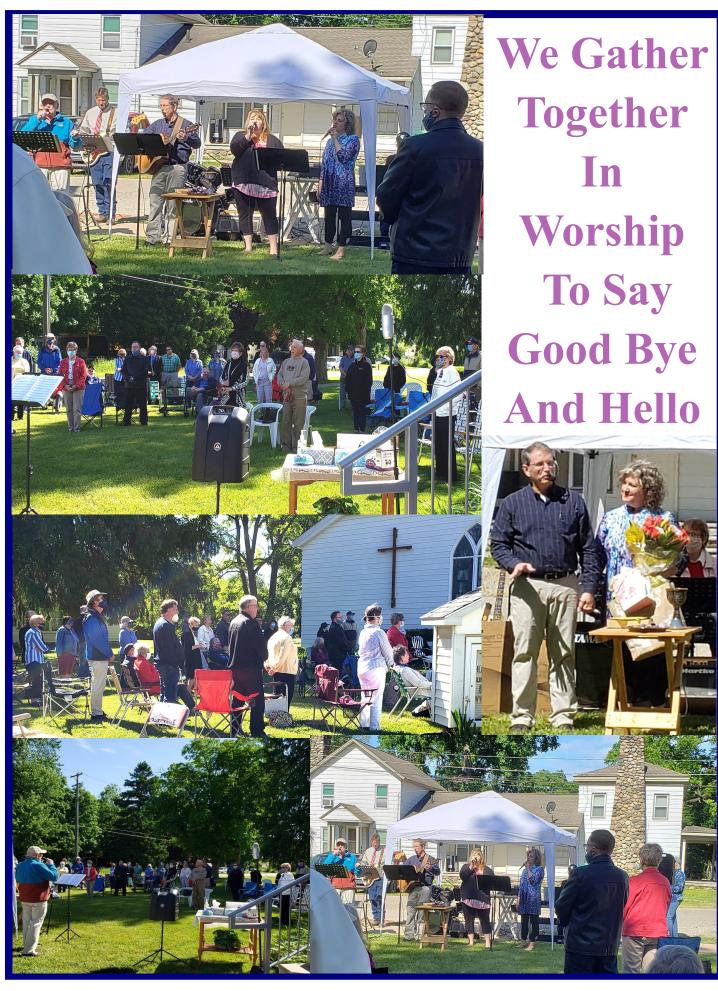
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