



Heavenly Notes

*“Helping Others Find, Experience,
and Share God’s Love Through Christ”*

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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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Vacation Bible
School
August 5,6, and 7
6pm-8pm

Bible heroes Daniel,
David, Elijah, Esther,
Noah, Moses, and Jesus
will help share God's love!

Let's help kids have tons of fun AND learn all about some of the Bible's mightiest champions.

Please consider how you can help out during these three evening sessions. Through leading, teaching or helping in various ways, either directly with the kids or behind the scenes.

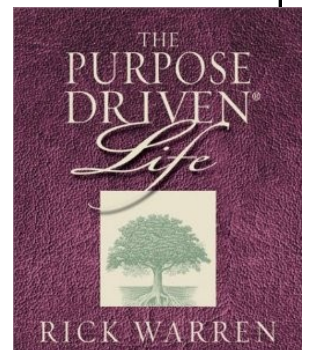
Church Wide Study

Coming in September, 2013:
The Purpose Driven Life

The most basic question in life everyone faces is What am I here for? What is my purpose? Pastor Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God’s purposes for putting us on earth.

Starting on Rally Sunday, September 8, Hartland UMC will begin a church-wide study of *The Purpose Driven Life*. Small groups will meet to discuss the readings and answer questions.

Be watching future newsletters and Sunday bulletins for more information! You won’t want to miss this opportunity!



~ Pastor's Message ~



I want you to know... **I am loved!**

About two years ago I was called to be in a jury pool for 3 months, and eventually served on a jury for a case where an inmate from a nearby prison was caught with two shanks in his shoe. I'm sure he wasn't feeling loved as he was convicted, and an additional 5 years was added to his sentence. Although the case lasted one day, it felt good to serve the county I was living in.

Just before we moved from Pickford to Hartland last year, I received another notification from the Chippewa County Court to be in a jury pool again. I must admit **I was feeling loved!** They must have thought I did a good job on the last case! But alas... we were moving south and I wrote to say I could not serve.

A few weeks ago I received another notice to serve in a jury pool for three months. Again **I was feeling loved** because someone desired my services. (*Okay, I know names are drawn at random but three summons in three years?*) I was beginning to wonder if I was becoming a magnet or something for jury duty.

I set the letter aside for a couple of days and came back to it and noticed... HEY, THIS IS FROM THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURT and not Livingston County Court! When we moved here to Hartland I had changed my address at the Secretary of State, so why was I getting this notice from Chippewa County Courts?

It seems at times we get into situations that just do not make sense. In this case, it wasn't anything I had done; after all it was the court up in Chippewa County that selected my name. For some reason the system failed up in Chippewa County, but it was up to me to respond to the summons to serve. So I called and let them know something was amiss and they assured me the problem would be corrected and I would not be serving this fall.

As I thought about this summons to serve, I thought about how God summons us to serve. Although we do not necessarily receive a letter in the mail from God, we do have letters (*in the form of books in the Bible*) encouraging us to serve God. Paul reminds the Christians in his day, and to us today, that we have all been given gifts in which to serve the body of Christ and the world around us. Add to this, Jesus himself said, "**For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**" (Mk 10:45) So according to scripture, we should all be serving in some way for the sake of Jesus Christ... not just because God tells us too (*although this is enough for me*), but because we become a blessing to others and are in turn blessed by God.

The general rule in the church is that about 20% of the active members do about 80% of the work. I looked at our church and discovered about 50% of our active attendees are involved in some form of ministry or are involved on an active committee in the church. **WOW!** That is really good!! I'm talking the ministry that gets done on Sunday mornings, to committees, to Cass Community luncheon, to Community Garden, to Trustee work day, to Flint Cleanup Day, to ??? (you name it)! For a small church, that is fantastic! **I am so proud of this church, and I want you to know you are LOVED!** If you are active, **thank you!**

Although God doesn't send a summons in the mail to serve like the county does, God does call us to serve in ministry, both to each other and to the world around us. Find a way to serve and love others. Find a project to serve on twice a year and be a blessing to others. Serve regularly in ministry on Sunday mornings, and I know God will bless you. It doesn't just happen, you need to make it a priority and plan to serve. Love others and be loved in return!

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events

Meetings for July, 2013

Monday, July 1: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 18: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday:
One Year Bible Discussion Groups
at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 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.

Saturday, July 20:
United Methodist Men's Love INC Furniture Pick Up and
Delivery

Saturday, July 27:
District Palooza at Chelsea Retirement Home
from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 28:
Baptism and Baptism Renewal at Bruce and Janice Wright's
time to be determined

Special Dates

July Birthdays

- 1 - Donna Dale
Alec Ruby
- 3 - James Walker
- 4 - Paul Gruenberg
Christopher Walker
- 6 - Brenna Gruenberg
- 13 - Bob Ruby
Barb Kenel
- 15 - Lindsay Kenel
Jeff Jerome
- 18 - Norma Faulds
Dan Taylor
- 21 - Dave Pollock
- 23 - Ron Warthman
- 28 - Gar Lemon
- 30 - Janice Wright
- 31 - Nancy Sneath
Ginny Tinker



July Anniversaries

- 7, 2007 - Matthew & Karen Wright
- 16, 1983 - Rob & Michele Cannaert
- 17, 1999 - Jeff & Darla Jackson
- 23, 1983 - Chris & Sheri 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

Greeters

- 7: Bob Ruby and Shyrl Cone
- 14: Bill and Jan Martin
- 21:
- 28: Jeff and Laura Walker

Ushers

- 7: Charles and Debbie Kirkpatrick
- 14: United Methodist Men
- 21: Don and Marty Hansen
- 28: Beckie Wren and Ruth Wyckoff

Liturgists

- 7: Fran Warthman
- 14: Sue Sanderson
- 21: Terri Preiss
- 28: Terri Preiss

Multi Media Specialist

- 7: Jeff Jackson
- 14: Christian Muzo
- 21: Gary LaRoy
- 28: Renee Zimmerman



Acolytes

- 7:
- 14: Nick Clark
- 21:
- 28: Nick Clark

Nursery Workers

- 7:
- 14: Pat Schleh
- 21: Lori Muzo
- 28:

Attention All Photographers!

The Church Office needs the help of all photographers. Please bring your cameras with you to all church activities—worship, Sunday School, meeting, potlucks and gatherings—and start taking photos of these events. Then, please email them to the Church Office.

With our screens and monitors, we can show everyone what has been happening and what they are missing!

Thank you for your help!



Thank you!

Thanks be to God and to you for the support of our mission to the Cass Community. We served between 200 and 225 meals on a warm Saturday in June to those who are less fortunate than we are. The Holy Spirit is definitely moving in this congregation as we continue God's ministry to those in need.

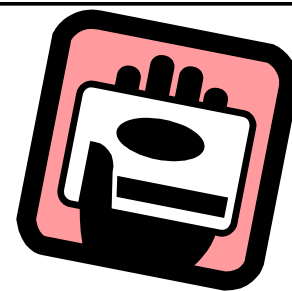
Blessings,
Sue LaRoy



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.

To date in 2013, you have paid \$500 toward the money you have pledged to this ministry and we have given out 38 SpeedWay cards so far in 2013. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry, we have given out 89 cards to those less fortunate. **THANK YOU** as you keep paying on those pledges as we continue to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.



Membership Classes

Have you been thinking about the next step in your faith journey - joining the Hartland United Methodist Church? If you are, Pastor Paul will lead a Membership Class on Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

New members will be received on Rally Sunday, September 8th.

If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Paul.

Genesis Adult Fellowship Progressive Picnic

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Genesis Adult Fellowship Progressive Picnic has been postponed.

We watching future newsletters and bulletins to see when it will be rescheduled.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Take Jesus with You on Vacation Challenge this Summer!

Send your pictures of you and Jesus on vacation to the Church Office (secretary@hartlandumc.org) or post on FaceBook so we can all see where he has taken us this summer.



Summer Special Music



While our Choir and The Master's Minstrels are off for the summer (beginning on Sunday, May 26th through Sunday, September 1st), you have the opportunity to provide the Special Music

for our Sunday Worship Hour. You can get a group together and sing or play a musical instrument(s) - or both.

Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to provide the Special Music on the bulletin board.

Please contact Cindy Sherwood if you have any questions.

Detroit Marathon

Sunday, October 20th



Your help is needed! Cass Community Services is looking for runners and/or walkers who might join their team for the Detroit Marathon on Sunday, October 20th. Participants can do the entire marathon (26.2 miles), half marathon (13.1 miles), 5K, or join a relay team.

You must sign up for the race (it's easy to do online at www.freeparathon.com) and pay the race entry fee (these vary by distance).

Then, runners/walkers should contact Sue at 313-883-2277 or email at spethoud@casscommunity.org to request a sponsor form. Basically, the form resembles a C.R.O.P. Walk envelope and participants enlist others to support them.

On the night before the race, October 19, Cass will collect the envelopes and pledges at a Spaghetti Dinner at Cass Community UMC for the participants and their guest. At that time, they will also distribute free running gear.

They have the ability to arrange for lodging either in one of the Cass facilities or in private homes.



Thank you for your help! This is their second year and they are hoping to double the number of participants.

All Church Family Camping

A big thank you to Wagon Master Ron Warthman for planning a great weekend of camping at Groveland Oaks in Holly. We had eleven families enjoy a time of fellowship and fun! The Saturday evening potluck was enjoyed by 42 folks from Hartland UMC. Pastor Paul led us in a short service with lots of singing.

Mark your calendars now! Reservations have been made for next year—June 20-22, 2014. Plan now to join in the fun!



Scrip News

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

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.

Hartland UMC has been associated with the Scrip program since 2006. Since that time, **over \$13,315 has gone into the General Fund**; just in **2013, over \$458** has gone into the General Fund. And this is with an average of just **over 6 families** participating each week!

Thank you to all of you who shop our Scrip Table! Your support is appreciated!





Jesus cooking hot dogs on Memorial Day



Earl Campbell, Gina Palmer and Jesus at Cass Community



On Mackinaw Island with Jeff and Laura Walker

Taking
Jesus
with you
on your
Summer
Vacation.



With Rosalie LaRue when she was born



Jesus visits Chicago



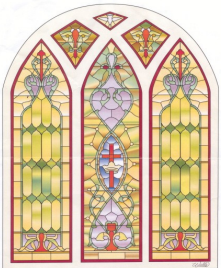
The Last Supper monument in Saginaw Cemetery



Jesus enjoying the full moon and popcorn while Camping



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Happy Fourth of July!

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

