



# 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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## Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, June 2nd, we will recognize and celebrate with our church family graduate. As you graduate treasure your memories, but look forward; cherish your friendships, but reach outward; learn each day with hope and climb upward. Our Hartland High School graduate this year is Sean Pengelly.



## Honoring Our Fathers

Sunday, June 16th, is Father’s Day—a day when we honor our Fathers, Uncles, Grandfathers or any special man in your life.

The Worship Committee has decided that at Coffee Hour that morning we will be serving home-made pie in honor of our Fathers.



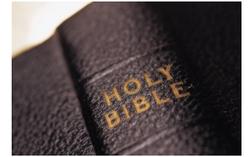
The Worship Committee is asking for your help - If you are able, can you bake one or two pies and bring them with you to church on June 16th. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you can help.

## Take Jesus with You on Vacation Challenge this Summer!

Please see the Pastor’s Message  
to learn how Jesus can join  
you and your family on vacation!



# ↻ Pastor's Message ↻



I think it's one of the greatest challenges and/or fears for most people who associate themselves with Jesus Christ. It is to share the Good News of Jesus, their Savior, with others. I know for myself that I am still growing in this area...and I'm a PASTOR! (*Trust me, most of my time in seminary had nothing to do with learning how to effectively share the Gospel with others.*) So, I think to myself, what about YOU!

There are three general ways people share Jesus. One is by action. Two is by words. Three is by a combination of action and words. Let me specify.

**ACTION.** Many people take to heart the words attributed to Francis of Assisi (*a monk in the 12th -13th centuries*), "Preach the gospel, and if necessary, use words." The emphasis is action. This action can be borne out in how we live our lives...do we go to church, do we read the Bible, do we treat others with love and respect, do we help others in need, etc. So, action is the key word...and really our preaching of the gospel is based on what others see in our lives. My concern for this alone is that there are many who live upright lives who are either distant from God/church or do not know Jesus as their Savior. So we must put our beliefs into words. (Matthew 10:26, 27 and 28:18-20)

**WORDS.** Many people share the gospel by words. Years ago there was a technique people would use where they would knock on someone's door and ask this kind of question, "If you were to die tonight, would you end up in heaven or hell?" The startled respondent would be faced with this question out of the blue. If their response was "heaven", then the presenter could rejoice with them and move onto the next door. If their response was "hell" or they were not sure, then they had an opportunity to share the gospel such that they could then make a decision for Jesus, assuring them of being in heaven when they die. My concern for just words is a person hearing words and accepting Jesus doesn't mean they will live for Jesus. To live for Jesus requires action too. (John 4:21)

**ACTION and WORDS.** To really share the gospel requires both action and words. Too many non-churched or nominally churched people say that the church is full of HYPOCRITES. A very simple definition of a hypocrite can be found in this saying, "Do as I say and not as I do." Go to church and hear words, and even say those words in my life, but not live out those words creates an image of a hypocrite.

So, the Worship Committee came up with this idea for our congregational summer project.

**We want you to take Jesus with you on vacation this summer.** Now at first I thought this could be construed as wacky or done in poor taste, but the more I thought of it, and how it could help us all to be more visible as Christians (actions and words), I thought it was a great idea.

So, here is the concept. Take one of the plastic Jesus statues with you when you go on vacation. If you are camping, put Jesus on the picnic table or in another dry place where people can see him. If you are out and about, have someone take a picture of Jesus with you at a particular location or landmark.

When people ask what you are doing or what the significance of the little Jesus statue is, you can say something like this, "**Our pastor asked us to take Jesus with us on vacation this summer and to take some pictures with or of Jesus at points of interest.**" In doing this, you have used both action and words in a fun and innocent way to identify yourself as a follower of Christ. What will be interesting is the follow-up conversation you might have with others. When you encounter a conversation, note what is said (and use as a 'God Moment' in service). If you can, see if you can get a group shot with others and Jesus. Then the most important step, send your pictures and any conversations to the church, we'll post them on our Facebook page. In fact, post your pictures and comments on **your Facebook page**, and see how the conversation continues.

Now some may frown at you for having a plastic Jesus like this, but let me ask, without this plastic Jesus, how might you inoffensively let others know "who" you are and "whose" you are? Have a great summer!

*Pastor Paul*

# Calendar of Events

## **Meetings for June, 2013**

Monday, June 3: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 20: 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. (except June 12)  
    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, June 1:  
    Konsza/Ransom Wedding at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 2:  
    Graduate Sunday

Wednesday, June 5 and 12:  
    Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 15  
    United Methodist Men Love INC Furniture Delivery and Pick Up

Wednesday, June 19:  
    Praise Band at 2:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday, June 21 - 23:  
    All Church Family Camping Weekend at Groveland Oaks, Holly

Saturday, June 22:  
    Hartland UMC serves lunch at Cass Community, leave Hartland  
        at 9:30 a.m.

    Private Party in Armstrong Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 30:  
    Hartland UMC Youth Group sponsored Pasta for Juan Lunch at  
        11:30 a.m.

# Special Dates

## June Birthdays

2 - Jeff Walker  
18 - Sheri Rice  
19 - Morgan Pollock  
23 - Cindy Sherwood  
30 - Ruth Wyckoff



**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.!

## June Anniversaries

10,1961 - Gar & Vivian Lemon  
20 - Mike & Barbara Kenel  
26, 1948 - Charles & Ann Altman



## June Servants

### Greeters

2: Chris and Sherrie Rice  
9: Paul and Patti Sobonya  
16: The United Methodist Men  
23: Jeff and Linda Gordinier  
30: Harold and Emma Winegarner

### Ushers

2: Ron and Fran Warthman  
9: Don and Marty Hansen  
16: The United Methodist Men  
23: Don and Marty Hansen  
30: Jim and Mary Jo Malott

### Liturgists

2: Terri Preiss  
9: Charles Kirkpatrick  
16: Terri Clark  
23: Jo Campbell  
30: Fran Warthman

### Multi Media Specialist

2: Jeff Jackson  
9: Christian Muzo  
16: Gary LaRoy  
23: Renee Zimmerman  
30: Gary LaRoy

### Acolytes

2:  
9:  
16:  
23:  
30:

### Nursery Workers

2:  
9: Pat Schleh  
16: Lori Muzo  
23:  
30: Dani Toth



## All Church Family Camping



### CAMPERS AND CABIN FOLKS

**Friday, June 21:** Check in at Groveland Oaks Campground is 3:00 p.m. When you register at the gate, tell them you are with the Hartland United Methodist Group on Group Site 7. You will not have to pay anything at the gate; Ron will handle all finances. The charge is \$29.00 per night (\$58 total). He will need the balance of your money by Saturday night, June 22nd. You are on your own for dinner and there will be an evening campfire.

**Saturday, June 22:** Breakfast and lunch on your own. Please enjoy the many park activities—it's Wacky Water Weekend, take a walk, play games (bring some with you), etc. Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a campfire worship service.

**Sunday, June 23:** On your own for breakfast and lunch. Have fun, sit around and chat, play games, nap...Check out time is 3:00 p.m.

### ALL YOU NON-CAMPING FOLKS

All church members and friends are invited to come on over to Groveland Oaks on Saturday, June 22, and spend the day. The campers would like you to join in the fun activities that the park has to offer. Join the campers for the 6:30 p.m. potluck, church service and campfire. Bring lawn chairs. Day use charge is \$10.00 per car; seniors \$4.00 per car. You may park in the visitors parking area.

If you have questions, please talk to Wagon master Ron Warthman (517-546-4004).

## Save the Date

Our next missions opportunity is Saturday, June 22nd! This is when our Church continues our commitment to the people of the CASS Community in Detroit to serve lunch to the homeless and less fortunate—God's children. We have been very faithful in providing food, money and volunteers to make this ministry happen. Please consider and pray about joining us as we have a skeleton crew and would appreciate just a couple more servants. Also, the food sign-up are posted on the bulletin board. Please stop by bulletin board and sign up to help out. Thanks for your support.



Together in Service, Sue LaRoy

## Pasta for Juan

Help the Hartland United Methodist Church Youth support Juan for the next year. Juan is a boy from Guatemala that we have been supporting for the past five years. The money that we send through Compassion International provides food, clothing, books and Christian Education for Juan, his parents, grandparents, and three siblings. We also send birthday and Christmas presents.



**Date:** June 30<sup>th</sup> lunch served at 11:15 or join us for worship service at 10:00

**Menu** includes: Pasta with three sauces, bread sticks, salad, and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

**Price:** Adults \$10, Children under 10 years \$5 or sponsor Juan for a month for \$36

We look forward to serving you.

CROSSROADS  
United Methodist Churches  
On A

**Mission**  
“Taking it to The Streets”  
Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Flint, Michigan



The people of the Crossroads District of the United Methodist Church are taking the love of Jesus to the streets, letting our light shine so the world will see good works and give glory to God. Join us as we join in ministry with the people of various Flint neighborhoods to clean up, to plant hope, to share food and faith through acts of service and worship.

\$5 for registration  
See Becky Toth for Details



## United Methodist Men

The Men's Group breakfast meetings will resume in September. Be watching for the day and time!

We are planning a Lake Erie fishing trip for the end of June. Please see the bulletin board for more information or contact Charles Kirkpatrick.

## 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 32 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.



## 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.



## Progressive Picnic



The Genesis Adult Fellowship Group invites all adults to join us on Saturday, July 20th, for the first Annual Progressive Picnic. The fun will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The Progressive Picnic will work like our December Progressive Dinner works - we will have the various courses at different homes. Hors d'oeuvres are at one home, the salad course at another, the main course will be at a third home and dessert follows at a fourth home. At this time we are looking for 2 more homes to host . If you would like to host a portion of this dinner, please contact Darcie Westbrook.

This will be a potluck meal. A sign up sheet will soon be posted so that folks can sign up for the part of the meal that they would like to provide.

The Genesis Adult Fellowship Group is for the adults and friends of the Hartland UMC and provides an opportunity to fellowship with the people we sit next to on Sunday mornings.



If you have any questions, please see Darcie or Fran Warthman.

## 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 \$13,247 has gone into the General Fund**; just in **2013, over \$390** 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!

## **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!



Children meeting Goliath during the Children's Message at church.

## **SHARE YOUR HOME, CHANGE A LIFE, HOST A YFU EXCHANGE STUDENT!**

Youth for Understanding (YFU) needs host families for some high school exchange students for the 2013-14 school year, including some active church going students, plus other students who are willing to attend religious services with their host families as often as they do.

**Swantje, a young lady with many talents and hobbies. She loves to compose and write songs, play the guitar, enjoys cheerleading and also finds time to spend with her family which is very important to her. She belongs to her church youth group and wouldn't it be great if I could join your youth group.**

**Looking for an altar boy? Or a tuba player? Just call on David! A.k.a. Joon-Youb, from Korea. He wants to be a lawyer someday to combat injustice in the world. He plays the tuba and guitar almost every day, and music is his favorite class in school. David's family attends church weekly and has been an altar boy at his for 5 years. He also enjoys B.M.X. biking, swimming, and playing badminton. He is hoping to participate in public service groups and take part in school activities during his year abroad.**

**Laura from Finland - Her father is a Pastor and she loves children and enjoys teaching Sunday School. She likes dance, exercising and jogging and has been playing the violin for 9 years. She likes cooking and trying recipes from all over the world but her favorite is Japanese food. Laura would like to follow in her mother's footsteps by going to medical school with hopes of being a surgeon one day.**

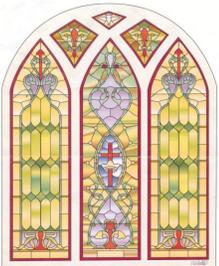
This is just a sampling of available students, and you can request more details about any of them..

Many different kinds of families can host -- you don't need to have high school age kids -- just the ability to be a good parent for a high school student, and to open your heart to another child. Most students stay from August through June, though a few come for shorter times. They bring their own spending money and health insurance and can share a room with a same-sex host sibling.

For more information contact Debbie at 248-468-9108 or 1-800-872-0200 x4244 or [dbleedsoe@yfu.org](mailto:dbleedsoe@yfu.org). You can also visit [www.yfu-usa.org](http://www.yfu-usa.org) for more information about this non-profit organization which has exchanged more than 250,000 students in the past 60 years.



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**Upcoming Events at H.U.M.C.!!**

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