



Heavenly Notes

"Having Conversations about God"

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Sunday Worship:

Adult Sunday School:
8:45 a.m.

Service:
10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School:
10:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour:
11:15 a.m.

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Join us each Sunday in June as we learn what Jesus taught His disciples to use as a model for prayer.

Come ready to learn.

Come ready to grow.

Come ready to pray.

**WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH**

Pies, Ties and Mementos of Our Guys

As we did for Mother's Day, the Worship Committee would like to put together a display of ties or any memento you have of your father, grandfather, uncle or any special man in your life. Please bring your item in by Sunday, June 15th, and it will be displayed during the Fellowship Time.

Also, please sign up, on the bulletin board in the hallway, to bring in a home-made pie to serve during our Fellowship Time on June 15th.



Guess what won a Blue Ribbon (page 9)

~ Pastor's Message ~



I received an email the other day from a 17 year old that started,

***Hello,
I am writing to try to find God.***

I have to admit, this isn't an email I see every day, yet it reminded me of some really important lessons I needed to hear/see again. The young man went on in his email to say he had been experiencing a tough time both emotionally and spiritually. He stated he was a...
“non-practicing Christian and his faith didn't seem like something to turn to.”

As Christians, we need to remember this **first lesson**... everyone runs into difficult moments in life, and no one is exempt from tough days. It doesn't matter if you are a Christian or not! I have them, and I know you have them too. Everyone, the young and the old, people you see at the store, everyone of your neighbors or work associates experience difficult moments in life.

The immediate reason why this young man's faith did not seem helpful was found in his phrase, “non-practicing Christian.” As I continued into his letter he wrote ***“my parents believed in God but were not spiritually minded.”*** This said to me that he wasn't receiving any spiritual guidance and therefore he did not know what faith in God really meant. **Lesson two** is this, simply believing in God does not mean you have an active faith. Faith must be practiced (prayer, worship, ministry, missions, witnessing, giving, Bible study) if it is going to become a powerful connector to the one who can help us in and through life.

Now right after he wrote about how his faith seemed inadequate, he wrote...

However, about a week ago, I suddenly felt as though Faith and God was something that I need to turn to in order to get through this difficult time that I have been going through. So I have made the decision to contact you with a few relatively simple questions to try to help me find out where I belong spiritually.

Lesson three...I was reminded again how the Holy Spirit is in the business of drawing all people to God, especially during difficult times. This young man was somehow touched by God so that he ***“suddenly felt as though Faith and God was something that I need to turn to in order to get through.”*** We need to remember the Holy Spirit does the heavy lifting when it comes to drawing people to God.

Lesson four... there are always people who are looking for God, and God needs Christians who are further down the “spiritual road” to help guide them. And God wants us to help them into a relationship or grow deeper in their relationship with God. So, the question is... are you willing and/or able to help others to find God or grow deeper in their understanding of God? If the answer is “no”, then what are you willing to do to change it?

To help, this summer we will begin by reconnecting with God through the 31 Day Prayer Challenge in June. Then, in July/August, we will look at some avenues to strengthen our ability to help others in their relationship with God. You never know when God might call you to help someone find God, or to help strengthen another's walk with God. Like the Girl and Boy Scouts motto says, “Always Be Prepared!”

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events

Meetings for June, 2014

Monday, June 2: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 19: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events in June

Every Sunday:

Youth Group at 12:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m. (June 4 and 11)

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.

Sunday, June 1:

Double Blessings All Church Potluck at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 2:

Disciple Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

(Disciple will resume on Monday, September 8)

Sunday, June 8:

Pentecost Sunday

Tuesday, June 10 and 24:

Prayers and Squares Quilting at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 12:

Worship Committee Workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13:

Set Up for Private Party in Armstrong Hall

Saturday, June 14:

Private Party in Armstrong Hall at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 15:

Father's Day

Friday, June 20—Sunday, June 22:

All Church Family Camping at Groveland Oaks

Saturday, June 21:

8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men's Love INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery



Special Dates

June Birthdays

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



June Anniversaries

10,1961 - Gar & Vivian Lemon
20 - Mike & Barbara Kenel



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 Servants

Greeters

June 1: Frank Paletta and Donna Webber
June 8: Chris and Sherrie Rice
June 15: Jeff and Linda Gordinier
June 22: The United Methodist Men
June 29: Paul and Patti Sobonya

Ushers

June 1: Michael and Terri Clark
June 8: Earl and Jo Campbell
June 15: Ron and Fran Warthman
June 22: The United Methodist Men
June 29: Beckie Wren and Ruth Wyckoff

Liturgists

June 1: Shelia Daniel
June 8: Terri Preiss
June 15: Terri Clark
June 22: Terri Preiss
June 29: Darla Jackson

Multi Media Specialist

June 1: Jeff Jackson
June 8: Christian Muzo
June 15:
June 22: Renee Zimmerman
June 29: Gary LaRoy

Acolytes

June 1:
June 8:
June 15:
June 22:
June 29:

Nursery Workers

June 1: Cheri Kowal
June 8: Pat Schleh
June 15:
June 22:
June 29:



ReThink Church Taking It to the Streets, 2014 Crossroads on Mission in Flint



Saturday, June 7, 2014, we can join the Crossroads District for a day of service to make a difference to Flint communities. Projects on this day include food box giveaways, planting community gardens, neighborhood clean-up, nursing home visits and much more.

There will be:

- Free lunch for volunteers
- Free celebration meal and concert beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Free event t-shirts while they last

Please either volunteer by seeing Becky Toth or going to the website at:
www.TakingItToTheStreets.org



This was an amazing day last year and I encourage you to be a part of something even bigger this year!

All Church Family Camping Weekend

CAMPERS AND CABIN FOLKS



Friday, June 20: 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 1. You will not have to pay anything at the gate; Ron will handle all finances. The charge is \$29.00 per night (\$58 total); Seniors 62 and older the charge is \$27.00 per night (\$54.00 total). He will need the balance of your money by Saturday night, June 21st. You are on your own for dinner and there will be an evening campfire.

Saturday, June 21: 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 22: On our 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 21, 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.

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

Summer Special Music

While our Choir and The Master's Minstrels are off for the summer (beginning Sunday, May 25th through Sunday, September 7th), 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.



Save the Date - July 26th

Our next mission opportunity at the Cass Community in Detroit is Saturday, July 26th. We will be working in the kitchen from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please continue to pray for the people we serve there. Come and join us! See Sue LaRoy or Jo Campbell with any questions.

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.

27 cards have been given out so far in 2014. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry in 2012, we have given out 179 cards to those less fortunate.

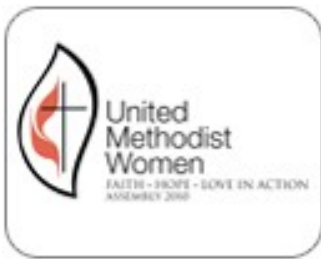
THANK YOU as you keep paying on those pledges as we continue to make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors.



Wifi is now available in our Sanctuary

Wifi is now available in the sanctuary for electronic Bibles and electronic giving.

To connect please go to: HUMC_Guest;
password is: hartlandumc



Hartland United Methodist Women

The Women's Group will be taking the summer off. We will start back with meeting in September.

The group would like to do a weekend retreat this fall. Options for different weekends are on the bulletin board. Please take a moment to look at the options and place a check on retreats that sound interesting to you. This will help us with planning. Placing a check does not in any way obligate you to attend; it just lets me know of your interest.

Have a great summer!
Becky Toth

Worship Team Workshop

The Worship Team will be hosting a Workshop on Thursday, June 12th, starting at 9:30 a.m., with Dr. Marcia McFee. This workshop will help us learn how to design more meaningful worship services. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Lunch will be provided.



What do you think about paying \$50-\$100 for a card to a store you frequent and \$3-\$16 of that going to the church?



Sounds too good to be true? Read on!

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.

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

Hartland UMC has been associated with the Scrip program since 2006. Since that time, **over \$14,400 has gone into the General Fund**. So far, in **2014, over \$447 has gone into the General Fund**. This is with an average of just **under 6 families** participating each week! Thank you to all of you who shop our Scrip Table! Your support is appreciated!

Stop by the Scrip table on Sunday and check out what we can do for you and you can do for our church!

Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry, Chapter 1128

Prayers & Squares would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions. Because of your support, we have been able to gift *34 people* with prayer quilts. Also, thank you to those who have tied prayer knots for each of these people receiving a prayer quilt. Your prayers and contributions have greatly impacted the Kingdom of God.

If you would like to help put quilts together, please join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. (During the summer we will meet on June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22 and August 5 and 19.)

If you have any questions regarding this ministry or if you know someone going through a physical, emotional or spiritual rough patch and you think they would like a prayer quilt, please call Shelia Daniel at 810-227-6922.



Tyler and his quilt

Automate the important!

As the summer approaches, Hartland United Methodist Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. AS the vacation season is upon us, 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. 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.
- 2. Online Giving** lets you go to hartlandumc.org (click on "Online Giving" at the bottom of the page) at anytime to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.



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



Youth Group News



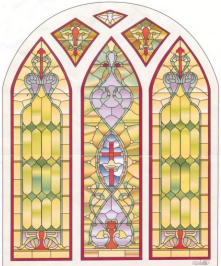
A big congratulations goes out to the Youth Group Memorial Day float which won the blue ribbon for "Best Float." A big thank you also goes out to Bill Sneath, Brandy Archer and the Men's Group for their leadership and help!



Our Memorial Day, 2014 Float



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Celebrate Pentecost!

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

