

# Heavenly Notes

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## Sunday Worship

**Service:**  
10:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School:**  
10:30 a.m.

**Coffee Hour:**  
11:15 a.m.

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# HARTLAND

Sharing the journey to know, to love, and serve God.

## ✝ FORTY DAYS PRAYER ✝

**Ash Wednesday**  
**March 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**All Saints Lutheran Church**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Hartland UMC**

**Good Friday**  
**April 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**All Saints Lutheran Church**



MERCY REPENTANCE

PENANCE FASTING

## ✝ CHARITY REFLECTION ✝

## ~ Musings from the Pastor ~

Wouldn't you agree there are moments in life which cause us to set our course of direction or change the course of our direction in life? A child goes to the zoo and from then on out their life is all about animals to the point where they study to become a zoologist. Another child is introduced to the world of "Charlotte's Web" and ends up becoming an arachnologist (*the study of spiders!*)

Growing up, my parents taught us that education ends when you have completed college so as you can imagine, their five children would all get college degrees. I had good friends in high school whose father's worked at car plants in Saginaw. As you can imagine, they went on after High School to work in the car industry. Parents, education, love, job opportunities, children, divorce, accidents, death, and other incidents in our lives influence us in how we set our course in life.

Like some, I had been brought up going to church. Like most kids, I had no other options. As a nine year old in Sunday school Mr. Martinson taught on the Lord's Prayer or The Apostle's Creed. This is a moment when God became more real to me. It would be about 15 years later as I was thinking about having another beer (for a good buzz) that I decided to stop drinking as I didn't want to become an alcoholic like my dad and make a bad course decision in my life.

When you look back on your life, what are those moments for you? What are those moments which have shaped your direction in life or your understanding of God? Take time to write some of these moments down as it can be very enlightening to really note why you are where you are at in life, both vocationally and spiritually.

This season of Lent maybe one of those moments for you. It is a time of turning away from the world for self-reflection in regard to one's life with God. This Lent, the sermon series "Behind the Curtain" will peel back the curtain between the physical and spiritual realms. We'll get a glimpse of the battle raging for the very souls of all people. It can be a very scary moment for some, but a very revealing moment for all.

Make a commitment to invest yourself in Lent or invite a friend to join you this Lent. Invest in the special services (Ash Wednesday this week), and by joining a small group study on The Screwtape Letters, or by regularly attending worship on Sundays. Let this be a moment for you and God.

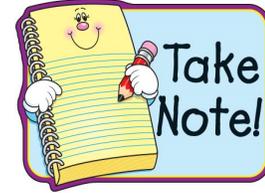
May God bless you on the journey,  
Pastor Paul



# Calendar of Events

## Meetings for March, 2017

- Wed. March 1: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran
- Mon March 6: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Visitation Ministry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. March 8: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30
- Thur. March 9: Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. March 11: Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:30 a.m.  
Lay Servant Class at Commerce UMC, 8:30 a.m.
- Sat. March 18: UMM / Love Inc. Furniture Delivery, 8:00 a.m.  
United Methodist Men Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- Sun. March 19: UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8:00 a.m.  
UMW Breakfast at Big Boys, 8:00 a.m.
- Thur. March 23: 180 Turnaround Conference, 8:30 a.m.



## Weekly Events in March, 2017

### Every Sunday:

- Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.  
The Screwtape Letters Study, 11:30 a.m.

### Every Monday:

- Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

### Every Tuesday:

- Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.  
The Screwtape Letters Study, 7:00 p.m.

### Every Wednesday:

- Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.

### Every Thursday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.  
The Screwtape Letters Study, 7:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. March 2, 9, 16, 30

### Every Friday

- The Screwtape Letters Study 10:00 a.m.



Don't Forget  
To Remember



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- 1 - Elsie LaRue
- 3 - Michael Warthman
- 5 - Jeff Jackson
- 7 - Crystal Anderson
- 16 - Sara Kenel
- 17 - Beckie Wren
- 21 - Lynét Gruenberg  
Frances Warthman
- 28 Bill Wyckoff

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### *March Anniversaries*

- 7, 1970 - Bruce & Janice Wright
- 17, - Bob Ruby & Shyrl Cone



## *March Servants*

### Greeters

- March 5: F. Paletta & D. Webber
- March 12: P. Harton & P. Schleh
- March 19: Hartland Methodist Men
- March 26: Volunteers Needed

### Ushers

- March 5: Jim & Mary Jo Malott
- March 12: Volunteers Needed
- March 19: Hartland Methodist Men
- March 26: Don & Marty Hansen

### Liturgist

- March 5: Pat Harton
- March 12: Charles Kirkpatrick
- March 19 Jo Campbell
- March 26: Mary Monroe

### Multi Media Specialist

- March 5: Charles Kirkpatrick
- March 12: Jeff Jackson
- March 19: Mary Jo Bell
- March 26: Jo Campbell

# News from the Frontier!



## Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

So God, what have you done for me lately? How often have we said this? Oh, I'm sure we didn't speak these exact words, but our prayers just often ask God for help with this problem or that situation. When is the last time you just sat and talked with God or better yet listened to what He has to say to you? How many of us have a relationship with God?

It is fine to tell Him your problems and also your joys but God doesn't just want us asking for (and expecting) help. He has so much more for you. When you truly have a relationship with God it is so much better. It's like seeing your best friend from high school or college and talking to each other, catching up on what has been happening in your life and talking about your future plans.

God will laugh with you during the good times and cry with you during the bad times. All you need to do is ask for Him to come into your life and be part of it on a daily basis. But, how many of us really want God in this way? What we want is what God can provide for us but we don't truly want God. God wants to forgive your sins, just ask. He wants a relationship with you, just ask. He says, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. God wants to be in your future, just ask.

The answer to your prayers is a product of God, but not God. God is the destination.

While we can all struggle with relationships, it is so rewarding when a deeper connection is developed. Think how much greater your relationship with God can be as you invest time with God? We want each of you to walk humbly with God throughout these next weeks, months and years, and for all of your days to come..

Yours in Christ,

Jeff and Laura Walker



MAY YOUR TROUBLES  
☘ BE LESS ☘  
- and your  
**Blessings**  
..... be MORE .....  
AND NOTHING BUT  
**HAPPINESS**  
come through your  
☘ >>> door

# 200th Prayer Quilt Celebration

Prayer Quilt Ministry,

I'm grateful and extremely lucky to have people who owe me nothing to spend their time, thoughts, and effort in prayer and in the making of this quilt. The two best moments from this experience have been when my pastor showed up at the hospital at 6:30am to say a prayer and be with me before surgery and then opening up this quilt to find that another congregation of people care so much as well! I'm truly lucky to have such good friends, family, and trust in the Lord!

Stephen



## Crafters for Christ

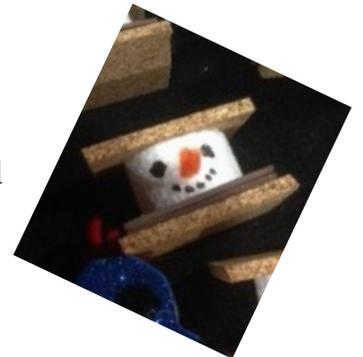
Do you need a creative outlet? Do you love to make crafts? To laugh? To get together with friends – both old and new? No matter what your interests are or your level of expertise, we need you as we make things to sell at our craft table to make money for missions such as the pantry and for special projects at the church. In addition to having our crafts available at the annual Cookie Walk, we hope to have a booth at Warm and Cozy so we need lots of goodies.



Come join the Crafters for Christ on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:30. You may bring your projects or work on some of the projects we have. Last month we worked on snowmen Christmas ornaments. We made snowmen s-mores and tea light snowmen. This month we will work on some more snowmen projects.

See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Pat Harton (810-588-6303)



We Love Vacation Bible School!!

Join Us  
this Summer

June 26 through June 30, 2017

Once again, we will be hosting a combined VBS with Howell Chapel, A Church of the Nazarene. Our lessons will be based on the Parables of Jesus. This year our VBS will be tweaked to include children with disabilities. More information will be available as the time approaches.

## New Membership Classes

What does it entail to be a member of Hartland United Methodist Church? Membership classes will be held on Saturday, March 4th and 11th at 3:00 p.m. Please see Pastor Paul if you are interested in becoming a member.

## One-Eighty Turnaround Conference

The One-Eighty Turnaround Church Conference is a teaching conference to help churches and their leaders with vital ministry growth. More information to come or talk with Pastor Paul.

**Thurs. March 23, 2017      8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



Bay Shore Camp  
Sebewaing, MI

April 7th , 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

Speaker: Pastor Tom Anderson

Come and join with other men as we spend time hanging out, barbecuing steaks and learning more about Faith, Hope, and Love in the Gospel of John!

The United Methodist Men will cover a portion of the retreat cost, so the cost of the Retreat is \$50.

To register go to

[www.bayshorecamp.org/mensretreat](http://www.bayshorecamp.org/mensretreat)



## A Small White Cross

The Willing Workers, a group of volunteers from Magnolia UMC has decided to take on the cross project that has become a movement. They make the small white crosses to share with other believers to place in their front yards to honor America's Judeo-Christian heritage and as a simple yet magnificent symbol of our faith in our

risen Savior. It is their prayer that each cross will be able to spread the Word without saying a word. It is time to stand up and make a statement, a small, quiet but powerful statement. If you agree, place a small white cross in your front yard or garden for all to see. And proclaim "In God we trust." During Lent, Hartland UMC will be giving you a cross to display in your yard all year.

# Hartland United Methodist Church

## Spaghetti Dinner



I'm really bad at measuring the correct amount of pasta, so if you and 79 of your friends want spaghetti tonight, come on over.

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

<b>Families</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Seniors</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>
<b>Kids (3-12)</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

All Proceeds go to Hartland United Methodist Church Emergency Fund.

# Thinking Ahead to Lent

By Pat Harton

Just as last November we looked forward to Advent and the coming of the Christ, so now we look forward to Lent with expectant hearts, desiring that we as individuals and as a community of faith will come to know Jesus more because of it.

The season of Lent is a call to repentance, and God's call to repentance is a call to life and restoration.

Lent lasts for 40 days, mirroring the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry. It can also be seen to mirror the 40 hours that Jesus spent in the tomb prior to his resurrection. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, this year March 1st, and the last day is Maundy Thursday, which is April 13th. The six Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days of Lent because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter", a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

As we enter into the Lenten season in a month, what will you do to help you focus in on Jesus Christ? What type of activity or food might you willing give up and what one spiritual discipline will you add to help you focus on all that God has done for you? As James, the brother of Jesus wrote:



*Submit yourselves, then, to God.  
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
Come near to God and he will come near to  
ou. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and  
he will lift you up. (James 4:7,8,10)*

## Behind the Curtain (Lenten Series)

In this series we will take a look at what happens behind the life we can see with our own two eyes. We'll look behind the curtain into the biblical understanding of Spiritual Warfare. (How the Devil wants to throw Christians off their relationship with God). We will look at areas like:

- ◆ What is spiritual warfare?
- ◆ How did the Devil come to be?
- ◆ What is the Devils purpose?
- ◆ What does God give us for protection?





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