

# Heavenly Notes

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

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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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## Hartland United Methodist Church



**March 21, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



## Join in the Fun!



**Families**  **\$25.00**

**Adults** **\$10.00**

**Seniors & Youth** **\$8.00**

**5 and younger eat** **Free**



**Live Entertainment Provided!!**  
**Come and listen to some Broadway Show Tunes and Christian Praise Band Favorites while enjoying your Spaghetti Dinner.**

**Proceeds to benefit Charity Programs**

## *~Musings from the Pastor~*

I love a good story... don't you? A story where the plot is captivating and has characters you can identify with. The best stories seem to have an underdog who overcomes amazing odds, especially stories that are true. I remember the movie about the New York Port Authority police who were trapped underneath the World Trade Center Towers on 9/11, how they encouraged one another, and how they weaved in flashbacks of their lives. Do you remember the end? They make it out of the rubble and show them at a party, giving a very brief update on where they are in life.

I must admit, my love for stories goes way back. My mom would read to us at night, especially when we were on vacation. Mom read us books like *Stuart Little*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Borrowers* and *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. I remember how she would often take us to the library. Sometimes in the summers we would go for the reading hour during the morning or afternoon. I must admit, I do love books and the written word.

Of course the best stories of all involve love and self-sacrifice. Where someone is loved so much that another will sacrificially give of themselves for the success or benefit of another. These are the stories that grip me and even challenge me to love more deeply and give of myself more freely.

When I think of the best story, I think of the story of God and how God created from nothing all living things. But the creation story is only found in the first few pages of the Bible. From those pages to the end of the Old Testament is how God raised up people so that they could know God. Not just know of God, but relationally know God. And in the pages of the Old Testament we see the many, many times the people of God would fall away from God and run into trouble, only to call on God for help and then God bringing restoration. This showed God's abounding and steadfast love to his people.

When it seems the old covenant (Law and sacrificial system) was no longer effective, God brought in a heavy hitter... Jesus. Jesus brought a fresh revelation of God so that all could come into a relationship with God for all eternity.

Lent is a time when we intentionally reflect on how we can better order our lives to allow more time for God. If we say we will give up time in front of the TV/ electronic devices or a type of food or something else, we then need to add time in for God. This could be done by reading/listening through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). You could add journaling, meditating on a word/phrase you just read/heard from the Bible. It is important that you do something with God and not just give up something for God.

If you invest time during Lent, then you will not only come to know God better, but you will fall in love with God and develop a deeper relationship with God too. Consider what your relationship with God will look like in seven weeks if you do. Consider what your relationship with God will look like in seven weeks if you don't.

*Blessings on the journey to know, love, and serve God.*

*Pastor Paul*





## March Birthdays

## March Anniversaries

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



- 3 Michael Warthman  
5 Jeff Jacks  
7 Crystal Anderson  
16 Sara Kenel  
17 Beckie Wren  
21 Lynét Gruenberg  
22 Frances Warthman  
28 Bill Wyckoff

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## Meetings in March 2020

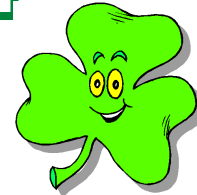
Mon. March 2: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. March 4: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.

Wed. March 11: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Thurs. March 12: Financial / Ad. Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
4-Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sat. March 21: Reach Network Meeting  
Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 p.m..



## Weekly Events in March 2020

Every Sunday: Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

Every Monday: Roots & Branches 8:30 a.m.  
Pre-School,  
Knit, Crochet, Pray, 12:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday: Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

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

Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.



# Friends of Habitat For Humanity



In the nearly five years we have been on the road we have helped build or repair dozens of houses in 17 states. We have put in hundreds of volunteer hours and driven thousands of miles.

We have stayed in truck stops, Walmart parking lots, church parking lots, Habitat Restore parking lots, fair grounds, RV parks and high end RV resorts.

We have met some amazing people along the way. Habitat partner family members (the people we are helping build a house for), Habitat affiliate personnel, Habitat RV Care-A-Vanners (like ourselves), church members and so many others from all walks of life.

But February 15, 2020 we had the opportunity to have dinner with a former President of the United States. It was pretty exclusive being just President and Mrs. Carter, another CAV couple we were working with, the lady who cooked dinner and us.




When you are doing God's work and following His plan you never know where He might lead you.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff and Laura Walker





## News from the Frontier

### March, 2020

PRAY (v) to address God with adoration, confession, supplication, or thanksgiving; to intercede  
Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning. Hearken to the sound of my cry, my King  
and my God, for to thee do I pray. Psalm 5:1-2

The apostle Paul tells us to pray continuously. 1 Thessalonians 5:17  
An excellent model of prayer is the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

Start your prayers with praise and worship. That puts you in the right frame of mind before you start asking for things. Thank God for what He has already given you before asking for more. Ask for what you need, ask for a changed heart, ask for protection and healing, God loves to give.

Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Panama City Beach, did a sermon series during the month of January. about prayer. They also joined by video with a mega church in Alabama to do 21 days of prayer. Sunday's were the regular worship, Monday through Friday we met at the church at 6 am, and Saturday was at 9 am.

It was amazing to get together with 60 to 80 people and join in with other churches and individuals literally around the world to be in prayer and worship for an hour every day for that many days in a row. Doing something like this will change you.

I have heard sermons that made me cry, testimonies that have made me cry and even other people's prayers that have made me cry, but until I did this 21 days, I don't remember ever saying a prayer that brought tears to my eyes. I confess, I used a tissue to wipe my eyes or blow my nose during my personal time of prayer nearly every day for the 21 days. This experience changed the way I pray.

Here is a link to the 21 days of prayer series from Church of the Highlands:  
<https://21days.churchofthehighlands.com/media>.

Days 1, 8 and 15 are the regular Sunday services and are at a different link but I highly recommend watching at least the first 15 or 20 minutes of Day 2, it gives some basics for the remaining days. Church of the Highlands does this twice a year. In January to start the year right and again in August to recharge and start the school year right.

I plan to join by video for the August time and would love to join in person with others from Hartland if possible. Besides, I feel a little silly singing praise songs alone and I can't stand with my arms raised high inside my motorhome.

We don't have what we need because we don't ask for it or we ask in the wrong way or at the wrong time. Don't ask for a new car, but if you need a car to get to work or appointments then pray for God to make a way for this to happen. It works, I have heard people's testimonies about this.

If you want to change your life, change someone else's life or change the world, you should start with prayer. Be consistent, pray every day. Be persistent, keep praying for the same thing until you get an answer. Be specific, no general prayer for health but specifically for healing for the problem.

And most of all, pray boldly. Ask for peace on earth, and ask that it begin with you.

Yours in Christ

Jeff and Laura Walker

# IT IS FINISHED

## AN ALL CHURCH STUDY

By Jason Nelson & David Dorn



Join a group during Lent, as we explore the final words of Jesus on the cross. Also look to understand and practice various spiritual practices along the way to make this Lent more meaningful in your life.

There will be several groups in which you can join for this series. Several groups are listed below. Study guides will be provided.

- ◆ Sunday after Service
- ◆ Monday Evening at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Friday Morning at 10:30 a.m.

**THIS IS AN EASY INVITE EVENT:** If you have spiritually minded friends, invite them to join you in this Lenten study, and the Lenten services (Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday)

## Lenten Community Service Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

1:00 p.m. at Hartland United Methodist Church

7:30 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church

### Good Friday

1:00 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church

7:30 p.m. at Hardy United Methodist Church

### Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday Service

### Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Easter Service





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I'm not Lucky.  
I'm just Blessed!



The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich...  
Proverbs 10:22