



# Heavenly Notes

*“Having Conversations about God”*

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## Hartland United Methodist Church

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## Sunday Worship:

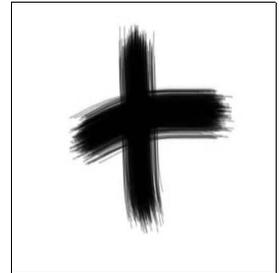
**Adult Sunday School:**  
8:45 a.m.  
**Service:**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Children’s Sunday School:**  
10:15 a.m.  
**Coffee Hour:**  
11:15 a.m.

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## *Lent Begins Wednesday, March 5*

Tired of your sins? Want a fresh start? Join us March 5th, at 7:00 p.m., for a powerful yet intimate Ash Wednesday service, where we realize our own mortality, confess our sins and are reconciled to God. Begin this Lenten season with a fresh start and join your church family for this meditative service (including Communion and the imposition of ashes).



## *Soul Shift*

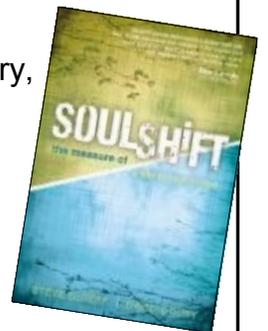
### *The measure of a life transformed*

On Sunday, February 23rd, we started to take a look at how we can make shifts to help transform our lives. No matter where you are in your spiritual life, you can make shifts to help you continue to transform your life. God continues to help us become a New Creation, but this cannot be done without our participation.

Four Small groups have been formed for deeper study and supporting fellowship as we seek to order our lives after the example of Jesus.

The Small Groups will meet:

- Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m., in the Church Library, led by Joe Campbell
- Tuesday evening, 7:00 p.m., at Pastor Paul and Lynet Gruenberg’s
- Wednesday morning, 9:30 a.m., in the Church Library, led by Pat Harton
- Thursday evening, 7:00 p.m., at Ron and Fran Warthman’s



Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the Church Office for where you will attend. Books are available on the table in the hallway. A donation of \$11 per book will help defray the cost.

# ↻ Pastor's Message ↻



Talk about miracles! We were living in Kentucky while I was in seminary. It was a warm spring afternoon as I headed toward my car for work. My boys had their roller skates on and were shooting pucks into the net with some friends...the net was located in the street. My sons rolled over to give me a hug before I left (*yes, they were still at that age when they would hug their old man in front of others.*)

Then the “nightmare before the miracle happened”. After my oldest son gave me a hug, he said, “Watch me, Dad!” as he scooped up a puck and darted toward the net to score! Out of the corner of my eye, the car came into view. I didn’t even have time to yell out a warning. There was a screech of brakes as I watched the car slam into my son’s back, throwing him onto the pavement.

What my other son remembers is first what I said, then the book and papers I had in my hand flying in the air as I ran over to my son lying on the street. Then, the first miracle happened...my son was scared, which meant he was awake! He was able to move and wanted to be held. I first checked his pupils and they were regular and responsive to light.

Besides some road rash, my next biggest fear was broken back. He climbed up in my arms, in no obvious pain, and I went over to the grass and gently laid him down. When EMS came, they put a neck brace on him and put him on a back board taping his head down.

I rode with my son in the ambulance to the University of Kentucky Medical Complex. I talked with my son and also peppered the EMS personnel for their perspective on his condition. It was a tense time of simply not knowing. The next miracle at the hospital was the chaplain...he was friend of mine and he not only kept us company, but prayed with us too. Finally the last miracle was other than a bad bruise and some road rash, there were no broken bones and no apparent brain trauma.

However important these miracles were for us during those days, there is one miracle that will forever shine above all others. It happened nearly 2000 years ago as Jesus, the Son of God, died for all of our disobedience to God and to others. To top that off, three days later, Jesus walked out of the tomb where he laid, alive for the entire world to see. This is the miracle of miracles that keeps on giving. And we get to celebrate this each year!

We now enter the season of the church year where we prepare ourselves to celebrate the miracle of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. During this church season (*called Lent*) God asks us to look at ourselves in the “spiritual mirror” through various avenues and renew our call to be God’s people in the world. To help your soul, I’m asking you to **commit to three tasks**:

- 1. Arrange your schedule** now to participate in the special services of Lent. Beginning with Ash Wednesday (3/5), Maundy Thursday (4/17) and Good Friday (4/18).
- 2. Join the all church study and sermon series “SoulShift”.** Be intentional to read the book (*one chapter each week*) and **come each Sunday during Lent** to worship God and to hear God speak to your soul.
- 3. Join a small group study** to listen and discuss how we can make small shifts in our souls...to help us think and act more like Christ.

***Don’t neglect your soul*** this Lenten season and the miracles God intends for you to experience. *The world will try to distract you from God*...but don’t let this happen to you or your family. **Be intentional. Be available. Be transformed. Experience the miracle.**

*Pastor Paul*

# Calendar of Events

## **Meetings for March, 2014**

Monday, March 3: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 4: Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 5: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, March 11: United Methodist Women, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 12: Master's Minstrels Rehearse at 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 19: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 20: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.  
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.

## **Upcoming Events in March**

### Every Sunday:

SoulShift Small Group in Church Library at 11:30 a.m.  
Youth Group at 12:00 p.m.

### Every Monday:

Disciple Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

### Every Tuesday:

Prayers & Squares Quilting at 9:00 a.m.  
SoulShift Small Group at Pastor Paul & Lynet Gruenberg's at 7:00 p.m.

### Every Wednesday:

SoulShift Small Group in Church Library at 9:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice at 6:45 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 p.m.

### Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 10:00 a.m.  
SoulShift Small Group at Ron & Fran Warthman's at 7:00 p.m.

### Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, March 1:

Private Party in Armstrong Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 8:

Ann Arbor District Leadership Training Day at Ypsilanti First UMC  
from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

### Sunday, March 9:

Big Brother Big Sister Bowl for Kids Sake at Striking Lanes at 12:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 15:

U.M.M. Love INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery  
U.M.M. hosted Spaghetti Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Friday, March 21:

Girls Night Out to Work On Whatever at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 22:

District United Methodist Men Gathering at Oak Grove UMC at 9:00 a.m.

### Saturday, March 29 and April 12:

Lay Servant Classes at Adrian First UMC



# Special Dates

## March Birthdays

- 1 - Elsie LaRue
- 3 - Michael Warthman
- 5 - Jeff Jackson
- 7 - Crystal Anderson
- 10 - Justin Kirkpatrick
- 13 - Ross Olding
- 14 - Ann Altman
- 16 - Sara Kenel
- 17 - Beckie Wren
- 19 - Matt Wright
- 21 - Lynét Gruenberg
- 22 - René Muzo  
Frances Warthman



## March Anniversaries

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



### **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.!

## March Servants

### Greeters

- March 2: Paul and Patti Sobonya
- March 9: Bill and Jan Martin
- March 16: United Methodist Men
- March 23: Bruce and Pat Harton
- March 30: Jeff and Linda Gordinier

### Ushers

- March 2: Michael and Terri Clark
- March 9: Shelia Daniel and Karen Nowak
- March 16: United Methodist Men
- March 23: Gary and Sue LaRoy
- March 30: Earl and Jo Campbell

### Liturgists

- March 2: Renee Zimmerman
- March 9: Terri Clark
- March 16: Jo Campbell
- March 23: Charles Kirkpatrick
- March 30: Sue LaRoy

### Multi Media Specialist

- March 2: Jeff Jackson
- March 9: Christian Muzo
- March 16: Michele Cannaert
- March 23: Renee Zimmerman
- March 30: Gary LaRoy

### Acolytes

- March 2:
- March 9:
- March 16:
- March 23:
- March 30:

### Nursery Workers

- March 2: Cheri Kowal
- March 9: Pat Schleh
- March 16:
- March 23:
- March 30: Dani Toth



## **Bowl for Kids Sake 2014**

**March 9, 12:30 p.m.**

2014 marks the 29th year of this bowl-a-thon in Livingston County and Big Brothers Big Sisters needs your help again. 100% of the money raised by bowlers goes directly toward supporting matches and kids served by Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Teams are formed with five members; each bowler is asked to bring a minimum of \$60.00 in pledges.

Come on over to Striking Lanes on March 9th and cheer on our bowlers!

## **St. Patrick's Day Spaghetti Dinner** **Hosted by the Hartland United Methodist Men**

Saturday, March 15th  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Featuring Bob's Music Time  
Bob Lowe—guitar and vocals  
Music for your listening pleasure  
Golden Oldies, Country and Standards



Families \$25   Adults \$10   Seniors \$8

Proceeds to benefit the Hartland United Methodist Church Emergency Fund



## **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

## Mission Events

### Save the Dates

We have set our times for the coming year to serve the Cass Community in Detroit. Hope you can get them on your calendar and join in the this worthwhile ministry!

The remaining 2014 dates are:

Saturday, May 17th  
Saturday, September 13th  
Saturday, November 8th

We are also going to add a "Kitchen Helping" Day. This is where we will go and help out in the kitchen preparing meals to be served later in the week. We will meet at the church on *Saturday, July 12th* at 8:00 a.m. and help from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and then possibly stop on our way home for lunch together.

Any questions, please give me a call. Thanks to all for your faithful support of this mission.

*Sue LaRoy*



## All Church Family Camping Weekend

Date: Friday, June 20th through Sunday , June 22nd  
Place: Groveland Oaks Campground, Holly, Michigan  
Group Site #01 (Cabins also available)



Mark your calendars for this fun-filled weekend. For you non-camping folks, you are invited to join us on Saturday for fun activities and a potluck at 6:30 p.m., campfire and singing in the evening. More information to follow.

Park info: [www.DestinationOakland.com](http://www.DestinationOakland.com)

Wagon Master: Ron Warthman [517-546-4004] [[franron4004@sbcglobal.net](mailto:franron4004@sbcglobal.net)]

## 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.

In 2013, 73 SpeedWay gas cards were given to those less fortunate. Six cards have been given out so far in 2014. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry in 2012, we have given out 158 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.





## Hartland United Methodist Women

The next meeting of the U.M.W. will be on Tuesday, March 11th. We will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. Discussion will continue on Spring Retreats. Becky Toth has information on several retreats that are being offered this spring from a Prayer Shawl retreat to a 1/2 day Prayer Bunch to a 4-day retreat in Kentucky to Women of Faith to a retreat on Mackinaw Island and one in the fall at Spring Hill. If you have interest in these—or any other retreat—please let Becky know.

And plan on joining us on Friday, March 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for **Work on Whatever**. This is a time to just work on those projects - knitting, crocheting, quilting, cross stitch, coupon cutting, scrap booking, whatever you like to do - you can't seem to get to. Bring your supplies and a snack to share.



## American Red Cross

### You Can Help Save Lives

American Red Cross March 2014  
Livingston County Blood Drives

Walgreens of Brighton – March 3  
St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital – March 6  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Hartland – March 7  
First Presbyterian Church, Brighton – March 18

For more locations and times, please see the bulletin board in the hallway at church.



### Got Crafts?

(or other “Stuff” to catch up on?)



Join us for **W.O.W. Girls Night Out!**

**What:** Come “**Work on Whatever!**”

(card making, scrapbooking, organizing photos, coupon clipping, jewelry making, knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlework, craft items for next year’s Cookie Walk, etc.) We will provide table space. ***Please bring your own crafting items and a snack to share.***

**When:** Friday, March 21, 2014, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** Hartland United Methodist Church - Armstrong Hall.

Questions, see Becky Toth or Darcie Westbrook .



## **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 10 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.

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.



The quilt made for Alexis Clark.

## **Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Hartland United Methodist Church want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.



**Bill Pay through Online Banking** lets you make your offering automatic on a pre-determined schedule either online or through your bank.

**Online Giving** lets you go to [hartlandumc.org](http://hartlandumc.org) 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.

## Scrip News



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 \$14,204 has gone into the General Fund**. So far, in **2014, over \$251 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!



## Youth Group News

### March

Volunteer Month

We are encouraging all of our Youth to sign up and help at the March 15th Spaghetti Dinner

### April

On Saturday, April 27th, we will hold a "Scavenger Hunt with your Gnome"  
We will need parents to drive and our Youth to participate in this big event

### May

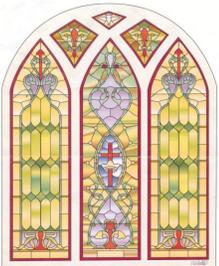
Memorial Day Parade

Our Youth Group is going to build a float for this annual celebration. Everyone's participation is needed. Bill Palmer has volunteered his barn to build our float, his tractor to pull it in the parade and a wagon to build it on.

If you have any ideas for our float's theme, please email them to Bill Sneath at [ssneath@juno.com](mailto:ssneath@juno.com)



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*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

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

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