



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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National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2

As we pray for America, we want everyone to encounter the God who rules over our country. As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we will be changed and we will see a transformation in America through prayer.



The Hartland United Methodist Church will be open on Thursday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. so that you may come and pray during the National Day of Prayer. We will have prayer guides available for you to use.

We are inviting our community to join us that day, also. To help them locate the sanctuary and other areas that they may need, we ask for your help. Please sign up to be a Church Guide for at least one hour on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you!



Spring Work Day Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Trustee’s Spring Work Day is Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and give our Trustees a hand. So that our Trustees can plan what chores to tackle, please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be coming.

A property this large begins to look worn and used unless you really keep at it. If we are to give our best to Jesus, we need your help. Watch for the sign up sheets and come lend a hand!



↻ Pastor's Message ↻



One of my sons and I recently attended a Red Wings game (National Hockey League) down at Joe Louis Center in Detroit. The first and last time I had been to a Red Wings game, was back in 1984, when they were referred to as the Dead Wings. It was because they were really not a very good team.

Now for a little Red Wings history. Prior to 1984, the Wings had a 33 year period where they were really good. From 1936 to 1966 the Wings appeared in more than half of the Stanley Cup Finals (18 times). Of those 18 appearances, they won the Cup seven times ('36, '37, '43, '50, '52, '54, '55). In a 19 year period span (1936-1955), they were winning more than one third of the Stanley Cups and appeared in 11 of the finals (almost 2/3rds). So these were some great years to be a Wings fan.

Unfortunately the next 15 years was another story. From 1967 to 1982, they became known as the Dead Wings, only making the playoffs two times in those years. Then two events took place to change their direction. In 1982, Mike Illitch became the owner of the Red Wings. Then in 1983 they signed a young man named Steve Yzerman to play for their team, and the label "Dead Wings" faded for good. They still wouldn't reach the Stanley Cup finals for another 12 years, but with hard work they began to make the playoffs again... a step in the right direction.

Finally in 1995 they made it to the Stanley Cup Finals again. Two years later they would win the Stanley Cup and would win four more over a 12 year period. To show you how dominate they became, they appeared in six of the 12 Stanley Cup finals between 1995-2007. It was good to be a Wings fan again.

One of the reasons I give you such a detailed account is when my son and I got to the game, I took a picture of their arena rafters. What a sight! All those banners hanging... showing the accomplishments of the Red Wings through the years. What a great history they have had.

The other day I spent some time with a couple of guys doing some work. As we were talking, the conversation turned our parents. We all loved our parents and spoke of some of our memories. Then one of the guys whose dad had died in his 40's said something like this. "As we get older, we tend to get to know our parents better, more as friends. I missed out on that with my dad as did you Pastor." It's sad to think that the history or friendships we could have had with our fathers was nearly non-existent. But then there are many whose parents have lived a long life yet their relationship with their parents has been pretty non-existent too.

Here is the point. All relationships take work! If we want to have good relationships with others, we have to invest time and effort in them. Talking, sharing not just information but sharing feelings too along with listening to others to understand them, not judge them is what makes relationships grow. Friendships are based on dialogue, often over subjects of similar interests that take place over time. If you are willing to risk developing relationships, know this... you will be blessed and hopefully be a blessing too.

In the same manner with God, what kind of relationship will you have with God if you interact for with God for two hours each week and ignore God for the remainder of the week? What do you expect from God, relationship wise, if the investment with God is only 1% of your week? What might happen if you spent 1% of each day (24 minutes) with God in conversation?

As I think about what kind of relationship I will have with my kids in the future, it will depend on the intentional time I spend with them now. Sometimes it is very casual conversations, sometimes it deeper... but what is happening is building for the future of the relationship. So build away, with your kids, your spouses, other family members, with your friends and with God. Note that the only things that make it to heaven from this earthly life are our relationships... as they last forever.

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events

Meetings for May, 2013

Monday, May 6: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 19: United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m.

Monday, May 20: United Methodist Women Dinner Out at Americus Grill, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Every Sunday:

Adult Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.

Every Wednesday:

One Year Bible Discussion Groups, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
(Except May 1st and 15th)

Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 2:

National Day of Prayer, Hartland UMC Sanctuary open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4:

Trustee's Spring Work Day, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8:

The Master's Minstrels Rehearse at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15:

Life Line Screening in Armstrong Hall, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16—Sunday, May 19:

Annual Conference in Adrian

Hartland Historical Society meets in Armstrong Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18:

Love INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery

Wednesday, May 22:

Worship Committee at 12:30 p.m.

Choir and Master's Minstrels End of Year Party at Don and Marty Hansen's, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27:

Hartland Memorial Day Celebration

Special Dates

May Birthdays

- 1 - Ione Bennett
- 2 - Marjorie Brown
- 3 - Debbie Kirkpatrick
- 6 - Nicholas Clark
- 17 - Hunter Muzo
- 18 - Eric Anderson
Frank Faulds
- 20 - Chuck Altman
- 22 - Jo Campbell
- 25 - Phyllis Peck
- 29 - Bruce Westbrook



May Anniversaries

- 12, 2001 - Jim & Linda Short
- 16, 1998 – Christian & Lori Muzo
- 28. 1988 – Paul & Lynét Gruenberg



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.!

May Servants

Greeters

- 5: Paul and Pattie Sobonya
- 12: The United Methodist Men
- 19: The United Methodist Men
- 26: Jeff and Linda Gordinier

Ushers

- 5: Gary and Sue LaRoy
- 12: The united Methodist Men
- 19: The United Methodist Men
- 26: Beckie Wren and Ruth Wyckoff

Liturgists

- 5: Darla Jackson
- 12: Renee Zimmerman
- 19: Jo Campbell
- 26: Charles Kirkpatrick

Multi Media Specialist

- 5: Jeff Jackson
- 12: Christian Muzo
- 19: Michele Cannaert
- 26: Renee Zimmerman

Acolytes

- 5:
- 12:
- 19:
- 26:

Nursery Workers

- 5:
- 12: Pat Schleh
- 19: Lori Muzo
- 26:



Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12

Sunday, May 12th, is Mother's Day. The Worship Committee is asking you to bring a lady's hat on that Sunday - your mother's, your daughter's yours or any significant lady/woman/mother in your life. Tell us (in writing) whose hat this is and why it is special to you. Cards will be available for your use. You are encouraged to bring any kind of hat that would be worn by women in the various tasks that they do.

By the way, if you are a lady, how about wearing a hat yourself on this Sunday?



Wear Red on Pentecost - May 19

Pentecost is the day the holy Spirit came upon the early followers of Jesus and the church was born. Pentecost is one of the three most important days in the Christian calendar...along with Easter and Christmas. Christians celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter or on May 19 in 2013.

Red is the color for Pentecost signifying the flames of fire which rested on the disciples when the Holy Spirit came. It also reminds us of the blood of the martyrs. They are the believers in every generation who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, held firm to the true faith at the cost of their lives.

The altar clothes will be red. The pastor's stole will be red. And it has been the tradition in many churches, Hartland UMC included, to encourage everyone to wear red on Pentecost. So, we are asking you to wear red on Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th.

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, watch for the food sign-up, coming soon, on the bulletin board. Thanks for your support.

Together in Service, Sue LaRoy



Calling All Musicians



Does this phrase sound familiar? "Music hath charms to soothe a savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak." The first part of the well known phrase by William Congreve, reminds me of the power of music. I know music affects us and adds greatly to how we worship God.

In an effort to expand the musical styles in our worship, the Worship Committee is developing a praise band. The desire is to have the capacity to be more relevant to musical styles that exist in our culture today. We are not replacing our worship setting, but adding to it. To do this, we will need song leaders and possibly both acoustic and electric instruments with the option of some brass instruments.

If you have some musical talents and are interested in exploring this avenue as a form of ministry, contact Pastor Paul or Darcie Westbrook (Chair of the Worship Committee). We will have a short informational meeting on Sunday, May 26th after service at 11:30.

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First Quarter Financial Report

March 31, 2013

Prepared by Marty Hansen, Financial Chair

General Fund Bank Account Balance	\$4,504.66
Building Fund Bank Account Balance	\$2,629.13
Building Fund Brokerage Account	\$9,932.45
Balance	\$17,066.24

Outstanding Bills:	Due Date	Amount Due
Apportionments	Past Due	\$6,087.00
Monthly amount due is \$2,544.00		
Pastor's Health Insurance	4/15/2013	\$2,095.00
Monthly amount due is \$2,095.00		
Outstanding Prior Pension Apportionments	Past Due	\$6,091.00
Total Bills Due		\$14,273.00

Our Average Weekly Offering is \$3,658.85

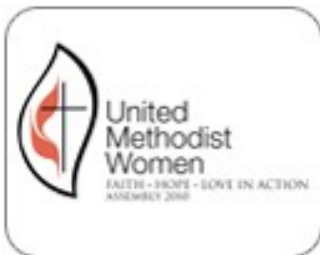
Please prayerfully consider our weekly needs of \$4,197.29

United Methodist Men

The Hartland United Methodist Men will meet on Sunday, May 19th, 8:00 a.m., for their monthly breakfast meeting.

At this meeting, plans for Memorial Day, 2013, will be finalized.

All men and friends of Hartland United Methodist Church are invited to join in this time of good fellowship and good food while serving their church.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20th, at the Americus Grill in Brighton, for the end of the year dinner out. . All ladies and friends are invited to join us. Please sign up on the bulletin board to make your reservations.

W.O.W. (Work on Whatever) is taking a summer break. W.O.W. will return on Friday, September 20th, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This is a time for the ladies and friends of our church to spend some time doing what they enjoy—be it knitting, painting, cutting coupons, whatever! Plan now to join in the fun!

All Church Family Camping Weekend

Plans are being made for the First All Church Family Camping Weekend June 21-23 at Groveland Oaks in Holly. At this time we have enough families joining us so that we will be able to camp on one of the group campsites.

On Saturday evening, we will have a potluck supper. All non-campers are invited to join us for this meal. Following our supper, Pastor Paul will be leading a campfire worship service.

If you would like to join us, please talk with Ron Warthman. There is still room for more campers!



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!

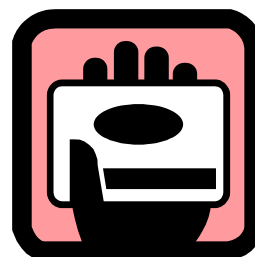
Thank you for your help!



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 \$360 toward the money you have pledged to this ministry and we have given out 16 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 until Sunday, September 8th), 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.



Life Line Screening

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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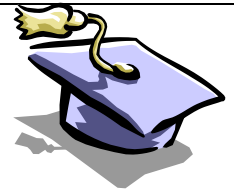
According to the National Stroke Association, approximately 97% of Americans cannot recognize the signs of stroke. This is why Life Line Screening will be coming to Hartland UMC to offer potentially life-saving ultrasound screenings. These tests are typically not offered during a regular physical.

We are happy to announce that Life Line Screening is working with us to provide our members an additional \$10 discount off of a screening package. Also, for each screening, Life Line will make a \$10 donation to Hartland UMC. Cost will vary depending on the level of screening you desire (see the brochure on the bulletin board for more information).

If you would like to take the next step in possibly saving your life or the life of someone you know, please pick up one of the registration forms in the hallway at the church.

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, June 2nd, we will recognize and celebrate with our church family high school, college or other school graduates.



If you will be graduating, know of someone who will be graduating or has already graduated this year, please let the Church Office know by Tuesday, May 14th.

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.

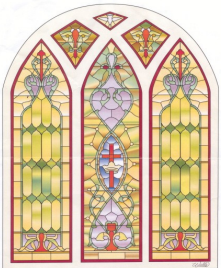
Scrip is a program where gift cards from a variety of companies can be purchased. You pay the full face value of the card. When these cards are ordered, the church just pays a percentage of the face value. There are gas cards, discount store cards, restaurants, department stores and many, many more cards 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 \$13,171 has gone into the General Fund**; just in **2013, over \$314** 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!

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



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Celebrate Pentecost!

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