



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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Honoring our Mothers - Sunday, May 11th



To honor our Mothers on Mother’s Day, the Worship Committee would like to put together a display of aprons. They are asking that you bring a special apron (a mother’s, aunt’s, any special lady in your life - now or in the past) to the church by Sunday, May 4th.

Information cards will be available for you to share whose apron you have brought in and why it is special to you. These aprons will be

displayed in the Fellowship Hall for all to see on Sunday, May 11th.

Say Good Bye to Cindy Sherwood

Cindy Sherwood, the Hartland United Methodist Church pianist and choir director, will be moving in Alaska to pursue a new job in June.

Sunday, May 18th, will be Cindy’s last day with us. An All Church Potluck is planned for that morning following the service to say good bye and good luck to Cindy. Please bring a dish to share, your table service and beverage for the potluck.



As Cindy prepares for this new adventure, keep her in your prayers. She must pack, travel to Alaska, unpack, meet new neighbors, make new friends, and find a new faith community. This is a lot to do! So, please, keep Cindy in your prayers over the next few months.

~ Pastor's Message ~



Wow, what a winter it has been... now that summer is around the corner and I can't wait to...

There is something about the spring/summer that allows us to get out and get going. We want to throw caution to the wind and just let loose. This is so true for those who are somehow connected to the educational system (*students, teachers, administrators, support services*). Yet for others, it is a busy season, especially those whose work is dependent upon the sun and warm weather to grow and harvest their crops.

In either case, the one constant in all of our lives is our relationship with God. How can we bolster our relationship with God? How can we avoid getting so caught up with summer (*whether it is "time off" or a time of "much labor"*) that we miss our opportunities to worship and grow in Christ?

I want to challenge you to be intentional about God this summer in several different ways.

1. Last summer we asked you to take Jesus with you on vacation, taking a picture of Jesus wherever you went on vacation. This summer, not only take Jesus with you, but get a picture of Jesus with someone you just met. Use me (your crazy pastor) as your excuse, but get a picture with Jesus and someone else.
2. Take the 31 Day Prayer Challenge in June. Everyone can always use a refresher course on not only understanding prayer, but incorporating it in your life and praying, throughout your day. Come every Sunday to worship to learn about prayer and to apply a new technique of prayer the following week. (Learn more on page 6.)
3. In July and August, I'm looking at potentially two sermon series. One to help people learn how to share their faith in easy, everyday life experiences. The second would be to learn how to defend the gospel...to look at questions people need answered to come to faith.

Many feel like prayer doesn't matter, or they are simply not "eloquent" at praying. Many don't share their faith because they don't feel they know how or feel ill equipped to answer some of the tough questions people have about Christianity. Let's change that. See you this summer!

Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events

Meetings for May, 2014

Monday, May 5: Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 7: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 13: United Methodist Women Dinner Out, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21: Worship Committee, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 22: Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m.
Administrative Council, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 18: United Methodist Men, 8:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events in May

Every Sunday:

Youth Group at 12:00 p.m.

Every Monday (through June 2):

Disciple Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday:

Prayers & Squares Quilting at 9:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday:

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Saturday, May 3:

Setting up for Private Party in Armstrong Hall at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 4:

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

Sunday, May 11:

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

Wednesday, May 14:

Choir and Master's Minstrel's End of the Season Party at Red Cedar Grill, in Williamston, at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 - Sunday, May 18:

Pastor Paul at Annual Conference in Adrian

Saturday, May 17:

United Methodist Men Love INC Furniture Pick Up and Delivery

Meet to go and Serve Lunch at Cass Community at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 18:

All Church Potluck to say good by to Cindy Sherwood at 11:15 a.m.

Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24 (if needed):

Memorial Day Float Building at Bill and Gina Palmer's at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 26:

Hartland's Memorial Day Celebration

Special Dates

May Birthdays

1 - Ione Bennett
3 - Debbie Kirkpatrick
6 - Nicholas Clark
17 - Hunter Muzo
18 - Eric Anderson
22 - Jo Campbell
25 - Phyllis Peck
28 - Rosalie LaRue
29 - Bruce Westbrook



May Anniversaries

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

May 4: Paul and Patti Sobonya
May 11: The United Methodist Men
May 18: The United Methodist Men
May 25: Bill and Jan Martin

Ushers

May 4: Michael and Terri Clark
May 11: The United Methodist Men
May 18: The United Methodist Men
May 25: Charles and Debbie Kirkpatrick

Liturgists

May 4: Terri Preiss
May 11: Charles Kirkpatrick
May 18: Jo Campbell
May 25: Sue LaRoy

Multi Media Specialist

May 4: Jeff Jackson
May 11: Christian Muzo
May 18: Michele Cannaert
May 25: Renee Zimmerman

Acolytes

May 4: Leah Clark
May 11:
May 18:
May 25:

Nursery Workers

May 4: Cheri Kowal
May 11: Pat Schleh
May 18:
May 25:



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).

Choir, The Master's Minstrels & Praise Band End of the Year Party



The Choir, Master's Minstrels and Praise Band will gather for the End of the Year Party on Wednesday, May 14th. They will meet at the Red Cedar Grill, 150 East Grand River, Williamston, at 6:30 p.m.

Please let Darcie Westbrook know if you will be able to join in the fun (she has to let the restaurant know how many to expect). If you have any questions, please see Darcie, Fran Warthman or Cindy Sherwood.



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

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.

"Mission to Cass" Update

May 17th is fast approaching and we are still in need of volunteers to go. Please, prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. If you are unable to join in going, there are other much needed ways to support this mission in food and money donations.



See Sue LaRoy or Jo Campbell with any questions.

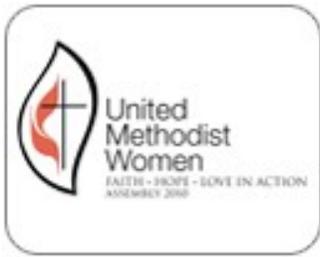
Sue LaRoy



31 Day Prayer Challenge

True or False... all Christians naturally know how to pray. Yes, of course it is *false*. Even the disciples, who hung out with Jesus for 3 years at some point asked, "Lord, teach us to pray."

During the month of June, we will not only explore how Jesus taught His disciples to pray, but also gain some new experience in prayer. Don't miss a Sunday as each week you will learn an important aspect of prayer to practice during the following week. You will not grow if you do not show :-)



Hartland United Methodist Women

The Hartland United Methodist Women will end the 2013-2014 year with a dinner out on Tuesday, May 13th. The ladies will meet at Lucky's Steakhouse in Fenton at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be able to join them.

Mark your calendars now for the first meeting of the 2014-2015 year - Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.

Have a safe and fun filled summer!

Hartland United Methodist Men

The Men's Group will meet on May 18, at 8:00 a.m. for monthly breakfast meeting. Discussion will include the final planning for the Memorial Day Parade Float construction and Hot Dog Sales.

All men and friends are invited to join them!



Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. A continent. Entire nations...slipping away. Slipping through life's precious net. Unless you hear the buzzing inside you. **Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother.** Achieving this goal requires an integrated strategy against the disease. As a life-saving ministry, Imagine No Malaria aims to empower the people of Africa to overcome malaria's burden. We fight malaria with a comprehensive model.

You can help fight this disease by placing your contribution in the offering plate. Please put in the memo line "Imagine No Malaria. Hartland United Methodist Church's gifts will then be sent on to the Detroit Annual Conference to help with the battle.

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.

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.



One more quilt done!

Volunteers Wanted

The Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA) is looking for volunteers for its 11th annual Run Against Drugs! The LCCA is a county-wide grass roots coalition that raises awareness of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs within our community.

The purpose of the LCCA's 11th annual Run Against Drugs is to not only raise awareness of substance abuse, but also to provide family-friendly activities. What makes the Run Against Drugs run different from many other runs is that all funds generated go back into the community in the form of mini-grants. These grants are awarded to adolescent groups who want to host drug prevention/awareness activities. Some of the recipients have included The Youth Connection, numerous school groups, faith based groups, and the courts.

The run is on May 10th at 10 am at the First United Methodist Church in Howell.

There are multiple areas of this event that need volunteers to be successful. Please contact the volunteer coordinator, Emily Rice, at earice07@gmail.com for a list of volunteer descriptions and to sign up. Your participation is a great way to support the future of your community!

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Automate the important! Hartland United Methodist Church wants 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. 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

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.
Contact Bill Sneath to see when and how you can help!



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 \$14,344 has gone into the General Fund**. So far, in **2014, over \$391 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! 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?

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.

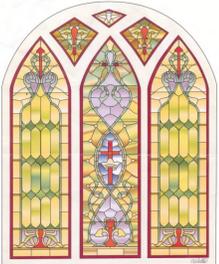
21 cards have been given out so far in 2014. Since becoming a part of the Gas Card Ministry in 2012, we have given out 158 cards to those less fortunate.

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





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Welcome Spring!

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

