



Heavenly Notes

"Having Conversations about God"

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Sunday Worship:

Service:
10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School:
10:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour:
11:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School:
11:30 a.m.

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Turkey Dinner



Saturday, November 7, 2015

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m

Invite your friends and Family

Happy Thanksgiving

November Sermon Series

Live Free



Take hold of the life that is really life!

**HARTLAND UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Community Thanksgiving Service
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❧ Musings from the Pastor ❧

Would you agree with me that God is good and God is perfect? Would you also agree with me that God created all things good? Would you finally agree that God gave us life so that we could really live life to the full? Well, if God is good & perfect and created us perfectly to live life, then why does it at times seem so difficult to live a good life?

What I've noticed in general about people is we all have a strand of ongoing thoughts which seem to cycle in our brains at a constant rate. For some people this strand of thoughts tend to be more negative... "I can't do it"... "I'll never amount to much"... "I am not good enough"... "I am not very pretty/handsome"... "I am not worth other people's time"... and the list goes on. Realize this one thing... all people entertain some negative thinking about themselves from time to time. For instance, some professional models (both male and female) believe they are really not handsome or pretty. In fact, many front covers of magazines or movie posters have been air brushed so that the person or people on it are made more "perfect". Friends, nobody is perfect...everyone has flaws. The world would have you believe there are perfect people and you are not one of them. Yet this is not the truth as no one is perfect in thoughts, in action or in beauty.

There is a saying that goes something like this... ***You become what you believe about yourself.*** Instead of allowing negative thoughts to rule your mind, why not plant in your mind this truth... ***"I am a child of God's and am perfectly loved by God."*** When you begin to understand your worth in light of God's love for you, the negative thoughts begin to go away. You begin to understand that you can do all things because God gives you the ability and strength to do them. ***When you begin to understand just how important you are to God, important enough for Jesus to have sacrificed his life for you, then you find your worth is not found based on outward beauty or the things you can do.*** In fact outward beauty or ability tends to cause people to become vain or prideful about themselves, which does not help people live godly lives.

As I have given, and continue to give my self-doubts to God... as I remember my worth in God... it leads me to live a life of gratitude. Instead of allowing negative thoughts to fill my mind, I join with the psalmists (*Psalm 106 & 136*) who wrote so many years ago...

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.***

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, let us indeed live a life that is filled with gratitude for all God has done and all that God is continuing to do in our lives. Instead of waiting for someone to give you something, go out and serve others. Visit a friend or someone who doesn't get out often. Give your time to a worthy cause here at the church or in the community. God set us free to live life... so go out and live your life, giving the glory to God.

Pastor Paul



Calendar of Events

Meetings for November, 2015

- Sunday, November 1: All Saints Day, Candle Lighting Remembrance
- Monday, November 2: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 3: Lay Leadership Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 4: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, November 7: Turkey Dinner, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 10: Stewardship Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 11: Worship Team Meeting, Bring Your Lunch, 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12: Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 15: Hartland United Methodist Men Meeting, 8:00a.m.
- Wednesday, November 18: Staff/Parish/Pastor Relationship Committee, 6:00 p.m.
2015 Church Conference, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21: UMM Love Inc. Furniture Pick up and delivery, 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, November 22: Community Thanksgiving Service

Weekly Events in November, 2015

Every Sunday:

- Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
- Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.



Every Tuesday:

- Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
- "Forgiven, Bible Study" Small Group, 7:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

- "Book of Psalms Bible Study" Small Group 9:30 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.
- Sweatin' To The Oldies, 6:00 p.m.
- Christianity, Islam and Other World Religions, Small Group, 10:30 a.m.
- Choir Practice, (November, 5,12, 26) 7:00 p.m.

Every Saturday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events in December, 2015

Saturday, December 5: Cookie Walk 9:00 a.m. to noon

Special Dates

November Birthdays

- 4 - Michael Clark
- 11 - Bruce Wright
- 13 - Sara Campbell
- 25 - Karen Tabaka
- 30 - Mary Jo Malott



November Anniversaries

- 18 - 2000 - Bill & Georgina Palmer
- 25 - Wes & Karen Tabaka



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.!

November Servants

Greeters

- November 1: F. Paletta & D. Webber.
- November 8: Leah & Lexi Clark
- November 15: HUMM
- November 22: Volunteer Needed
- November 29: Paul & Patti Sobonya

Liturgist

- November 1: Terri Clark
- November 8: Terri Preiss
- November 15: Charles Kirkpatrick
- November 22: Becky Toth
- November 29: Sharon Infantino

Ushers

- November 1: Don & Marty Hansen
- November 8: Terri Clark
- November 15: HUMM
- November 22: Terri Clark
- November 29: Gary & Sue LaRoy

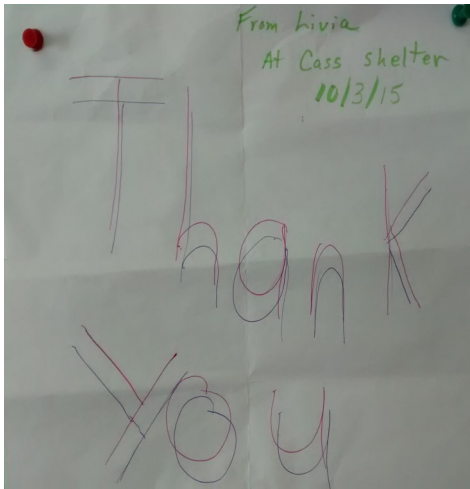
Multi Media Specialist

- November 1: Gary LaRoy
- November 8: Michael Clark
- November 15: Gary LaRoy
- November 22: Christian Muzo
- November 29: Michael Clark

Heart of a Servant

Give me the heart of a servant,
Tender and faithful and true.
Fill me with love, then use me, O Lord,
So that the world can see You.

Cass Lunch Mission



On Saturday October 3, a crew from Hartland United Methodist church went to Cass Community Social Service to serve lunch to the hungry. We served hot meatballs, cheesy potatoes, salad, applesauce, rolls, oatmeal cookies and a beverage. The people were very grateful and one little child made us a thank you card. Thank you to all that worked behind the scenes by preparing, purchasing, donating items and money to this mission. Serving the less fortunate is a reminder to be thankful for what we have and are able to share with others.





Christmas Tea Celebration

December 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Take a break from your Christmas shopping and come and relax with us at Secluded Celebrations. The prepaid luncheon is \$25.00. Please reserve your seat on the sign up sheet located on the hall bulletin board.

Advent Tea

Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:00p.m.

All women and girls of our church family are invited to attend our Advent Tea held in Armstrong Hall. We are in need of volunteers to be table hostesses for this event. The table hostess will decorate a table and provide place settings for your guests. We will have a dessert buffet and ask each hostess to bring a dessert enough to serve sixteen people. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for table hostesses and their guests. If You have any questions please contact Pat Coleman (248-887-1342) .





The United Methodist Men's group will meet for breakfast on November 15, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting will include fellowship and planning for the All Church breakfast on Sunday morning, December 20, 2015

**Come and join the community wide
Thanksgiving service on
Sunday evening,
November 22, 2015**

(Service time and location is yet to be determined.)

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



The Mission Team will be hanging gift tags for needy families on a Christmas tree this year. If you have a small artificial tree we could borrow, please call Sue LaRoy at 248-634-4861

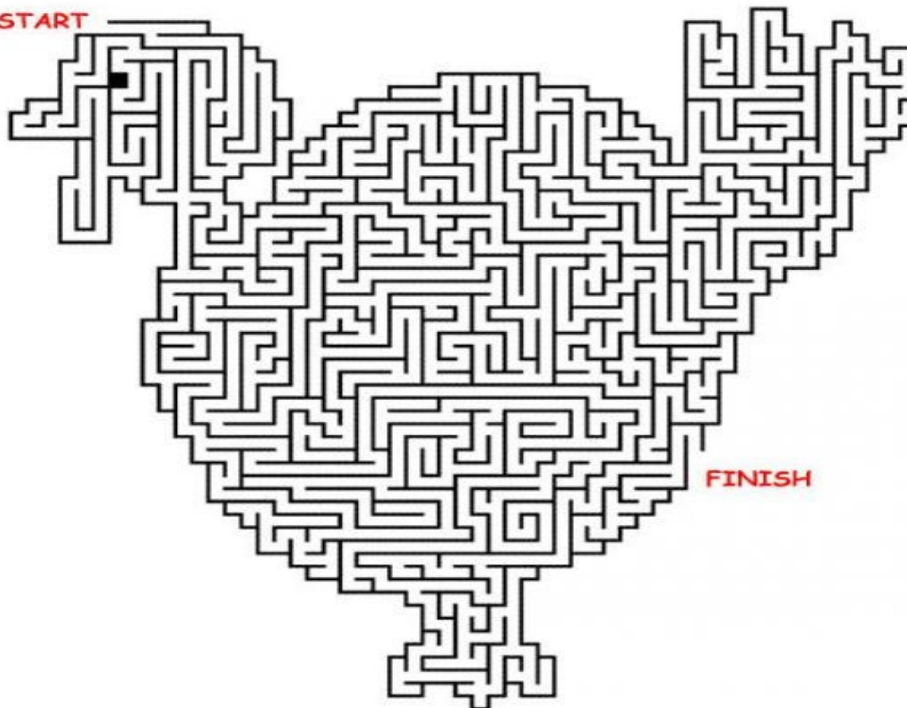
Save the Date: December 5, 2015

for the cookie walk and craft sale





START



FINISH



Harvest Fruit & Vegetables Search

SEARCH THE PUZZLE TO FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS IN THE WORD LIST. WORDS IN THIS PUZZLE ARE HIDDEN ACROSS AND DOWN.



APPLE
BEANS
BEETS
BROCCOLI
CABBAGE
CARROTS
CAULIFLOWER

CELERY
CORN
EGGPLANT
FIGS
GRAPES
ONIONS
PARSNIPS

PEARS
PEPPERS
POTATO
PUMPKIN
SQUASH
TURNIP
YAMS

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"Mission News"

The Personal Needs Pantry is starting to get busy. As the word gets out more people are calling and asking about it and how they can get more information. The pantry is fully stocked but still needs some small items to complete its inventory.

Thank you for your support of this mission.



Current Needs List

- ◆ Dishwasher soap
- ◆ Dryer sheets
- ◆ Baby shampoo
- ◆ Shaving cream, Men's
- ◆ Shaving cream Women's
- ◆ Razors, Men's
- ◆ Razors, Women's
- ◆ Dental floss
- ◆ Mouthwash
- ◆ Tampons



Automate The Important!



As we have been enjoying a great summer season, three more people have automated their giving by going electronic. Giving electronically ensures our bills get paid while we're traveling. Not just our home bills, but our church bills as well. Our bills don't take a vacation just because we do!

To support God's work, 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 God's work through our church. There are two avenues to automate your giving:

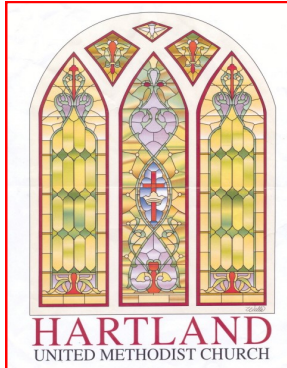
- 1. Online Giving** using the smart code above or if you go to our web site at www.hartlandumc.org (click on "Online Giving" at the bottom of the page). It allows you at anytime to make a one time donation, set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, or view your online donation history.
- 2. 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's customer service people.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Additional information is available from the church office.





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for he is good; his love
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–1 Chronicles 16:34



