

# 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:**  
11:15a.m.  
**Coffee Hour:**  
11:00 a.m.

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# November A Time Of Thanksgiving!



**November 4, 2017**

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

**Adults \$12.00    Child 6— 12 yrs. \$5.00**  
**Family \$25.00    Under 6 years Free**



# Yummy! Turkey Dinner!

## ~ Musings from the Pastor ~

I remember in college, to get a minor in math I ended up taking a class in “statistics”... Ugh! I made it through the class, but never thought I’d need to worry about statistics again.



Now more years later, than I care to count, I’m dealing with statistics again. Karen, our Administrative Secretary, and I joined in with 60 other pastors and assistants at Brighton First UMC for a workshop on how to enter the church’s year end statistics. We learned how to properly count three sets of numbers for the conference statistician. We count people, income, and expenses at the end of each year. In regard to people, it is about participation in various events in the life of the church. You Matter! You count in our statistics!

Rev. Ron Iris, our conference statistician, is a number guy. Numbers speak to him about the facts of the church. You see, feelings can vary from person to person, facts do not. He can look at the numbers and tell you what’s going on in a church... but you have to faithfully input the right numbers correctly!

As I thought about these things, I thought about how God views us from above. Does God deal more with facts or just our feelings. For example, nearly 80% of all people in the U.S. say they believe in God, but on any given weekend only about 19% of people in the U.S. actually/factually attend a worship service. The same is true of membership. Of the people who commit themselves as a member of a church, on an average weekend, only about 40% - 55% will actually attend (*we average 60 people out of 119 members (49%)*). I wonder... if God were to go by the actual, factual statistics of how we live our lives in light of what we *say we believe*, many who call themselves Christians, might find themselves in trouble when we meet God at the pearly gates! Oh NO!

The Bible is clear that faith without action is a dead faith. (*James 2:17,26*) Jesus says about loving him, “whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.” (*John 14:21*) Jesus also says the 2 most important activities are to seek in life are to love God and love our neighbors. (*Matthew 22:37-39*) I know that life is a journey and God will reward those who truly seek and serve him and other people. So let your faith flourish and let your love be seen by all... whatever you do, don’t be just a plain statistic... be an outstanding statistic for God!

**Blessings on our journey together...**

*Pastor Paul*

## November Birthdays

4 - Michael Clark

11 - Bruce Wright

13 - Sara Campbell

25 - Karen Tabaka



*Happy  
Birthday!*

## November Anniversaries



18, 2000 - Bill & Georgina Palmer

25, Wes & Karen Tabaka

## November Servants

### Greeters

November 5: Frank Paletta  
November 12:  
November 19: Methodist Men  
November 26:

### Liturgist

November 5: Pat Harton  
November 12: Jo Campbell  
November 19: Terri Preiss  
November 26: C. Kirkpatrick

### Ushers

November 5: Don & Marty Hansen  
November 12: Don & Marty Hansen  
November 19: Methodist Men  
November 26:

### Multi Media Specialist

November 5: Charles Kirkpatrick  
November 12: Jeff Jackson  
November 19: Mary Jo Bell  
November 26: Jo Campbell

## Meetings in November, 2017

- Wed. November 1: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.  
Crafts for Christ, 12:30 at the Harton's home
- Sat. November 4: Turkey Dinner, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. November 6: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. November 8: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs. November 9: Administrative Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. November 11: 4 -H Meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
Personal Needs Pantry Delivery, 9:30 a.m.
- Sat. November 18: UMM / Love Inc. Furniture Delivery, 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. November 19: United Methodist Meeting, 8:00 a.m.  
Women's Breakfast at Big Boys, 8:30 a.m.

## Weekly Events in November, 2017

- Every Sunday: Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
- Every Monday: Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.
- Every Tuesday: Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.  
Experiencing God Bible Study, 3:00 p.m.
- Every Wednesday: Revelation Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.
- Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m. (November 2,9,16,30)
- Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

# 2017 “Easy Invites” Events

At Hartland UMC



**Sat. November 4th —  
Community Turkey Dinner**  
(Serving our community to raise funds  
for local missions & ministry)

**Join us in a Service of Thanksgiving  
on November 19, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**  
(Hartland United Methodist Church  
will be hosting this year’s service.)



**Sat. December 2nd  
Cookie Walk & Crafts**  
(Helping to provide cookies for the holidays)

**Fri. December 8, 2017  
Advent Tea 7:00 p.m.**  
(A relaxing formal tea & music for ladies of all ages)



**December 24th — Christmas Eve  
Candle Light Service**  
(Celebrating the Birth of Jesus with family and friends)

**Thank You  
To The  
Fall  
Clean Up  
Crew**



## Crafts For Christ



On Saturday, November 4, we will participate in the Chilson Hills Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar at Chilson Hills Church, 4400 Brighton Road, Howell, MI. We have many wonderful things for sale with lots of amazing ornaments, snowmen, jewelry, and knitted, crocheted and sewn items available for purchase.



Please continue working on your projects for this sale and the Cookie Walk and Craft Sale. I can't wait to see all your creations. We have been meeting at Pat Harton's house to craft together at 12:30 to about 3:30. Everyone is welcome. Many hands make light work and of course there is a lot of laughter. Please join us. If you need directions or a ride, please call Pat.

The monies we make from our crafts will be used for missions, ministries and special projects around the church. Thank you all for supporting this ministry by donating crafts and buying our creations. Plan on doing your Christmas shopping with us.

## Thank You for Your Donations

Over the last few months there have been a number of natural disasters that have hit various parts of the U.S., causing much damage. Also in October there was a CROP WALK we participated in to raise money for helping to feed the hungry in our area.

As a congregation we raised \$1,255.00 toward the natural disasters and gave \$245.00 to CROP WALK. GREAT JOB! As United Methodist in Michigan we gave \$344,710.00 to UMCOR for the natural disasters. As a part of the Hartland/Howell/Fowlerville area, we helped raise \$14,621 for CROP WALK. This is what being a part of the body of Christ means. When we work together for God's Kingdom, big things happen. Thank you for being a generous people.



## All Saints Day

During the All Saints Day service there will be a special celebration activity to honor our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord. You won't want to miss this tribute of remembrance.

# HUMC Financial Update 2017

Finance Chairperson: Marty Hansen

Treasurer: Charles Kirkpatrick

HUMC Congregation,

A couple months ago we transitioned from an outside firm back to in house. Charles Kirkpatrick is our new Treasurer. We need to thank God for him, as this is a difficult job to take on. He is providing the financial status of the church to me on a regular basis and we will keep you informed.

If at any time you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Charles or me.

Each week in the Sunday Bulletin we will begin to provide an update along with an explanation of is each fund's purpose. The only fund that is not designated for a specific purpose is the General Fund. The General Fund is the fund we take money from to pay our bills.

As you can see we are behind on our Pastor's family health insurance. We also have several other bills to meet before year end. Please, prayerfully consider a year end catch up contribution.

Currently, we have a Bible Study, an Adult Sunday School Class and Sunday Sermons all around "Experiencing God", written by Henry and Richard Blackaby. My reading assignment for this week is titled, "The Crisis of Belief." The first Unit Title is, "A Faith Budget for our Church." The first paragraph reads...

"One year the members of our Finance committee said, 'Pastor, you have taught us to walk by faith in every area in the life of our church except the budget.' Pastor asked them to explain. They said, 'We develop the budget on the basis of what we believe we can do. It does not reflect that we expect God to do anything.'

'Then how do you feel we ought to produce the budget?' the Pastor asked.

They said. 'First, we ought to determine all God wants to do through us in the coming year. Second, we need to estimate what that will cost. Then we need to divide the budget revenue into three categories:

1. What we plan to do through our own giving
2. What others have promised to do to help us
3. What we must depend on God to do."

This really spoke to me, in that we cannot just plan on paying our bills without God's help. As a church we have to pray to God every day to help us find a way to meet our expenses so this church not only stays alive and well, but thrives in reaching people for Jesus Christ. Each of us have to have a conversation with God. When God speaks to us, we need to hear and listen to what he has to say and then act.

Peace,

Marty Hansen, Finance Chair

# Financial Standings as of October 31, 2017

## Balance in Accounts:

General Fund	\$339.55	This fund pays the bills
Endowment Fund	\$110,598.11	
Memorial Fund	\$6,466.31	
Building Fund	\$9,767.85	
Sunday School	\$16.32	
Designated Funds	\$11,185.29	

Food Bank  
 Malaria  
 Cass  
 Emergency  
 Gas Cards  
 Pantry  
 Pastor Helping Hands  
 Quilt

Estimate expense for Nov./Dec.                      \$31,500.00                      **Prayerfully Consider**

Outstanding Bills

Pastor Health Ins.  
 \$4392.00 \                      **\$4,392.00**

Amount of offering needed per week to meet budget is :                      **\$4,125.92**

Last week offering

was:                      General Fund Offering:                      \$1,715.00

**Endowment Fund:**                      *Consider contributing to this fund, your initial offering will last a lifetime. Only 1/2 of earning from this fund can be spent on something all members benefit from.*





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May  
**GOD'S**  
Blessings  
Go With You!

**Have a Great Week!**