

# 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: 10:20a.m.

Coffee Hour: 11:00 a.m.



Discussion Group - 11:20 a.m.

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# Let's Talk Turkey

## Please Join Us For Dinner

 **Saturday**   
**November 2, 2019**  
**5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

## Hartland United Methodist Church



**Adults: \$12.00**

**Family: \$25.00**

**Children: \$5.00**  
(6-12 years)

**Children: Free**  
(5 years & under)

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## ~Musings from the Pastor~

Is it too early to ask what you want for Christmas, after all, we haven't made it past Thanksgiving yet? But sometimes when it comes to gifting others or even yourself, you have to think in advance of your target date. Yet I'm thinking much larger than a simple gift for yourself or another person. What kind of gift do you want to give to God this year?

I was looking at the top selling books from Amazon over the last 10 years, and I discovered a number of books which were hot sellers for a year or even maybe two. Some you might recognize like the novel series, Harry Potter, Hunger Games, and others you won't know like the non-fiction book Strength Finders. Each of these books peaked and fell off. But in the top 30 over the last 10 years (in 2009 it was #45, in 2019 it is #7), there was a book based on relationships between a husband and wife called, "The 5 Love Languages", by Dr. Gary Chapman. It was the only book to stay the test of time as a top seller for the last 10 years. The main topic was relational. More important than novels, which have their moments at the top, will always be real life topics like relationships.

However, since the time of the Gutenberg Printing Press, the Bible is the number one selling book of all time (3.9 billion in just the last 50 years). The next closest is a book from Mao Tse-Tung at 800 million. In fact, the Bible continues to outsell any other book year after year. There is no mystery to me as to why the Bible sells. Relationships are the most important thing we experience on earth. The Novels that sell are usually about what? You guessed it, relationships between people. The Bible is a top seller because it is God's book and it reveals to people who God is. After all, who doesn't want to know their creator? The reality is, only about 32% of all people around the world consider themselves to be followers of Jesus. That leaves more than two-thirds of all people following some other religious faith (of which Islam is at 24.4% and the irreligious at 15.4% which round out the top 3 belief's system). These people would have no need for the Bible. Imagine what Bible sales would be like if everyone believed in God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit!



So when you think about getting something important for someone or even yourself for Christmas this year, think about getting a #1 best seller. If you need more information as to what version to buy (as there are 5 or 6 main versions and on top of that 4 or 5 different styles of helps), let me know and we can sit down and chat. It would be a great gift to God to help someone to know God better!

Is it too early to say, "Merry Christmas"????

**Blessings on the journey to know, love, and serve God,**

*Pastor Paul*

## *November Birthdays*

4 Michael Clark                      21 Jesse Odell  
11 Bruce Wright                    25 Karen Tabaka  
13 Sara Campbell                    30 Mary Jo Malott



## *November Anniversaries*

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

If you would like your birthday or your anniversary added to our church list please leave a note in the office with Karen.

## *November Servants*



### Greeters

November 3: Jerry Weaver  
November 10: Volunteers Needed  
November 17: Volunteers Needed  
November 24: Volunteers Needed

### Ushers

November 3: Don & Pat Coleman  
November 10: Mary & Joe  
November 17: Karen & Donna  
November 24: Sharon & Joey

### Liturgist

November 3: Ann Martin  
November 10: Becky Toth  
November 17: Jo Campbell  
November 24: Jerry Weaver

### Multi Media Specialist

November 3: Charles Kirkpatrick  
November 10: Jeff Jackson  
November 17: Mary Jo Bell  
November 24: Jo Campbell

## Meetings in November 2019



- Mon. November 3: Trustees Meeting
- Wed. November 6: Design Works, 9:00 a.m.
- Wed. November 13: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs. November 14: Financial / Ad. Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. November 24: UMM Meeting & Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  
Women's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

## Weekly Events in November 2019

- Every Sunday: Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.
- Every Monday: Knit, Crochet, Pray, 12:00 p.m.
- Every Tuesday: Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
- Every Wednesday: Bible Study Book of James 9:30 a.m.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.
- Every Thursday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.
- Every Saturday: Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

# Celebration of All Saints Day

## Sunday, November 4th at 10:00

Join us as we remember the saints who have gone before us. Please bring a stemmed flower/ flowers to be placed in a basket on the Altar in honor of a loved one whom has already entered into heaven.



### Mark Your Calendars

November 2:	Hartland UMC Turkey Dinner	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
November 3:	All Saints Day	10:00 a.m.
November 9:	SPRC Meeting, Brighton W. L. Campus	10:00 a.m.
November 10:	Church Conference, at Dexter UMC	2:00 p.m.
November 12:	Lunch Bunch at Cheryl's Restaurant	12:30 p.m.
November 23:	Scrooge Movie Night (Armstrong Hall)	7:00 p.m.
November 24:	Thanksgiving Community Service At Hardy United Methodist Church	4:30 p.m.
December 7:	Hartland UMC Cookie Walk	9:00 a.m.
December 22:	All Church Christmas Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
	Christmas Pageant	10:00 a.m.

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# Hartland UMC Hayride

Thank You Hartland United Methodist Men for the food and hayride! Thank you 4-H for the S'mores! Thank you Sharon I. for painting pumpkins!

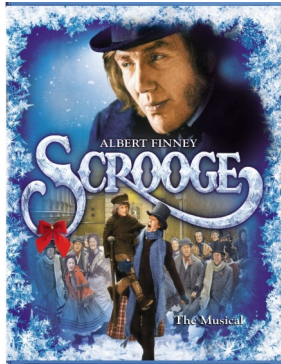


# Samaritan's Purse Christmas Mission

I know Thanksgiving is not even here yet but Yes, we have to start getting ready for Christmas. This year we are going to be sharing our Christmas Spirit with children by participating with the Samaritan's Purse "Shoebox" Christmas Child. Special shoeboxes will be available with instructions in the Church office as soon as they arrive. The filled boxes must be returned by November 19, 2019. Thank You In Advance!



## Scrooge the Movie



**Advent Sermon Series Movie Kick-Off!**  
**(Also an Easy Invite)**

Come watch the movie, "Scrooge" as we kick off our Advent Sermon Series & study called, The Redemption of Scrooge, based on a book by Matt Rawle of the same name. Through this series, we'll look at how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From, "Bah, Humbug!", through the Christmas ghosts (past, present, and future) we'll look for the blessings and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

So invite a friend or neighbor to join us on Saturday night, November, 23rd as we watch, Scrooge together. Bring your own lawn chair, sit back and enjoy the show!

## Scrip Cards For Christmas

Christmas will be here before we know it. Why not get a jump start on your Christmas shopping and purchase scrip cards as gifts for your loved ones? There are a variety of gift cards available from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Let your Christmas giving do double duty this year by supporting our church and giving a gift that no one would want to return!





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